

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI  
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

**ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The School of Economics is one of the largest units of the University of Nairobi. It has the largest pool of Economists in Kenya and in East Africa, with an academic staff establishment of 51 members. The School offers specialized training in Economics at the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral levels. Instruction is organized around three thematic areas: Economic Theory; Applied Economics; Mathematics and Quantitative Economics.

**2. PROGRAMMES OFFERED**

The School is a pace setter in Economics training in the country and offers the following programmes:

**Undergraduate Programmes**

The School offers two (2) undergraduate programs:

- Bachelor of Economics
- Bachelor of Economics and Statistics programs.

**Masters Programmes**

The School currently has four (4) Masters programmes:

- Master of Arts in Economics
- Master of Arts in Economic Policy Management
- Master of Arts in Economics of Multilateral Trading Systems
- Master of Science in Health Economics and Policy

### **Doctoral Programmes**

The School runs two in one doctoral programs.

- A Collaborative PhD Program under the African Economic research consortium.
- A local PhD program by course work and thesis.

The School also teaches Economics to Bachelor of Arts students as well as offers service courses and common undergraduate courses to all the Faculties in the University, except Agriculture and Law.

### **3. STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

In 2013, the School enrolled students as follows:

<b>BACHELORS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PhD in Economics</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>MASTERS</b>	
MA in Economics	100
MA in Economic Policy Management	43
MSc. in Health Economics & Policy	65
<b>MASTERS TOTAL</b>	<b>208</b>
Bachelor of Economics	359
Bachelor of Economics & Statistics	442
<b>BACHELORS TOTAL</b>	<b>801</b>

### **4. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPONENT**

In the year 2013, the International Student component in the School was as follows:

- PhD in Economics: 6
- Masters: 7
- Undergraduate: 6 (2 under an exchange programme)

## 5. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

In 2013, members of staff undertook the following research:

1. J. Kabubo-Mariara and T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a (2013). Social Protection and the Vulnerable Communities in East Africa: Implications for Household Welfare. Supported by IDRC, ESARO.
2. J. Kabubo-Mariara (2013). Climate Change and Adaptation in Africa. Collaborative project supported by Environment for Development initiative.
3. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a (2013). Trade Liberalization and Food Security in Kenya funded by the WTO Chairs Programme.
4. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a (2013). International Trade Processes and Tax Policy funded by the WTO Chairs Programme.
5. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a (2013). Human Security in Africa: Assessment and Capacity Building to Promote Sustainable Peace and Development funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security.
6. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a (2013). "Food Security and Nutrition Security: Best Practices and Lessons Learnt." Rebuilding the Broken African Pot: Celebrating Article 43(1) (C) of the Kenyan Constitution. Funded by African Women Studies Centre. University of Nairobi.
7. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a (2013). Cost of Gender Gaps funded by the UNWOMEN.
8. T.N. Ongoro (2013). FDI in Africa: Theory and practice
9. T.N. Ongoro (2013). Place and Role of Kenya in International Mobility of Financial Resources.
10. S. Nyandemo (2013). Salary and Remuneration review for employees on UNES Ltd. University of Nairobi.
11. J. Okelo (2013). Regional Trade Integration and the Conflicts with the WTO Agreements in selected areas. Funded by the WTO Chairs Programme.
12. J. Okelo (2013). Privatization in Africa. Funded by the WTO Chairs Programme.
13. J. Okelo (2013). The Mineral and Oil Find in Kenya: Is it a Curse or a Blessing? Funded by the WTO Chairs Programme.

## 6. INTERNATIONAL LINKS AND COLLABORATIONS

The School maintained active external links in 2013, collaborating with various institutions in research and consultancy, capacity building, staff and student exchange, curriculum development, and dissemination of research findings. Some institutions have supported the School through institutional grants. The institutions that the School entered into memorandum of understanding in 2013 include: Central Bank of Kenya and Tilburg University. Previous MOUs, but still active collaborating institutions include: World Vision Kenya, University of Rome Tor Vergata (Centre for Economic and International Relations), Orebro University, Insurance Regulatory Authority, University of Gothenburg in support of the Environment for Development Initiative-Kenya (EfD), African Economic Research Consortium, World Trade Organization (WTO), and UNCTAD Virtual Institute on Trade and Development.

## 7. PUBLICATIONS

1. Kabubo-Mariara J., A. Araar & J-Y Duclos (2013). Multidimensional Poverty and Child Well-being in Kenya. *Journal of Developing Areas*, 47(2) 109-137 | DOI: 10.1353/jda.2013.0024
2. Kabubo-Mariara J. (2013). Forest-poverty nexus: Exploring the contribution of forests to rural livelihoods in Kenya. *Natural Resources Forum*. 37 (2013) 177–188 | DOI: 10.1111/1477-8947.12003
3. Kabubo- Mariara J. et al., (2013) - Tenure security and ecosystem service provisioning in Kenya. Chapter 17, in, *Nature's Wealth: The Economics of Ecosystem Services and Poverty*. Van Beukering et. al. (ed). Cambridge University Press.
4. Ongoro, T.N. (2013). 'Transnational Corporations as subjects of International Economic Relations'. Chapter IV Pg. 70-109. In: Prof. EV Dokimov, A.I. (Ed.). *International Economic Relations (New Edition)*. "Prospect", Moscow.
5. Ongoro, T.N. (2013) 'International Migration of Capital: Theory and Practice Chapter XVII. Pp. 460 – 502. In: Prof. EV Dokimov, A.I. (Editor). *International Economic Relations (New Edition)*. "Prospect:", Moscow,.
6. Ongoro, T.N. (2013). 'Russia in the System of International Mobility of Financial Resources'. Chapter XVIII. Pp.503-517. In: Prof. EV Dokimov, A.I. (Ed.). *International Economic Relations (New Edition)*. "Prospect", Moscow.
7. Manda, D. K. (2013). Revisiting the Growth, Inequality and Poverty Nexus: An overview." *Journal of African Economies*. Vol. 22, (suppl 1): 4-14
8. Osotsi, J. A., Mutua, J., Nyaga, R. and Muthaka, D. (2013). - Institutions and Performance of Services Funded by the Constituencies Development Fund in Kenya, *Journal of African Development*, Vol. 15 (1), pp 271-286.
9. Wambugu, A. (2013), Family background, education and adult earnings in Kenya. *International Journal of Education and Research*, Vol. 1, No. 9, pp 23-40
10. Vuluku, G., Wambugu A., and Moyi E. (2013) - Unemployment and Underemployment in Kenya: A Gender Gap Analysis. *Economics*. Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 7-16.

11. Kioko U. (2013) -Economic Burden of Malaria on Subsistence Crop Production in Kenya. *International Journal of Education and Research (IJER)*, Vol. 1 No. 2 pp 1-20.
12. Kioko, U.M., Mwabu, G.M. and Kimuyu, P.K. (2013) -The economic impact of malaria on wage earnings in Kenya: a household level investigation. *International Journal of Education and Research*, Vol. 1 No. 4 pp 1-18.
13. Abala, D O., Mwabu, G, and Mwega, F (2013): "Does Total Factor Productivity Matter for Exports? Kenyan Evidence", *African Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 3 No. 2, pp. 30-44.
14. Abala, D.O. (2013) "Determinants of Manufactured Exports in Kenya: An Application of Control Function Approach" *DBA Africa Management Rreview* vol. 3 No.1 pp 50-72
15. Abala, D.O. (2013) "Export propensity and intensity of Kenyan manufacturing firms: An Empirical Analysis" *Journal of Emerging issues in Economics ,Finance and Banking (JEIFB)* Vol. 2 No. 2, pp 616-634.

## **8. CONSULTANCIES**

1. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a, (2013). Gender Analysis for Social Science Researchers. Funded by IDRC, January 2013
2. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a, (2013). Baseline Survey on Food Security in Kenya under the auspices of the African Women Studies Centre and funded by the Government of Kenya.
3. T. Kiriti-Ng'ang'a, (2013). Report for the consultative workshops on Slum Upgrading for the Ministry of Housing held in Nyeri, Embu, Garissa and Mombasa from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.
4. J. Okelo, (2013). Taskforce Member – Working on the Kenyan Government position for negotiation at the WTO 2013 Ministerial Conference.
5. J. Okelo, (2013). Taskforce Member, working on Kenyan Position on Trade Facilitation for the WTO Ministerial Conference, December 2013.
6. S.M. Nyandemo (2013). KPMG. Lead Consultant on Developing and Reviewing Kenyan's Industrial Road Map in line with Vision 2020.
7. S.M. Nyandemo, (2013). Integrating Intra-regional Trade in Services within EAC Common Market.

## 9. STAFF

In 2013 the school had 57 staff as indicated below.

Professors	4
Associate Professors	6
Senior Lecturers	7
Lecturers	19
Tutorial Fellows	8
Assistant Registrar – Lecturer & Equivalent	1
Administrative Assistant	1
Assistant Secretary - C	1
Technologist A/B/C	2
Documentalist - A	1
Assistant Secretary - A	1
Documentalist - IV	1
Copy Typist – Grade IV	1
Machine Operator - IV	1
Record Clerk - IV	2
Messenger - II	1

## 10. NUMBER OF GRADUANDS

The School graduated the following numbers:

PHD	6
Master of Arts in Economics	59
Master of Arts in Economic Policy Management	6
Bachelor of Economics	176
Bachelor of Economics and Statistics	168

## **11. CONFERENCES**

### **SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, PUBLIC LECTURES AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

#### **(A). PUBLIC LECTURES/WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY THE SCHOOL**

The School organized six (6) conferences/workshops that were open to the public, but facilitated by external resource persons.

1. “Africa as the Growth Continent” by the Director, World Trade Organization, Council Chamber, University of Nairobi, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.
2. UNCTAD VI Training Workshop on Trade Empirics using STATA: University of Nairobi, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.
3. Environment for Development -Kenya First Annual Workshop. Fairview Hotel Nairobi. 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.
4. Poverty, Agricultural Production and the Formalization of Property Rights”. By Prof. Howard Stein, Michigan State University. Lecture held at ED II, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
5. Crash and Beyond: Causes and Consequences of the Global Financial Crisis. Lecture by Prof. Andrew Farrow, University of Oxford. Lecture held at ED II, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
6. National Workshop on Innovation Policy, Co-organized by School of Economics (UoN) and Tilburg University, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, Nairobi Safari Club, Nairobi.

#### **(B) PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES**

1. Kiriti-Nganga (2013), Non Tariff Measures in Kenya: A revisit”, Paper Presented at the WTO Chairs Annual Conference in Geneva Switzerland from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
2. Kiriti-Nganga, T. (2013) “Documentation of Women’s Experiences in Food Security in Kajiado County in Kenya” Paper presented at the Australian Alumni Conference titled: Leading Change: Australia Awards Alumni in Africa’s Development” in Cape Town South Africa from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2013. <http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/alumni-conference/>
3. Kiriti-Nganga, T. (2013) “The impact of social protection on the welfare of vulnerable communities in East Africa: A case study from Kenya”., Paper

Presented a Conference on Financing Social Protection at the Serena Hotel in Entebbe Uganda from the 20-24<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

4. Kiriti-Nganga, T. (2013) Cost of Gender Gaps in the Agricultural Sector in Selected Sub-Saharan African Countries”. Paper presented at a Methodology Workshop from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013 at the Safari Park Hotel Sponsored by the UN women and African Women’s Studies Centre.
5. J. Kabubo-Mariara. “Pro-poor Growth, Inequality, and Institutions in Kenya”, Paper presented at IAD Spring 2013 Symposium on Growth, Poverty and Inequality: Confronting the Challenges of a Better Life for all Africa. In Honor of Erik Thorbecke, H.E. Babcock Professor Emeritus of Economics, Cornell University. April 19–20.
6. J. Kabubo-Mariara. Inequality, Poverty and Growth: Understanding the Linkages in Kenya. Paper presented at the GDN 14th Annual Global Development Conference on Inequality, Social Protection and Inclusive Growth. Manila, The Philippines. June 19- 21, 2013.
7. J. Kabubo-Mariara “Climate Change, Crop Productivity, Farm Profitability and Agricultural Adaption in Kenya” Paper presented at the Environment for Development Annual Workshop, Nairobi, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.
8. J. Kabubo-Mariara “Climate change, food security and vulnerability in Kenya”. Paper presented at the Environment for Development 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Cape Town, South Africa. October 22-27<sup>th</sup> 2013.
9. B. Kinuthia. “Productivity Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment in Malaysia”. Paper Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference. ‘Growth: Critical Perspectives from Asia’, University of Copenhagen, June 13-14 2013.
10. M. Muriithi. “Demographic Transition and Demographic Dividends: Evidence from Kenya’s National Transfer Accounts”. Paper presented at the ‘Ninth Meeting of the Working Group on Macroeconomic Aspects of Intergenerational Transfers’. Barcelona – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
11. M. Muriithi. “Priority Setting on Social Determinants of Health: A Case Study of National Schools Health Policy in Kenya”. Paper presented at the Third Steering Group Meeting and Second Regional Meeting – Africa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 23<sup>rd</sup>-26th October, 2013.
12. O. Nyang’oro. “Portfolio Flows and Stock Market Performance in Kenya”, Paper presented at CSAE Conference on *Economic Development in Africa*, University of Oxford, March 2013.
13. O. Nyang’oro “Determinants of Capital Structure of Listed Companies in Kenya and the Impact of Corporate Tax”. Paper presented at AERC biannual workshops in June 2013.



14. J.K. Gathiaka “Uplifting Poor Smallholder Farmers in Kenya through the Mobile Phones”. Paper Presented at a workshop Organized by Linkoping University & University of Nairobi, Kenya Science Campus, 14-16 February, 2013.
15. J.K. Gathiaka “Externalities of farming in forestlands in Kenya” Paper Presented at the Environment for development (EfD) Annual Workshop, Nairobi, 7 August 2013.
16. J.K. Gathiaka “Competition issues in the sugar industry in Eastern and Southern Africa” Paper Presented at the African Competition Forum, Botswana, 23rd-24th October, 2013.

## **12. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY/ OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Both teaching and non-teaching staff of the School engage in a wide range of outreach activities. A sample of outreach activities in which members of the school are involved is listed here below.

### **Board Members of Parastatals**

1. Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
  2. Institute for Policy Analysis and Research
  3. Kenya Institute for Public Policy Analysis and Research
  4. Kenya Commercial Bank
  5. Privatization Commission
  6. Central Bank
  7. Competition Authority
- **Members of Board of Governors of Schools**
    1. Karima Girls Secondary School
    2. Githambia Secondary School
    3. Mawego Technical Training Institute