

Academic Staff Profile

Personal Profile

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Research Interest

- Urban and regional planning
- Metropolitan Development
- Urban-Rural Linkages
- Slum upgrading
- urban crime prevention



Bio

Mr. Jackson Kago, a Kenyan national, working as a lecturer in the department of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Architecture and Built Environment Kenyatta University. He is the founding chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (2016-2021). He is an urban research and has researched widely including as a consultant with the Regional & Metropolitan Planning Unit (RMPU), within the Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-Habitat. He has worked on the thematic areas of urban-rural linkages, systems of cities, metropolitan and regional planning. He holds two masters degrees: one in Architecture from the University of Rome 'Sapienza' -Italy, and another one in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Nairobi, Kenya where he also graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture.

Academic Qualifications

1. **2013:** Masters in Architecture - University Of Rome 'Sapienza'
2. **2007-2009:** Masters in Urban & Regional Planning - University Of Nairobi
3. **1999 – 2005:** Bachelor of Architecture - University of Nairobi

Publications, Papers and Journal Articles

1. Sietchiping Remy, and **Jackson Kago**. "The Role of Urban Rural Linkages in Feeding the City: A Case of Nairobi" *International Journal of Scientific Research and Innovative Technology* ISSN: 2313-3759 Vol. 4 No. 10; October 2017. pp 80-97
2. Sietchiping Remy, and **Jackson Kago**. "The Role of Urban-Rural Linkages in enhancing Sustainable Urbanization in Small Islands States." *Sustainable Urban Development–The Gap Between Rhetoric and Reality*" 2016; pp 45-59.
3. Sietchiping Remy, **Jackson Kago**, Xing Quan Zhang, Clarissa Augustinus, and Raf Tuts Urban-Rural Linkages and the Role of Land Tenure. Paper prepared for presentation at the "2015 World Bank Conference on Land And Poverty" The World Bank - Washington DC, March 23-27, 2015
4. Dr. P.K. Kamau and **Jackson Kago** "Introduction To Concepts & Issues Of Regional Development Planning" a paper prepared for the UN-Habitat/ AICAD, Sustainable Urban Development and Management Course for Mid Career Planners and County Officers in Kenya, 09- 14 November, 2015, AICAD Juja, Kenya.
5. **Jackson Kago** "Background Paper on Metropolitan Planning" for the Global Expert Group Meeting the Role of Metropolitan Development in Supporting the New Urban Agenda held in Guadalajara, Mexico, 03-04 December 2015
6. Remy Sietchiping, **Jackson Kago**, Xing Quan Zhang, Jane Reid, and Raf Tuts "The Role of Small and Intermediate Towns in Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages for Sustainable Urbanization" in the "Regional Development Dialogue Vol. 35 on Urban-Rural Linkages in Support of the New Urban Agenda. 2014; pp. 48-63.
7. Remy Sietchiping, **Jackson Kago**, Xing Quan Zhang, Clarissa Augustinus, and Raf Tuts "Role of Urban–Rural Linkages in Promoting Sustainable Urbanization" *Environment and Urbanization Asia*, September 2014; vol. 5, 2: pp. 219-234.

Book Chapters

1. Bartke, S., Forster, T., Githiri, G., Jering, A., **Kago, J.**, Schlimmer, S., & Sietchiping, R. The UN-Habitat Urban-Rural Linkages Guiding Principles: Assessment of the Adoptability to Topical Land Management Challenges in Germany, Kenya and Tanzania. *International Yearbook of Soil Law and Policy 2019*, 369.
2. **Kago, J.**, Loose, S., & Sietchiping, R. (2019). Implementing the New Urban Agenda: Urban and Territorial Integration Approaches in Support of Urban Food Systems. In *International Yearbook of Soil Law and Policy 2018* (pp. 271-293). Springer, Cham.

Contribution in Publications

1. **Jackson Kago** and Arthur Nganga (2021) «Rural Urbanization / Industrialization: Ensuring Efficient Spatial Flows » in *Compendium of Inspiring Practices on Urban-Rural Linkages: Implementing of Guiding Principles and Framework for Action to Advance Integrated Territorial Development* (2nd Edition). UN-HABITAT
2. UN-Habitat. *Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles Framework for Action to Advance Integrated Territorial Development*, 2019
3. UN-Habitat. *Implementing the new Urban Agenda by strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages*, 2017

4. FAO. Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security - Online consultation on the background document to the CFS Forum. 2016
5. UN-Habitat. World Cities Report: Urbanization and Development: Emerging Futures, 2016.
6. UN Task force on preparation of Issue Paper on Urban – Rural Linkages, 2015.
7. UN-Habitat. UN-Habitat County Engagement Framework For Kenya: Existing Planning Model, Gaps and Opportunities for Engagement, 2015
8. Cahiers d’Afrique de l’Est N°44: Slum Upgrading Programmes in Nairobi. Challenges in Implementation, 2011
9. UN-Habitat. Korogocho Situation Analysis: A snapshot. 2010

Reviews/ Editing of Publications, Papers and Journal Articles

1. Chikako Takase, **Jackson Kago**, Remy Sietchiping, Xing-Quan Zhang “Regional Development Dialogue Vol. 35 on Urban-Rural Linkages in Support of the New Urban Agenda.” (2014)
2. Brian Roberts “Rural urbanization and the Development of Small and Intermediate Towns.” in the “Regional Development Dialogue Vol. 35 on Urban-Rural Linkages in Support of the New Urban Agenda. (2014)
3. Innocent Chirisa, Abraham Matamanda & Elmond Bandaiko, “Ruralised Urban Areas vis-à-vis Urbanised Rural Areas in Zimbabwe: Implications for Spatial Planning” in the “Regional Development Dialogue Vol. 35 on Urban-Rural Linkages in Support of the New Urban Agenda. (2014)
4. Sarfaraz Alam, “Rural-Urban Linkages and Shifting Livelihood Strategies in Rural India: A Case Study.” in the “Regional Development Dialogue Vol. 35 on Urban-Rural Linkages in Support of the New Urban Agenda. (2014)

Project Evaluation Reports

5. Dr. Joseph t. Mailutha, Amélie Desgropes, Dr. Alfred O. Mayabi, **Jackson Kago**, Dr. Christopher Kanali , Benson Karanja, Rebecca Eshiwani (2010) *Evaluation Report Assessment Of Impacts Of Ablution Blocks Project In Informal Settlements of Nairobi*
6. Dr. Rosa Flores Fernandez (Coordinator), **Jackson Kago** and Pauline Zeiger (2012) *Oxfam GB Kenya Urban Programme Assessment Report*
7. Dr. Rosa Flores Fernandez (Coordinator), **Jackson Kago** and Pauline Zeiger (2012) *Insights for Oxfam GB’s Future Urban Programming in Kenya*

Magazine Articles

8. **Jackson Kago** “Korogocho benefits from Kenya Italy Debt for Development Programme” in the Karibu Kenya Magazine: Publication of the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya in Italy. December 2013 Issue
9. **Jackson Kago** “Pokot Community Embraces Farming to Boost Food Security” in the Karibu Kenya Magazine: Publication of the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya in Italy. December 2013 Issue

Research Project

1. **Jackson Kago (2009)** The Spatial Implications of Ethnic Settlement Patterns in Korogocho Informal settlement, Nairobi Thesis Submitted in Partial Fulfillment for

Presentation/ Lectures

1. Tools for Photographic Research and their Uses during the “The Field of the ‘Photographable’”: From the Global North to the Global South and from the Global South to the Global North. Visual Approaches, Appropriation and Flows in Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Online) 18 May 2021
2. A lecture Presentation on “Urban Rural Linkages – Challenges and Opportunities” at the Politecnico de Milano, Italy on 30 October 2017
3. A lecture presentation on "The Role of Small and Intermediate Towns in Enhancing Urban-Rural Linkages for Sustainable Urbanization." At the Polytechnic University of Milan during the 1st Bishop Cities International Congress and Workshop. The medium and small cities: their growth, sustainability architectures, ecologies and landscapes on 11-18 December 2015, Milan, Italy
4. Presentation on “Role of Urban-Rural Linkages and the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning” during IFAD's Global Policy Engagement Forum on Territorial Approaches, Rural-Urban linkages and Inclusive Rural Transformation on 11 December, 2015 Rome, Italy
5. Presented a “Background Paper on Metropolitan Planning” for the Global Expert Group Meeting the Role of Metropolitan Development in Supporting the New Urban Agenda held in Guadalajara, Mexico, 03-04 December 2015
6. Jackson Kago (University of Nairobi), Henry Lubinda (University of Hohenheim) and Prof. Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth University) Kigoma on the move: Motilities and identities in an East African border town. Contribution to European Conference for African Studies (ECAS) Leipzig 2009, Panel 27: CREATING FP7 Project on East african territorial integration (Panel Organiser: Bernard Charlery de la Masselière)
7. **Jackson KAGO** (2009) "Ethnic Patterns and Conflicts in an Informal 'Slum' Settlement of Nairobi" Guest Lecture at the University of Bayreuth, Germany.
8. **Jackson Kago** (2010) *Preventing Violence through Slum Upgrading* presented in the Crime and Violence Prevention In Nairobi: New Evidence From The Field & A Discussion Of New Prevention Opportunities workshop Co-hosted by City Council of Nairobi & The World Bank 17th November 2010
9. Korogocho, the socio - economic profile approach: case study and discussions about programme planning and Design, in the IFRA Conference on Slum upgrading in Nairobi - Challenges in the projects implementation at Alliance Française: 6th - 7th April 2011

Trainings Attended

1. January 2018: Role of Chairpersons of Department in the Implementation of University Policy. 08-09 January 2018, Kenyatta University, Nairobi.
2. May 2017: Risk Based Thinking Training by SGS, Kenyatta University, 09 May 2017, Nairobi.
3. July 2016: Results Based Management Training (RBM) by UN-Habitat, 5 July 2016, Nairobi.

4. Dec 2008: CREATING (Collaborative Research on East African Territorial Integration within Globalisation) Research and Field Work training, Nov 30 – Dec 13, 2008 in Juja, Kenya and Kigoma Tanzania.
5. June – July 2007: Global Studio - People Building Better Cities (June 25-28) and a hands-on studio (June 30-July 19) Johannesburg, South Africa.
6. March 2007 – Leadership Training (Team Work) by Africa Leadership & Social Development Centre in conjunction with UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme, 20 – 21 March 2007.
7. Feb 2005: 2nd Training Programme of the Local Crime Prevention Toolkit, 7 Feb - 11 Feb 2005 by CSIR in conjunction with UN-HABITAT through the Safer Cities Programme.
8. 2003- I Choose Life HIV/AIDS Peer Educator Training Course by I Choose Life (ICL), Feb- March, 2003.

Trainings Undertaken

1. Jan 2017: Training Kiambu County Members of the County Assembly Sectoral Committee on County Planning and Urbanization on Urbanisation & Development Control, 25-27th January, 2016, at Panaroma Lodge, Naivasha, Kenya.

Conferences Attended

1. Oct 2019: Géopolitique du pétrole en Afrique de l'Est, Université de Pau, France, 25 octobre 2019
2. Oct 2019: Well-being in the North and the South: Explorations, Contradictions, Power and Practices, Institut d'études politiques, Science Po, Bordeaux, France, 22–25, October 2019
3. Dec 2018: Urban Subsistence, Urban-Rural Links and Social Mutations in the City: Burundian and Kenyan Cases at a Glance workshop at The French Research Institute in Africa (IFRA) between 13th - 14th December 2018 at IFRA Nairobi
4. Nov 2018: Les séminaires de LAM - Les Afriques dans le monde "Space and Mobility in Kenyan Intermediate Towns " on 27th November 2018 Bordeaux, France
5. Sep 2018: 6th Bordeaux Workshop in International Economics and Finance on Africa and global commodity markets: towards a new paradigm? 28th September 2018, Bordeaux, France
6. July 2018: Sustainable Urban Development in East Africa Conference, organised by The Regional Economic Department of the French Embassy in Kenya, the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development of Kenya and Business France at Trademark Hotel, Nairobi 9 & 10 July 2018.
7. Jan 2018: Kenya Institute of Planners Annual Convention "Appraising Planning Achievements in the 1st Era of Devolved Governance in Kenya", 29th January - 2nd February 2018, at Merica Hotel in Nakuru.
8. Feb 2017: Kenya Institute of Planners Conference – Review of the County Spatial Planning Guidelines 15th - 18th February 2017 at Manzoni Lodge, Machakos.
9. Sep 2016: Urbanization and Street Vending Forum, Alliance Française, 15 September, Nairobi.
10. June 2016: Consultative Meeting: Developing a set of principles for promoting inclusive and sustainable urban rural Linkages, IFAD Headquarters, Rome, Italy.

11. June 2016: Committee of Food Security, CFS, 2nd Technical Workshop: Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition, IFAD Headquarters, Rome, Italy.
12. June 2016: German Habitat Forum, Berlin, Germany.
13. May 2016: Operationalising Urban Rural Linkages for Integrated Territorial Development: Technical workshop in the framework of SDG11 implementation and the preparations towards Habitat III, Berlin, Germany
14. May 2016: Habitat III Cross-Cutting Expert Group Meeting “Integrating Food into Urban Planning” 12 May 2016 UN Headquarters New York City (Remote Participation)
15. April 2016: Caribbean Urban Forum 6 “Sustainable Urban Development? Rhetoric and Reality” in Paramaribo, Suriname. (Remote Participation)
16. March 2016: Reclaiming streets for pedestrians in Ruiru Institute for Transportation and Development Policy/ Kiambu County/ UN-Habitat, Ruiru.
17. March 2016: BoRAQS Seminar on "Sustainability of the Built Environment, a Case of Building Services in Intelligent Buildings" at the intercontinental hotel, Nairobi.
18. Dec 2015: 1st Bishop Cities International Congress and Workshop. The medium and small cities: their growth, sustainability architectures, ecologies and landscapes on 11-18 December 2015, Milan, Italy
19. Dec 2015: IFAD's Global Policy Engagement Forum on Territorial Approaches, Rural-Urban linkages and Inclusive Rural Transformation on 11 December, Rome, Italy
20. Dec 2015: Experts Group Meeting (EGM) “The Role of Metropolitan Development in Supporting the New Urban Agenda”, in Guadalajara (Mexico).
21. Oct 2015: Experts Group Meeting (EGM) on “The Role of Intermediate Cities in Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages towards the New Urban Agenda”. Monteria, Colombia
22. Dec 2015: Food Consumption, Urbanisation and Rural Transformations Regional Workshop Report Nairobi, 12-14 October 2015
23. Sep 16 – 18 2015 – Workshop on Developing Framework for Review of Curriculum for Planning Education in Kenya, Naivasha, Kenya
24. April 2015: 25 Session of the UN-Habitat Governing Council and the Second Preparatory Session for Habitat III (PrepCom2), UNON, Gigiri, Nairobi
25. April 2015: Enhancing Urban Rural Linkages A “think tank” session for Habitat III PrepCom2 and UN-Habitat’s 25GC, UNON, Gigiri, Nairobi
26. May 2013: Biennial of Public Space 2013 'Prove di Citta', Rome, Italy
27. April 2013: International Workshop Towards Scenarios for Urban Adaptation Planning "Assessing seawater intrusion under climate and land cover changes in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania." Rome, Italy
28. May 2010: Green Building Rating in Africa conference in UN-HABITAT, UN Gigiri, Nairobi.
29. October 2010: UN HABITAT/ OCHA workshop on “Strengthening Coordination on Urban Vulnerability in Kenya, UN Gigiri.
30. April 2010: UN HABITAT/OCHA workshop on Strengthening Coordination and Response on Urban Vulnerability in Kenya – Towards a Common Plan.
31. June 2009: AEGIS 3rd European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 3) conference in Leipzig, Germany.

32. Oct 2007: World Habitat Day – A Safe City is A Just City & International Conference on the State of Safety in World Cities 2007, 1 Oct 07 - 5 Oct 07, Cintermex Convention Centre, Monterrey, Mexico.
33. July 2007: Violence Prevention through Upgrading. (VPUU) Dialogue Forum on “the role of community participation and ownership of public spaces in fighting crime and enhancing security,” in Cape Town.
34. Mar 2007: Safer Cities, UN-HABITAT team building workshop.
35. Dec 2005: Habitat Jam online dialogue “Turning ideas into Action.”
36. Sep 2005: 1st Strathmore University Business Conference on Youth Entrepreneurship, Nairobi.
37. May 2005: Design Charrette of Jevanjee Gardens in conjunction with UN-HABITAT, UON and JKUAT.
38. April 2005: 20th Session of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT) Governing Council.
39. Nov 2004: Citywide Nairobi Residents Convention on crime prevention *A Safer City and Home for All-Making it happen*
40. Nov 2004: Safety Audit of Globe Cinema Roundabout in conjunction with the City Council of Nairobi (CCN) and UN-HABITAT.

Grant/ Scholarships Awarded

1. 2017 - PhD Scholarship at the université bordeaux montaigne
2. 2017 - Research Grant by Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR)
3. 2018 - PhD Field Work Grant by Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique (IFRA)
4. 2013 - Scholarship to study a Master of Architecture for Health Scholarship at University of Rome 'Sapienza' Italy
5. 2008 - Field Work Research Grant by CREATING (Collaborative Research in East Africa Territorial Integration within Globalisation)
6. 2007 - Scholarship to study a Master Degree in Urban & Regional Planning at the University of Nairobi

Professional Bodies

1. Graduate Member Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK)
2. Corporate Member Kenya Institute of Planners (KIP)

Community Work and Volunteer Experience

1. Member (2016 – To date) of the Board of Management P.C.E.A Kanjai Secondary School
2. Chairman (2012 – 2016) of the Board of Governors P.C.E.A Kanjai Secondary School
3. Member (2009- 2012) of Board of Governors P.C.E.A Kanjai Secondary School.

Administrative Duties

1. Chairman, Department of Urban and Regional Planning. School of Architecture and the Built Environment, Kenyatta University (2016-2021)