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Summary

Skilled professional with over a decade of experience in documentary photography. Assignments have included government and NGO event and project coverage

Freelance Photographer

2008 - Present

An abbreviated listing of clients and projects worked on.

Koffi Anan Foundation – I covered talks by the late Koffi Anan and the late Benjamin Mkapa that they held with various Kenyan governmental and non-governmental entities in the lead up to the 2013 General Elections.

ICIPE project coverage – I travelled around Kenya and Zambia photographing the effects of the work done by ICIPE in eradicating the tsetse fly menace. The photographs showcased the positive social and economic impact on the inhabitants of the regions visited.

Clinton Health Access Initiative project photography – I photographed work done by CHAI in helping combat malaria and diarrhoea in children.

Novo Nordisk diabetes case studies and programme launch photography – I travelled around Kenya photographing various efforts by Novo in helping manage the diabetes problem. I photographed health facilities and patients that have benefited from the programme.

GIZ project coverage and photography training for staff – I photographed various initiatives sponsored by GIZ such as water infrastructure and renewable energy projects. This resulted in a request by GIZ to train some of their staff on the basics of photography so they could document their day to day work on the occasions they did not require to commission a photographer.

Exhibitions and Conferences

June 2014 - Sweden Kenya 50 years of Friendship and Cooperation

June 2014 - Presented a paper with a video demonstration on Photography and ICT as Tools for Public Education to Show the Value of Pollinators at the National Pollination Management Conference held at the then Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)

July 2014 - Bugging: A Macro Journey. A group exhibition at Alliance Francaise of photographs of arthropods. Also conducted a training for those interested in taking such photographs at the Nairobi National Museum in conjunction with their Invertebrate Zoology department.

June 2015 – Pollinator Week exhibition at National Museum Zoology Department.

November 2015 – Exhibited at the ICIPE Science Day showcase.

March 2016 – Solo show, Digital Archival Dudu Prints at Purdy Arms, Karen

May 2016 – Solo show, Dudus of Brackenhurst at Muna Tree Cafe, Limuru.

Awards

Winner of the 2015 Kenya Art Fair Digital Competition in the Interactive Hardware Installation category. The installation involves a setup to photograph water drop splashes. A microcontroller is used to coordinate the release of the drop and the capture of the resulting splash on camera.

Photographs published in:

Pocket Guide Insects of East Africa by Dino J. Martins March 27th 2015

Pocket Guide Butterflies of East Africa by Dino J. Martins and Steve Collins June 21st 2016

Sophie Walbeoffe - Painting With Both Hands 2017 ISBN: 9781910787540

miti Magazine – Cover photograph in the January – March 2020 Issue 45

Illustrations published in:

The African Middle Class; Who are they by Joseph Victor Ikawa February 13th 2018

Hardware Design Engineer at General Electric Company Billerica, MA 2001 - 2007

- Performed failure analysis on customer returns from various product lines resulting in ECOs aimed at fixing design deficiencies
- Managed component obsolescence issues in various products, with some of the tasks involved including identifying alternate parts and verifying them in current designs or redesigning boards to accept the alternates.
- Using six sigma tools, was able to improve quality on products suffering low yield issues in production. I gathered data from various products on failure modes at different production steps and analyzed it and came up with solutions based on this that resulted in a better manufactured product with high yield.
- Interfaced with manufacturing engineers in transitioning products from the development group to manufacturing. This involved writing build and test procedures, overseeing pilot run alongside the manufacturing engineers and initial support during first production lot.

Education

November 1994, Alliance High School, Kikuyu, Kenya
KCSE

June 2001 Northeastern University, Boston, MA
BSc. (Magna Cum Laude) Electrical Engineering.

Languages

Fluent in English and Kiswahili

Referees:

Ms. Abigail Chakava
Changing Diabetes in Children Program Manager sub-Saharan Africa
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Ms. Mumbi Gichuhi
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