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Education and Professional Training Background

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s)
University of Witwatersrand	**Phd Candidate in Political Science**
George Mason University, 2020	**Masters of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution**
University of York , 2012	**Masters of Arts in Public Policy**
University of Nairobi, 2003	**Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Sociology**
United States Institute for Peace, 2004	**Certificate in Conflict Analysis**
University of Colorado, 2004	**Certificate in Intractable Conflicts**
University of Bradford, 2004	**Certificate of Conflict Transformation**
Kingsway Institute , 2000	**Certificate in French**
UNITAR, 2005	**Certificate in Humanitarian Law and Law of Armed Conflict**
UNITAR, 2005	**Certificate in Peace Support Operations**
UNDP-EC-International IDEA, 2013	**Certificate in International Electoral Assistance**
African Union, 2017	**Internationally Accredited Facilitator in Bridging Resources for Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE)**

Language skills: (Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	**1**	**1**	**1**
French	**2**	**2**	**2**
Kiswahili	**Native**	**Native**	**Native**

Key Experiences:

- Over 15 years international experience in governance, election management, peace and security including strategic policy and senior level technical advisory.

- Internationally accredited Trainer-of-Facilitators in Bridging Resources for Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) with key knowledge in material design and delivery of training in election management across the electoral cycle (constitutional and legal framework of elections, electoral system design including in fragile/post conflict settings, planning and operations, electoral Logistics, voter education , Electoral Conflict Management, Election Management Bodies, Results management, post-election review, election observation etc)
- Designed and delivered training to over 1,000 election officials in election management and election observation across the continent of Africa.
- Involved at senior expert level in programming and electoral advisory in over 50 political and electoral processes in Europe, South America, Africa including in conflict and post-conflict/fragile settlings such as Somalia, CAR, Mali, Burundi, South Sudan, Sudan, Libya, Mozambique, Liberia, Comoros, Madagascar, Zimbabwe. I have comparative exposure in Francophone, Portuguese, Anglophone and Arab political and electoral contexts.
- Developed the conceptual framework and programming for AU's electoral assistance to Election Management Bodies in the 55 Member States
- Coordinated African Union policy dialogue and research for EMBs on management of elections in complex humanitarian emergencies
- Coordinated African Union policy dialogue and research for EMBs on management of elections in COVID-19 pandemic
- Long term electoral advisor to EMB in the DRC in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission which successfully assisted the country in organising post-civil war constitutional referendum in 2015 and general elections in 2006, 2011, and 2018. I trained dozens of election officials in various aspects of election management.
- Assisted in designing a programme on electoral conflict resolution for Africa's Great Lakes Region
- Conducted electoral violence field research for ECES in the DRC which was published
- Coordinated a project for support to the constitution making process in Zimbabwe. Provided expert support to CSOs and women organisations on options for governance and democratic and electoral systems architecture for the new constitution.
- Coordinated international technical assistance to Election Management Bodies in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Somalia, DRC, Lesotho, Madagascar, Niger, Mali, and Gambia. This support included design of training material and delivery of capacity building to election officials.
- Provided expert input for the design of the East Africa Community Regional Electoral Support Programme under the 11th EDF of the European Union
- Member of the expert group that developed EAC Principles for Election Observation and Evaluation
- Team member, consultancy on development of SADC Electoral Advisory Council (SEAC) Strategic Plan
- Senior Trainer of SADC election observers in Zambia, Seychelles, DRC and Lesotho
- Senior Trainer of a pool of election observers for the South African Government. Involved material design and training delivery
- Lead advisor/Team Leader for Pre-election expert team which provided level technical support (political analyses and scenario-building) in support for the EAC/COMESA joint Panel of Eminent Persons during the electoral conflict mediation of the 2015 Burundi crisis.
- Team member, fact finding mission commissioned by Swedish Government on programming for support to post-secession state-building process in South Sudan
- Provided expert advice on electoral system architecture for post-conflict situations for senior Government officials and Election Management Bodies from Somalia and South Sudan. Also provided advice on organising elections in complex security contexts under international peacekeeping jurisdiction.
- Technical Advisor and coordination of the African Union election observer missions in Senegal, Equatorial Guinea, Libya, Algeria, Equatorial Guinea and Mauritania.
- Lead Technical Advisor to the EAC-IGAD-COMESA integrated election observation mission to Kenya in 2013
- Coordinator, EISA/The Carter Centre integrated election observation mission to Mozambique in 2014 general elections

Country Exposure

Country	Date from - Date to
Europe: France, 2014 European Parliament Elections Belgium, 2014 European Parliament Elections **South America:** Ecuador : 2014 Local Government Elections **Africa:** Kenya - General elections 2002; Electoral process 2010-2013 DRC -2005 constitutional referendum; 2006, 2011 and 2018 general elections Guinea - 2010 General elections Cote d'Ivoire : General elections in 2010 Burkina Faso : Parliamentary elections in 2012 Zimbabwe – constitutional making process, 2010-2013 ; Electoral process 2012-2013 ; Electoral process 2018 CAR: General elections 2011; Electoral process 2015-2016 Senegal : General elections 2012 Libya : Constituent assembly elections 2012 Egypt : first post Arab spring electoral process 2011-2012 ; Parliamentary elections 2015 Seychelles: 2011 and 2015 general elections South Africa: 2016 local government elections; National assembly elections in 2014 Mozambique : general elections in 2014 ; Governance reform process 2014-2016 Lesotho : parliamentary elections in 2012 and 2017 Angola : General elections in 2017 Burundi : Political dialogue/peace process 2015 ; General elections in 2015 Tanzania : General elections in 2010 and 2015 Rwanda : Parliamentary election in 2013 Uganda : General elections in 2011 &2016 Tunisia : General elections in 2019 Algeria : Presidential elections in 2014	From 2004 to date, involved in short to long-term expert assignments including programmatic backstopping while working with United Nations, African Union, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa and European Centre for Electoral Support

Mauritania : Parliamentary elections in 2014 Madagascar: 2013 & 2018 electoral process ; Governance reform process 2014-2016 Equatorial Guinea: 2016 parliamentary elections Cameroon: 2013 & 2020 legislative elections; 2018 Presidential elections Chad: Governance institutional and process strengthening: 2012-2014 Somalia : electoral reform process : 2017-2019 Malawi : tripartite elections 2014 and 2019 Zambia : elections in 2015 Ghana: 2012 general elections	

Academic experience:

MEPA Tutor 2020 to Present, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy
Executive Briefings on politics and peace and security in Africa, November 2020– Present, SOAS University of London.
Peer Reviewer, Articles for the Journal of African Elections: 2014 - 2017
External Examiner, Dept of International Relations, University of Witwatersrand, Dec 2014, Dec 2015
Guest Lecturer, Management of Democratic Elections in Africa module, University of South Africa, June-July 2016, July 2017

Publications
Shale, Victor and Gerenge, Robert (2016) **Electoral Mediation: Comparative Experiences from DRC, Lesotho and Kenya,** *Conflict Trends*
Gerenge, Robert (2015), **South Sudan's December 2013 Conflict: Bolting State-Building Fault lines with Social Capital,** *African Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Vol 15(3): Page 85-109
Gerenge, Robert (2015) **Preventive Diplomacy and the AU Panel of the Wise in Africa's Electoral-related Conflicts,** *Policy Brief No.136*, South African Institute for International Affairs
Gerenge, Robert (2014). **The 2013 General Elections in Zimbabwe and Kenya: Lessons Learned for Africa and Beyond:** *Policy Brief No.98*, South African Institute for International Affairs
Gerenge, Robert (2014) **South Sudan's Resurgent Political Crisis: Through the Lens of Social Capital.** *Conflict Trends,* Issue 1, p.20-27
Gerenge, Robert (2011) **The Electoral System for South Sudan: Apportioning Immediate to Long-term Needs,** *IFES Election Guide*
Toulou, Lucien and Gerenge, Robert (2014), **"Youth Apathy in Elections and Governance in Africa** Nelson Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS)
*Gerenge, Robert: **Electoral Violence in SADC Region: DRC Case Study** (book chapter), ECCES*

Academic Scholarship Awards:

Commonwealth Scholarship Award, University of York, UK
The Harold "Hal" and Carol Saunders Scholarship, George Mason University, USA
Post-Graduate PhD Merit Award, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Academic Membership affiliation:

Member, Politics after War Research Network

Media Interviews on Politics, Elections and Governance in Africa (Selected)

- Post-electoral crisis in Gabon. BBC News. 9/9/2016
- Tanzania elections 2015 by Power FM, South Africa, 28 October 2015
- Burundi Parliamentary Elections, Power FM, South Africa, 1 July 2015
- Burundi Political Crisis, 29 June 2015, Kaya FM, South Africa
- Elections in Africa, 13 May 2015 by Ubuntu Radio, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of South Africa
- Elections in Africa, 18 February 2014 by Ecuador Electoral Commission
- Elections in Zimbabwe SABC Radio Channel Africa   6 June 2013
- Political Implications of the Newly Promulgated Constitution for Zimbabwe SABC Radio Channel Africa   30 May 2013
- Zimbabwe referendum on Constitution, Dagbreek TV Morning live show 21 March 2013
- Zimbabwe Transitional Politics, CCTV Talk Africa 13 Dec 2012,
- Zimbabwe referendum on the Constitution, SABC Radio Channel Africa   19 March 2013
- 2013 general elections in Kenya, SABC Radio Channel Africa Swahili service 19 March 2013
- 2012 Lesotho Parliamentary Elections, SABC 2 TV Morning Live Show, June 2012, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Presidential Run-off Elections in Cote d'Ivoire by Enews TV Africa, 29 October 2010