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EDUCATION

Ph.D. ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

Sept 2022 - Present

Columbia University, New York City, New York, USA

Land – Atmosphere Interactions and Feedback targeting Carbon & Nutrients dynamics in tropical forest ecosystems under climate change and other global change drivers including elevated-CO₂ and warming particularly in the Congo Basin.

Advisor: Duncan Menge

Terrestrial Biogeochemistry | Atmospheric Science | Ecosystems Ecology | Global Change Science | Nature-based Climate Solutions

M.S. SOIL BIOGEOCHEMISTRY AND GLOBAL CHANGE

Sept 2020 - Sept 2022

Joint MS Program - Ghent University [Belgium], BOKU Vienna [Austria] & University of Göttingen [Germany] | www.imsoglo.eu

Thesis: Greenhouse gas emissions from worm-compost-biochar combinations from production to farm to fork.

Advisor: Rebecca Hood-Nowotny (BOKU Vienna, Austria) | Co-advisor: Ana Meijide Orive (University of Göttingen, Germany) Selected courses: Soil Biogeochemistry of Agroecosystems | Plant Nutrition in the Tropics & Nutrient Cycling | Isotopes in Ecosystem Sciences | Ecosystems Dynamics and their Effect on GHGs | Soil Management in the Tropics and Subtropics

B.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Jul 2013 – Mar 2017

University of Burundi – Bujumbura, Burundi

Environmental Science | Sustainable Forest Management | Soil Science | Water Resources Management | Rural Development

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sept 2023 - Present

Columbia University in the City of New York, New York, USA

Fall 2023: Science for Sustainable Development: The course provides students with the natural science basis to appreciate co-dependencies of natural and human systems, which are central to understanding sustainable development.

Skills: Teaching & Dissemination of climate Science Material • Grading & Tutoring • Climate Change • Sustainable Development

External PhD Research Fellow

Jun 2023 - Present

Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy (BIRA-IASB) – Brussels, Belgium

Collaborate with the team "Infrared Observations" at the Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy (BIRA-IASB) on the scientific research project ICOS-BE (contract EF/211/ICOS-BE) coordinated by Dr. M. De Mazière Lead the ICOS-related activities at the CongoFlux in Yangambi which include the required in-situ ICOS measurements of atmospheric concentrations of the target greenhouse gases (GHG) CO2, CH4 and CO near the surface, as well as complementary remote sensing observations of total column abundances of these GHG plus H2O, HDO, HF and N2O compliant with the TCCON requirements.

Visiting Graduate Research Fellow

Jun 2021 - Sept 2022

International Atomic Energy Agency – Joint IAEA/FAO Program - Vienna, Austria Supervisors : Rebecca Wood-Nowotny (PI), Gerd Dercon and Maria Heiling

Greenhouse gas emissions from worm-compost-biochar combinations from production to farm to fork

Key skills : GHG flux measurements : CO₂, N₂O | 15N Isotope Tracing | Greenhouse, Lab Operations & Maintenance | Trace Gas Analysis and Operations | Chambers Design & Operations | Stable Isotopes Mass Spectrometry | Microbial Biomass

Co-Founder Jun 2017 - Aug 2020

FIKRAfrika Group - Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

FIKRAfrika Group is a start-up specialised in Sustainable Construction, Design and Environmental Consulting in Bukavu, DR Congo. In addition to Consulting, my responsibilities involved Management, Portfolio and Partnership Development.

Undergraduate Research Intern

Dec 2016 - Mar 2017

Samaki Tamu SPRL & FABI University of Burundi – Bujumbura, Burundi

Supervisors: Prosper Kiyuku (FABI UB) and Alain Murekambaze (Samaki Tamu)

Research on Climate and Aquaculture - Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) feeding and stockage density optimization | Water quality and Soils | Aquatic Ecology and Biodiversity | Precision Sampling | Field Work Organisation

LEADERSHIP, MENTORING AND SERVICE

University Life Ambassador

Oct 2022 - Present

Columbia University - University Life Office, New York City, NY

Leadership Development | Trainings and Facilitation | Volunteering and Curation of Students and Researchers' Experience on Campus and out.

Students Representative Oct 2020 - Oct 2021

IMSOGLO Steering Committee - Ghent (Belgium), Vienna (Austria), and Göttingen (Germany)

Student Delegation and Leadership | Program and International Mobility Quality Evaluations of the Joint Program with Ghent University (Belgium), Aarhus University (Denmark), University of Göttingen (Germany), and BOKU Vienna (Austria).

Founder and Facilitator Sept 2019 - Present

Urithi Leadership Lab - Africa Sustainability School - Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Urithi stands for Legacy in Swahili - The Urithi Leadership Lab is an effort of Environmental and Climate Justice to underrepresented and vulnerable communities through Environmental and Sustainability Education to Students of nonenvironment-related programs in local universities campuses in French Speaking countries in Africa (starting from Congo DRC). Climate Education Outreach Programs | Leadership Development | Mentoring | Scholarship Application Guidance & Coaching

SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS

CARN ASPIRE 2023 Research Grant - Conservation Action Research Network (CARN) - Value: 5000 USD Nov 2023 FLUXNET Secondment Program 2024 Award – FLUXNET Community Council-UC Berkeley – Value: 6000USD Nov 2023 External PhD Fellowship – ICOS-BE Project – Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy (BIRA-IASB) Aug 2023 E3B Explorative Travel Grant - Dept of Ecology, Evo & Environmental Biology - CU - Value: 4000 USD July 2023 Columbia GSAS – PhD Fellowship – Graduate School of Arts and Science - Columbia University Sept 2022 - May 2027 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Full Scholarship – European Union - Value : 58000 USD Sept 2020 - Aug 2022 Nudge Global Challenge 2021 Wild Card Awardee - Nudge Academy Netherland - Value: 5350 USD Aug 2021 Civil Society Leadership Award - Language Proficiency Fund - Open Society Foundation - Value : 3000 USD Oct 2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

International Symposium on Managing Land & Water for Climate Smart Agriculture 2022- IAEA Presentation

Jul 2022

Namulisa P. C., et al., 2022, Greenhouse gas emissions from worm-compost-biochar combinations; a potential peat alternative?

EGU 2022 Presentation:

May 2022

Namulisa P.C. et al., 2022, Greenhouse gas emissions from worm-compost-biochar combinations from farm to production to fork DOI: https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-egu22-7741

SELECTED EXTRA CURRICULUM EDUCATION EXPERIENCES

Theme 2021: Rebalancing the Planet | Online with a two-day Grand Finale closure event in May 2022 in the Netherlands

Eddy Covariance Flux Measurements Intensive Course 2021

Nov 2021

Thünen Institute of Climate-Smart Agriculture, Germany

School of Climate Change Michaelmas SoCC 2021

Oct - Dec 2021

Oxford Climate Society, Oxford University - Oxford, UK

IMSOGLO Summer School 2021 - Description, Sampling, and Classifications of Danish soils based on field studies. Aug 2021 Aarhus University – Aarhus, Denmark

SELECTED SKILLS

Digital and Software: ArcGIS, QGIS, R & RStudio, Hyprop Fit, HYDRUS-ID, EddyPro, Websites & Digital Communication. Soft Skills: Research and analytical skills, Written and Verbal Communication, Organizational and planning skills, Presenting,... Language Skills: English, French [Native], and Swahili [Native]