

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ambassador Kalimi Mugambi Mworia (Mrs.)

Summary

Kalimi Mworia has a long and distinguished career in senior management, at the UN organisation (OPCW), and development in several international organisations and diplomacy. In every position in her career she has achieved outstanding results and made significant contribution to the organisation. As an Ambassador, she led a multi-skilled team with the purpose of improving the image of Kenya in The Netherlands and Czech Republic, promotion of trade and tourism and increasing trade, in a climate where the balance of trade favours Kenya at the same time introducing cost cutting measures while being effective and efficient.

Currently, as Director of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which implements the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention, she is charged with developing, supervising and implementing appropriate international cooperation programmes for the 188 Member States of OPCW. She is in charge of 3 major Branches (Departments) and working closely with all Ambassadors and donors like EU and major European and Asian countries. Developing new initiatives with member states and especially capacity building and organising activities and coordinating programmes in developing countries with emphasis on peaceful use of chemistry, response against chemical weapons and implementation of the Convention and fund-raising for Africa Programme for projects for 50 African Member States of OPCW.

As an Acting Director of international training with AMREF, she provided exemplary leadership to her team and designed and directed innovative, high quality training programs and consultancies.

As an executive director of the FPAK, she turned it around through strategic planning, restructuring, prudent financial management and emphasis on quality and technical excellence. As a chief executive of the Family Planning Private Sector she secured significant (three fold in 5 years) funding for the organization from USAID, World Bank (DFID UK), etc.

As a director with IPPF, London she managed USD 75 million project. Responsible to assist in developing and funding women empowerment and youth in area of reproductive health in Africa, Asia and the Carribean countries who were members of the IPPF.

Currently at OPCW, she is in-charge of International Cooperation and Assistance which cover 188 Member States. As an associate regional director IPPF Africa Region she mainstreamed women and youth agenda into reproductive health. Kalimi's experience range from management of human an non-human resources, resource mobilization, gender, development, women's rights, training and consultancy. She has a proven record of results in establishing and maintaining strategic partnerships for the interest of the organization. Her excellent diplomatic communication and PR skills make her effective at all levels, with communities, professionals and policy makers.

Throughout her career Kalimi has excelled in the management of finances, human resources, mobilisation of resources at the local and international levels and marketing organisations. She received 2 national medals of honours for outstanding distinguished national service and contribution by the President of Republic of Kenya and Merit Award from IPPF (International Planned Parenthood Federation) for contribution to Reproductive Health Programmes in Africa Region.

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Academic Qualifications

1971 - 1972 Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology, Columbia University, New York, USA
1967 - 1970 Bachelor of Education in Sciences – Upper 2nd Hons. Degree, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
1980 – day Numerous short courses in management, gender, reproductive health and rights, women’s empowerment, HIV/AIDs, financial management and IT, Disaster Management and Preparedness. Introductory classes in French and Dutch languages.

Professional Experience

1st March 2007 to date *Director of International Cooperation and Assistance at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) which implements UN-Chemical Weapons Convention*

- Leading a multinational and multicultural team at OPCW to implement the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention, and charged with developing, supervising and implementing appropriate international cooperation programmes for the 188 Member States of OPCW (97% of world population). This also includes fundraising, donor coordination fundraising for capacity building programmes on assistance and protection, national implementation and peaceful use of chemistry for developing and countries in transition. Soliciting donations for analytical research and equipment for chemistry laboratories and institutions, i.e. universities and National Authorities in designated government ministries e.g. computers.

Africa Programme

New Initiative in the International cooperation and Assistance Division approved by member states to Strengthen Cooperation with Africa Region for building capacity if the member states to implement the UN Chemical Weapons Convention. This was proposed to the Executive Council of the OPCW and the Director-General of the OPCW, Ambassador Rogelio Pfirter appointed me to chair and lead the development of this new programme. This includes developing new projects and activities to meet the needs of the 50 member states in Africa, to build capacity in National implementation, legal measures for domestication of the convention, capacity against chemical attack or incidences and peaceful use of chemistry in Health Industry, Agriculture, ensuring safety of chemicals and health of people and environment. This activity has element of fundraising and donor coordination for voluntary funding and in-kind contributions from major North and South member states of OPCW and EU Commission.

May 2004–February 2007

Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to the Kingdom of The Netherlands and to the Czech Republic (appointed in January 2004)

As head of our missions (embassies) in The Netherlands and Czech Republic, was charged with leading the team of 8 diplomats and 10 support staff to promote the image of Kenya, tourism, investments and business to Kenya and fundraise for educational and health, reproductive including HIV/AIDS programmes in Kenya as well as agriculture and food security. Training of defence and security personnel as well as developing our institutions. Representing government multilaterally in all UN organisations in The Hague: Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), International Criminal Court (ICC) and all other legal institutions like the Permanent Court of Arbitration, International Court of Justice (ICJ), etc.

2003 – Dec. 2004

Acting Director of AMREF's Directorate of International Training and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

Initiated a consultancy training programme in sub-Saharan Africa and fundraising strategy and collaboration with WHO, UNFPA, governments and institutions in capacity building.

2001 – 2002

International Training Coordinator, AMREF in Sub-Saharan, Africa

Carried out training needs assessment and developed over 30 short courses for nurses, doctors and community health workers in sub-Saharan Africa.

1998 – 2000

Technical Adviser (Eastern and Southern Africa Partners in Population & Development, a South to South Initiative - funded by UNFPA and Rockefeller Foundation) promoting the support and funding of reproductive health programme by government of southern and eastern Africa

1995 – 1998

Associate Regional Director: International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) Africa Regional Office, Nairobi and in charge of programme development and capacity building in 40 African countries both Anglo-phone and Francophone

1993 – 1994

Director, Partnership Challenges Fund (PCF)/Vision 2000 Fund, based in IPPF International Office, Headquarters in London in charge of US\$75 million for women and youth programmes in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean

1987 – 1992

Executive Director, Family Planning Association of Kenya (FPAK) Management and development of family planning programmes in Kenya, fundraising from donors and capacity building

1984 – 1987

Programme Manager Family Planning Association of Kenya Development of family programmes and projects for Kenya and fundraising for projects in the area of reproductive health and rights and women empowerment at community level and nationally.

1972 – 1984

Lecturer/Trainer, Kenyatta University and United States International University in Nairobi; visiting lecturer (London Institute of Education, University of London, UK); Deputy Principal in various institutions and trainer: Kenya Technical Teachers College and Kenya Polytechnic

Awards

1. **IPPF Africa Regional Award** in 2004 for contribution to the Reproductive Health Programmes in Africa Region.
2. **Award of National Medal** by the President of Republic of Kenya , H. E. Honourable Mwai Kibaki
Title: Moran of the Burning Spear (M.B.S.) on the Kenya National Day – 12 December 2006 citation: **“Role in National Service.”**
3. **Award of 2nd National Medal** by the President of Republic of Kenya , H. E. Honourable Mwai Kibaki
Title: Elder of the Burning Spear (E.B.S.), awarded on 12 December 2010, citation **“OUTSTANDING DEVOTED SERVICE”**