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Education

Institution	Qualification
Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 2016-2019	Bachelor of Philosophy in Knowledge Management and Informatics
University of Zimbabwe, 2000-2003	Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Communication Studies
Harare Polytechnic, 1993-1995	Diploma, Mass communication.

Language

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking
English	1	1	1
Ndebele	1	1	1
Shona	1	2	2

Membership of Professional Bodies

1. South African Agriculture Writers Association, 2018 –
2. Zimbabwe Union of Journalist, 2021 –
3. Zimbabwe Institute of Public Relations, 2018-
4. Pan African Media Against Climate Change (PAMACC), 2010 –

Specialisation

Communication, Journalism, Knowledge Management

Key Skills

- Specialist Writing
- Journalism
- Research
- Documentation
- Editing
- Training in communication and science writing skills.

Specific Experience

2010 – present

Journalist and Communication Specialist, Zimbabwe
Contributing Writer:

- [*Inter Press Service*](#) (Rome)
- [*Thomson Reuters Foundation*](#) (London),
- [*Africa Renewal*](#) (New York),
- *Alliance for Science Communication*
(<https://allianceforscience.cornell.edu>),
- *In Depth-News* (Germany)

2005 - August 2010

Information and Public Relations Officer, National
University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe

2004 – Nov. 2005

Consulting Editor, Morongwa – CBGO, Gaborone,
Botswana

March 2003 - April 2004

Senior Public Relations Officer, Bulawayo City Council

Dec. 2001 – Feb 2003

Group Public Relations Manager, Shearwater
Adventures, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

June 1996 – Nov. 2001

Bureau Chief, Zimbabwe Independent newspaper,
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

May 1994 – May 1996

Reporter, The Daily Gazette, Sunday Gazette,
Financial Gazette, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Specialist Training

2020	Online Investigative Reporting, Knight Centre, USA,
2001	Reporting Agriculture, WrenMedia, Kenya, 2001
1998	Environment Reporting, Reuters Foundation, London
1998	
1999	Gender Reporting, MISA Training Course, Mbabane Swaziland, 1999.
1997	Entrepreneurial Development, UNDP/Zimbabwe Investment Centre, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
1996	Reporting the Environment, British Council, Zimbabwe
1996	Radio Production training, WrenMedia, UK

Awards and Honours

2020 International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) Runner Up Prize, Star Prize for Print

2019 Fellowship, Master Class, International Federation of Agriculture Journalist (IFAJ), Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, July 2019

2015 FAO 70th Anniversary Medal, Harare, Zimbabwe

2013 Best Cancer Reporter Special Merit Award, The European School of Oncology (ESO) Milano, Italy

2011 Ozone Africa Media Awards UNEP, OzonAction Mahe, Seychelles

2010 CGIAR Science Award for Excellence in Agricultural Journalism 2009 Montpellier, France

2002 2nd Runner up Zimbabwe Environmental Reporter for the Year National Journalistic & Media Awards (NJAMA) Zimbabwe

2001 Environmental Reporter for the First Quarter Award, 2001 National Journalistic & Media Awards (NJAMA), Zimbabwe

1998 Joint Inaugural Commemorative Prize for Environment Reporting IUCN/Reuters
Foundation Fontainebleau, France

1995 3rd Prize, Reuters Prize for Population & Development Communication Category
National Journalistic and Media Awards (NJAMA). Zimbabwe

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Consultancies Undertaken

Development and implementation of Communications Strategy, CIVICUS, South Africa, January to March 2022.

Compilation of online newsletter on MailChimp, Integrated Breeding Platform, Mexico, September 2021 to August 2022.

Editing and Fact Checking Monthly Newsletter, African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services, Uganda, August 2021 to March 2022.

Documentation of best strategies and campaigns for changing social norms on violence against women and girls, Oxfam Southern Africa, Zimbabwe, April 2021-March 2022.

Documentation of EWF's Project Success Stories in Tsholotsho (Video documentary, Women Demanding Accountable Governance, Emthonjeni Women's Forum, Bulawayo, April 2021.

Media Engagement and Communications Support, FANRPAN- AFRICAP project [South Africa, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia], Pretoria, South Africa, January to December 2021.

Story writing for natural scientists, on-line training and development of science training manual for scientists, RAEIN-Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, September-November 2020.

Documenting success stories and lessons learnt through engaging narrative of farmers' efforts supported by ICRISAT, ILRI, and SSLP and government partners in Malawi under the CLIM Project, Blantyre, Malawi, March to November 2020.

Development of Case Studies for the Take Action GBV project, Emthonjeni Women's Forum, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, September to October 2020.

Media training and advocacy on Climate change, food security and policy advocacy, FANRPAN- AFRICAP project [South Africa, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia], Pretoria, South Africa, October 2019 to November 2020.

Advocacy strategy development, Emthonjeni Women's Forum, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. July to September 2019.

Communications and advocacy strategy development and Public Relations Training, Basilwizi Trust, Binga, April to July 2019.

Development of Communications strategy for Masakhaneni Projects Trust, Bulawayo July 2019.

Experience Capitalisation – Compilation of Case Studies on Strategic Engagement of Youth in Agriculture, based on experiences shared by the Youth, *Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana, 2019* –

Documentation, Research, Writing& Editing, Photography, Social Media Coverage, *The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), The Netherlands, (2016, 2017, 2018-)*

Case study, HIV stigma in Zimbabwe, Gates Foundation, 2018 GateKeepers Annual Report, New York, 2018. <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/goalkeepers/report/case-studies/stigma-sisterhood>

Communication Training for Researchers, Compilation of Success stories, *International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Harare, 2016.*

Documentation, Writing/Editing, Compilation of Newsletters/Magazine, Speech Writing, *African Fertilizer and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP), South Africa, 2016, 2017.*

Conference Plenary Session Facilitation, *Africa Rice Centre, Abidjan, 2016*

Documentation, compilation of Annual Report, *Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016.*

Co-Researcher/Investigator, Field Research - Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health for

Women and Girls with Disabilities in Zimbabwe, *Disabled Women in Africa* (DIWA), Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, 2015.

Documentation, Development of Communication Strategy, Media Liaison, Development of Annual Report and Corporate Research Reports, *AfricaBio*, Pretoria, South Africa, 2012, 2013.

Documentation of Climate Change Success Stories, *AfricaAdapt*, Ghana, 2013.

Documentation, Development of Field Video Documentary and Compilation of Corporate Speeches, *FANRPAN*, Pretoria, South Africa 2008.

Publications:

Books

1. Title: *Transforming Africa's Agriculture: Successes of the Integrated Agricultural Research For Development Concept*
Authors: Adekunle AA, Fatunbi AO, Bafana B, Babaleye T and Akinbamijo OO
Publication Date: November 2014 - ISBN 978-9988-8428-5-0 (print) ISBN 978-9988-8429-1-2
Journal/Publisher: Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
https://issuu.com/fara-africa/docs/success_story_from_ssa_cp_transform

2. Title: *Making things happen: Stories about the impact of DONATA Innovation Platforms and the eRAILS network on knowledge exchange for agriculture in Africa – Series 2.*
Publication Date: August 2014 - ISBN 978-9988-1-1438-1 (print) ISBN 978-9988-8373-4-8 (pdf)
Journal/Publisher: Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
https://issuu.com/fara-africa/docs/making_things_happen_series2_ver010

3. Title: *Making things happen: Stories from the field – Series 1.*
Publication Date: 2012 ISBN 978-9988-1-8430-4 (print) ISBN 978-9988-1-8438-4-2 (pdf)
Journal/Publisher: Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
https://issuu.com/fara_epublication/docs/making_things_happen_stories_from_the_field

4. Title: *Tales of AfricaAdapt: Harnessing knowledge for adaptation to climate change in Africa.*

Publication Date: 2011 ISBN 978-9988-2-3782-8 (print) ISBN 978-9988-2-3782-9 (pdf)

Journal/Publisher: Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)
http://www.africa-adapt.net/media/resources/736/AfricaAdapt%20tales_English.pdf

5. Title AfDB, UNEP and GRID-Arendal. (2020). *Sanitation and wastewater Atlas of Africa.* (AfDB, UNEP and GRID-Arendal.
https://gridarendal-website-live.s3.amazonaws.com/production/documents/:s_document/545/original/WWAtlas_lores.pdf?1594115866

Case studies

1. Title Case study, HIV stigma in Zimbabwe, Gates Foundation, 2018 GateKeepers Annual Report, New York, 2018.

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/goalkeepers/report/case-studies/stigma-sisterhood>

2. Title Stories from 10 Country Forums, (2020), African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services, Kampala, Uganda

<https://www.afaas-africa.org/a-new-booklet-summarising-2020-with-10-country-forums-stories/>

Papers/Policy Briefs

1. Title Simulation models alert on impacts of climate change and need for smarter farming policies in Zimbabwe, ICRISAT, <https://www.icrisat.org/simulation-models-alert-on-impacts-of-climate-change-and-need-for-smarter-farming-policies-in-zimbabwe/>

2. Working towards climate-resilient agricultural systems in Zimbabwe, ICRISAT
[Policy Brief_38_Working towards climate-resilient agricultural systems in Zimbabwe .pdf \(icrisat.org\)](#)