

**Personal information**

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**Work Experience**

- i. Teaching Assistant from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 up to date.  
Makerere University, College of Natural Sciences, School of Biosciences, Department of Plant Sciences, Microbiology and Biotechnology, P.O. Box 7062 Kampala  
Main responsibilities:
  - Teaching: Course units include Basic Ecology, Environmental Settings of East Africa, Environmental Education and advocacy, Social Sciences for Conservation Biologists, Resource Valuation and Biotrade, Environmental Risk Assessment and Management and Resource use conflict analysis and management;
  - supervision of undergraduate students' research projects, and
  - Extension and community outreach services.
- ii. Co-founder and Head of Environment department from February 2010 up to date.  
Save Aseed For the Future (SAFE) Non Governmental Organization  
P.O. Box 703 Soroti Uganda  
Plot 3 Opeto Road, Soroti municipality  
Key roles:
  - Preparing work plans for the Environment department
  - Supervising field officers under the department
  - Lobbying for grants in the department
  - Preparing reports to Executive Director
  - Coordinating all projects in the department
  - Any other duties as assigned by the Executive Director
- iii. Project Officer (Amuria & Katakwi districts) from 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010:  
Soroti Environment Concern (SEC) P.O. Box 404 Soroti Uganda:  
Key tasks:
  - Stakeholder identification and mobilization,
  - Community sensitization and awareness raising on environment conservation,
  - Training communities on environmentally friendly income generating activities namely bee keeping, fruit tree growing, small scale processing of shea butter and Interlocking Stabilized Soil Blocks (ISSBs) making.
- iv. Part time Teacher (Biology and Chemistry) February-August 2005: Labira Girls Secondary School & Orungo High School, Amuria district

**Education background**

1. September 2016-september up to date: DAAD sponsored PhD Fellow-Makerere University, Project title: *Plant conservation, proximate composition and safety profile of wild food plants in selected forest reserves of Teso-Karamoja, Uganda*
2. 2011-2015: Master of Science in Botany (Natural Resource Ecology and Conservation), Makerere University (CGPA: 4.48)
3. 2005-2008: Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology, Makerere University (CGPA: 4.55)
4. 2003-2004: Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE), Soroti Secondary School.
5. 1999-2002: Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE), Amuria High School,
6. 1992-1998: Primary Leaving Examination (PLE), Agonga Primary School,

**Language skills**

Mother tongue: Ateso

Other languages

- English: Proficient in Written and spoken

**Organizational and leadership positions**

- i. January-August 2016: Member organizing committee for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology at Makerere University
- ii. 2015 up to date: Examination Timetable master at the Department of Plant Sciences, Microbiology and Biotechnology, Makerere University
- iii. 2015 up to date: BSc. Conservation Biology programme coordinator (Makerere University)
- iv. May 2011 to May 2017: Vice Chairperson Board of Governors- Labira Girls Secondary School
- v. 2010 up to date: Co-founder and Head of Environment Department at Save A seed for the Future (SAFE) Non Governmental Organization (NGO)
- vi. 2009 up to date: Founder of Sachris Enterprise Limited

**Computer skills**

Good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation), google docs, dropbox, internet and e-mail, SPSS, QGIS

**Driving skills**

Class B Driving license (Uganda)

**Selected short courses/trainings attended**

- i. Philosophy of methods organized by Makerere University Directorate of Research and Graduate training from 12<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, Makerere University.
- ii. Restoring tropical forests organized by Botanic Gardens Conservation International from 28-31.03.2017 at Tooro Botanical Gardens, Fortportal
- iii. Data Paper publishing by Endangered Wildlife Trust at Makerere University from 22-26<sup>th</sup> August 2016:
- iv. Research Writing and Proposal Writing, AuthorAID online course, 1<sup>st</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- v. Seed collection and conservation techniques from February 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> 2015, BCGI in partnership with NARO, Kew Botanic Gardens, Millennium Seed Bank (MSB) and Global Trees Campaign, Ridar Hotel, Seeta, Uganda
- vi. Scholarly Writing and Communication Skills from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University
- vii. ICT and Web 2.0 Technologies from June 11-14 2012, DAAD-AUGA, Makerere University, Kampala
- viii. Effective Teaching Strategies for Biological and Environmental Scientists from August 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, TBA-DRECA project, Tropical Biology Association (TBA) at Esella Country Hotel, Najjera, Kampala
- ix. Research Management from July 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2012, Makerere University Directorate of Research and Graduate Training, Makerere University
- x. Biodiversity Information Standards and Protocols from July 9-13, 2012, Uganda National Council of Science and Technology (UNCST) at Silver Springs Hotel-Bugolobi, Kampala
- xi. NextGen Training on Landscape Genomics and Biodiversity in Livestock from January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2011 by Seventh Framework Programme in conjunction with Makerere University, Makerere University
- xii. Project Cycle Management in Post-Conflict Situations: Tools for applying Human Rights Based and Conflict Sensitive Approaches from August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2009 by Northern Uganda Rehabilitation Programme (NUREP) in partnership with International Law Institute-African Center for Legal Excellence
- xiii. Plastic Waste Management on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 by EnviroPlan Consult at Makerere University, Department of Food Science

**Publications and presentations**

- Ojelel, S. (in press). Status of an Endangered *Encephalartos macrostrobilus* (Scott Jones & J. Wynants) in Uganda
- Ojelel S. & Kakudidi E. K. (2016). Indigenous landscapes provide food and incomes in Obalanga, Amuria district, Uganda. A poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Scientific meeting on sustainable livelihoods and health in Africa on 30<sup>th</sup> June -1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.
- Ojelel, S., Otit T. & Mugisha S. (2015). Fuel Value Indices of selected woodfuel species used

- in Masindi and Nebbi districts, Uganda. *Energy, sustainability and society*, 5:14.
- Ojelel, S. & Kakudidi E. K. (2015). Wild edible plants utilized by a subsistence farming community in Obalanga sub-county, Amuria district. *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine*, 11:7
- Ojelel S. and E. K. Kakudidi (2015). Indigenous Landscapes provide foods and funds in Obalanga sub-county, Uganda. Landscapes for People, Food and Nature Blog. <http://peoplefoodandnature.org/blog/indigenous-landscapes-provide-foods-and-funds-in-obalanga-subcounty-uganda/>

### Awards and projects won

Year	Project	Funder	Amount
2017	Amuria Schools Tree Planting Project (ASTREPP)	ITF	£3,000
2016	PhD Scholarship	DAAD	Tuition
2016	Lubigi wetland plant dominance, biomass, density and Nitrogen content	Consultancy	7,290,00UGX
2016	Empowering the local community to conserve and Endangered <i>Encephalartos macrostrobilus</i> in Lamwo district)	Rufford Foundation	£5,000
2012	MSc. Scholarship	DAAD	Tuition
2011	MSc. Tuition waiver	MAK.	Tuition
2005	BSc. Scholarship	GOU	Tuition

### Professional membership

1. NatureUganda
2. Poverty and Conservation Learning Group-Uganda

### Professional referees

1. Assoc. Prof. Patrick Mucunguzi  
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2. Dr. Kalema James  
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### **Non-professional referees**

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