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Education and Qualifications

2004-2009	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Nairobi, Kenya	Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Computer Engineering
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Work Experience

Nov 13 – Present	GreenWize Energy Ltd <i>Co-Founder & Lead Engineer, EnergieRapide</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helped set up the administrative and legal structures of the company.Leading a team to design and develop a comprehensive social, economic and environmental solution called EnergieRapide that will provide clean energy, water, organic fertilizer, among other benefits to rural communities and people in emergency situations.	Nairobi, Kenya
Jun-09 – Present	Sustainable Development For All <i>Founder & Executive Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensured strong fund raising strategies that increased annual budget by average of 30% annually since 2009 to present, that has expanded the organization's work to use renewable energy to improve education, improve the environment, and economically empower poor rural communities in Africa. The organization has made an impact to over 300,000 people to date.Provide strategic direction, manage senior staff, and ensure effective communication with the board.Leading efforts to enroll new partners across different countries.Represent the organization in high level meetings and conferences, and provide media updates on the programs being implemented.	Nairobi, Kenya
Jun-09 – Dec-09	EDS Kenya Ltd <i>Technical Consultant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Trained 20 staff on new security and tracking systems for homes and vehicles.Negotiated for new contract with supplier that resulted in increased sales by 40% in 3 months.	Nairobi, Kenya
May-06 – May-09	Sustainable Development For All-Kenya <i>Founder & Volunteer Program Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Researched and designed new model of the Mwangabora solar lamp.Trained 1200 youth to make the solar lamps, and trained 150 community groups on micro-entrepreneurship in 3 years.Worked with women groups to set up 100 businesses from savings for not using kerosene.	Nairobi, Kenya
Jan-05 – Present	Brevlam Technologies Limited <i>Co-Founder</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helped create the legal and business structures for venturing into ICT sector.Set up one of the first computer assembling businesses in Kenya.Provided initial management and training to senior management that the company recruited.	Nairobi, Kenya
May-03 – Jun-04	Eiffel Ventures <i>Business Development Executive</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a new advertising concept on tables in restaurants and helped launch the concept to existing and new clients.Negotiated and signed up 50 new corporate clients for the company's branding business.Was part of a team that developed re-branding strategy worth \$ 1,000,000 for a corporate in Kenya.Developed customer fragmentation strategy for the company that ensured key customers were retained and given special treatment.	Nairobi, Kenya

Additional Information

Other Roles: **Mentor, Cherie Blair Foundation for Women 2012-2014** – My role is to help aspiring women entrepreneurs develop viable business strategy in sub Saharan Africa.
Reviewer, Unreasonable Institute 2013 Fellowship Program – My role is to review the applications to the 2013 Unreasonable Institute and give recommendation on who should be considered as a finalist.
Co-Founder, Kakamega County Social Development Forum- Forum brings together youth, women and men leaders from the county to develop strategies to fight extreme poverty and ensure the county's social economic fabric is viable.

Interests: *Community Service*- participated in several social initiatives including anti-drug use campaigns and HIV/AIDS awareness, Community Service Director of Rotaract Club at Jomo Kenyatta University.
Sports- played in inter-faculty soccer tournaments, frequently watch local and international soccer matches, motor sports, and rugby.
Writing – occasionally I write blogs on various issues affecting our society.

Key Achievements:

- CNN Hero (selected among top10 out of over 10,000 nominations worldwide)
- Selected among MIT Technology Review's Innovators under 35 in 2013.
- Selected as Aspen New Voices Fellow in 2014.
- Received the Outstanding Social Entrepreneur award at the Africa awards for entrepreneurship in 2013.
- Received 'Man who changed the world' award by Mikhail Gorbachev.
- Olympic Torch Bearer, London 2012 (among 5 representing East and Central Africa region).
- Received the Pan Commonwealth Youth award in 2012.
- Named among 100 best all time best heroes in Kenya-by-Kenya government in 2012.
- Spoken at various major international conferences including Global Entrepreneurship Summit, African Development Forum, Clinton Global Initiative-University, London School of Economics-Africa summit, Climate Reality, African Global Business Forum, MIT EmTech conference, Institute of International and European affairs in Ireland, etc and schools such as IE Business School, University of Washington, Kaospilot, among others.
- Been featured in major international media including CNN, BBC, Guardian, Reuters, AFP, The New Yorker, among others.

Nationality: Kenyan
Date of Birth: 11th March 1986
Languages: English (Fluent), Swahili (Fluent), Luhya (Native)