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Career goal

Agricultural systems analysis preferably in the smallholder farming systems in the areas of energy management, policy and agro processing

Synopsis

- Over 20 years in the public sector analyzing needs for improvement of smallholder agriculture farming systems and implementing programmes to reduce drudgery in smallholder farming systems in Kenya. Currently working with Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority (AFFA) as a senior Regulations and Compliance Officer.
- A proactive leader and planner with expertise in agriculture engineering systems analysis and review of public policies in agriculture.
- Creating conducive environment to enhance productivity innovatively
- Conducting training programmes to enhance the knowledge of products and their marketability in order to improve and or to retain country market share.
- An excellent communicator with recognized abilities in networking with stakeholders for promoting sustainable solutions

Areas of expertise

- Managing regulations awareness to increase compliance by all value chain actors with a view to streamline operations in the fibre crops sector
- Reviewing and interpreting the impact of business environment and attuning strategies accordingly with focus of retaining existing markets and developing new ones

Education/ Academics

Post Graduate qualification in Agricultural Engineering Systems Analysis and a Bachelor's degree in Engineering (Agriculture) from University of Zimbabwe and University of Nairobi respectively.

Achievements:

- Contributed to development of subsidiary regulations to implement the cotton amendment act, 2006 and the Crops act, 2013
- Development of National cotton classing system for Kenya
- Introduced wet milling technology for sorghums and other cereals in parts of eastern zone

b) Title of presentation: ***“Kenyan cotton production: Challenges and opportunities”***