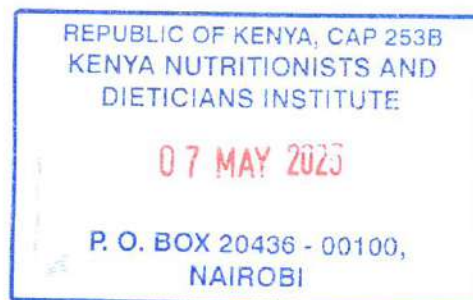


# ***KNDI'S COUNCIL MEMBER VACANT POSITION CLEARED CANDIDATES [(Section 5(2))]***

## **1. PARAGRAPH (a): CHAIRPERSON**



**DR. FREDRICK BENARD AGENGO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

### **PROFILE**

Fredrick Benard Agengo is an accomplished Vocational and Technical Trainer and Researcher specialising in Food Science and Nutrition. He currently heads the Department of Research and Development at *The Eldoret National Polytechnic* and lectures part-time at the *University of Eldoret*. A registered member of the Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute (KNDI), Fredrick has a strong research interest in diet-based interventions for preventing and managing non-communicable diseases (NCDs). His scholarly contributions include impactful research on fortifying cereals with animal proteins to enhance nutritional quality, with several publications in peer-reviewed journals. Fredrick's academic journey encompasses a Ph.D. in Food Science and Nutrition, a Master of Science in Community Nutrition, and a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Nutrition. He has received prestigious scholarships and research grants from various institutions, including Drexel University and VLIR-UOS. Beyond research and teaching, Fredrick plays a key role in curriculum development and policy formulation within the TVET sector. He actively fosters local and international partnerships to strengthen training and research, and is a passionate advocate for youth and women empowerment through skills development programs.

### **MANIFESTO**

**Why Vote for Me:** Proven Leadership; Innovative Thinker; Bridge Builder; Passionate Advocate; Inclusive & Transparent

### **What I Seek to Achieve if Elected**

If given the honour to serve as Chairperson, I will pursue the following key goals:

1. Enhance Professional Recognition & Career Growth
2. Reform and Modernize KNDI Operations
3. Strengthen CPD, Research, and Innovation
4. Advance Policy Engagement & Advocacy.



**PROF. GORDON NGUKA**  
**CHAIRPERSON**



### **PROFILE**

Nutrition and Dietetics from Egerton University, Msc. Clinical Nutrition and Pediatric epidemiology, McGill University in Montreal Canada, PhD in Medical Dietetics and Pediatric Physiology and a Post doctorate in Randomized Control Clinical trials of Nutrients and Food products from Emory University, Atlanta Georgia and is serving as an Associate Professor in clinical nutrition and Dietetics in the department of Nutritional Science and Director Open, Distance and E-Learning of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST). He is also a registered consultant in clinical nutrition and dietetics in Kenya. In November 2018, I was elected the chairman and President of the African Nutritional Sciences Research Consortium (ANSRC) for a Five-year term. In September 2018, I was elected by Nutrition and Dietetics academic representatives from public and private Universities to represent them in the KNDI council as per Cap 253B of the Laws of Kenya, and Now Chairing The accreditation committee of the Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute (KNDI).

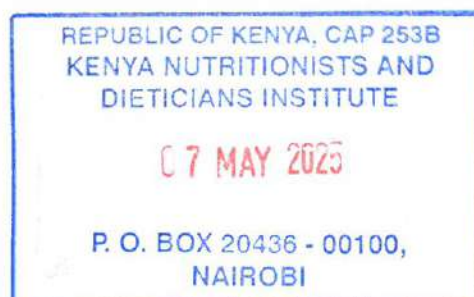
### **MANIFESTO**

It is now time to enhance further the gains made at KNDI and expand it into new territories of implementing Cap 253B, including establishing a postgraduate research University, grounding the profession for the new frontier in capacity building, innovation and ensuring visibility of nutritionists and dietitians in business incubation space, both in private and public sector. I will also strengthen collaboration with relevant government agencies, bilateral and multilateral organisations to enhance service delivery.

## PARAGRAPH (e): UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE



DR. DOROTHY MITUKI, PHD  
UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE



### PROFILE

Dr. Dorothy Mituki-Mungiria is a seasoned academic and nutrition expert with over 18 years of experience in higher education, research, and policy formulation in the field of food and nutritional sciences. She currently serves as the Chair of Department (COD) and Lecturer at the Department of Human Nutrition-Egerton University. Dr. Dorothy holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Nutritional Sciences, a Masters in Science (MSc) in Food Science and dietetics and a Bachelor of Education degree. Her expertise spans maternal and child nutrition, food systems, agrobiodiversity, and policy formulation. She has played leading roles in national and county-level nutrition strategy development, including the National Agri-Nutrition Strategy (2020–2024) and Nakuru County's Food and Nutrition Security Policy. Dr. Dorothy is also a published researcher and contributor to numerous academic publications and e-learning modules. As a passionate advocate for education and community-based health interventions, she brings a unique blend of academic leadership, grassroots impact, and policy influence. Her service on national boards reinforces her commitment to advancing the profession and aligning nutrition practice with national development goals. She has also collaborated in curriculum development and harmonisation with the EU and Eastern African universities.

### MANIFESTO

1. **Strengthening Policy Development and Governance**
  - Advocate for policies that enhance nutritionists' and dieticians' training and professional development.
2. **Enhancing Academic Standards and Accreditation**
  - Support curriculum development that meets global standards while addressing local needs through exchange programmes for faculty, staff, and students in renowned universities
3. **Upholding Quality Assurance**
  - Actively participate in assessments and accreditation of academic programs & address bottlenecks in the accreditation process
  - Work with institutions to identify key areas of improvement in training and research.
  - Facilitate partnerships with not-for-profit organisations to support continuous learning and skills development for the Faculty staff.
4. **Advocating for Academic Interests**
  - Represent the concerns and priorities of universities and colleges within KNDI decision-making processes.
  - Ensure that academic institutions remain influential stakeholders in shaping the profession.
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5. **Commitment to Collaboration and Progress** I believe that the success of the nutrition and dietetics profession lies in strong collaboration between academia and regulatory bodies. Through open dialogue, structured policy engagement, and proactive leadership, I will work tirelessly to ensure our Universities are pivotal in matters relating to Food, Nutrition and Health and continue to produce highly skilled and competent professionals.





**DR. PATRICIA MBOGOGH**  
**UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE**

### **PROFILE**

Dr Patricia Mwaka Mbogoh is a licensed and registered Nutritionist by the Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute, a Lecturer at Pwani university and a Researcher in Human Nutrition with a bias towards maternal and child nutrition. She has over 17 years of teaching and research experience at the university level. She has worked in the education sector for the last 30 years, 13 of which were at a secondary School where she rose to Job Group M, the equivalent of a head of school or institution. At the University, she has been a lecturer in the Department of Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics since its inception. She is the Founder member and lead expert of the Foods and nutrition Programmes at Pwani University, which now boasts of four Levels of Nutrition programmes: Diploma, Degree, MSc and Ph.D. Dr. Mbogoh has held various positions at the university, including Head of Department, School examination coordinator for the school of health and Human Sciences and is the current Dean of Students at Pwani University, a position she has held for the last year. Her vast experience in Education has enabled her to work in various capacities, such as the Chair of the Council of the Kenya Coast National Polytechnic, Secretary to the Kwetu Training Centre Board. She has received multiple accolades, such as being the best teacher for Home Science in Central Province. Her vast experience in the field of Nutrition training and research contributed immensely in providing evidence-based information for the development of the Kilifi county Nutrition Action plan which has been able to influence policy at County level, in terms of budgetary allocations, exposing the shortage of nutritionist in health facilities and influencing policy change. She has over the years at Pwani university continuously built her Research Capacity and attracted funds to the university to the tune of 1.4 million. Dr. Mbogoh has also attracted consultancy work in Nutrition that produced three publications funded by the European Union through an organisation called CISP. She has primarily published in Status of Nutrition in Kilifi, Kwale and Kitui County, Food taboos and nutritional beliefs. Dr. Mbogoh has presented research papers in international and local conferences and participated in critical workshops, including the international workshop on Translating research into Policy held at the Bayero University. Her work has extended beyond the university and into the community, where she has worked with local communities to improve the nutrition status and food security of households in Kilifi County.

### **MANIFESTO**

#### **1. Academic and Professional Integration**

- Fortify links between Universities and KNDI to align training with industry and regulatory standards.

- Advocate for curriculum harmonisation and regular updates to match evolving global trends in nutrition science.
- Push for collaborative research opportunities between academic institutions and national/international partners.

## **2. Student Empowerment and Visibility**

- Promote active student participation in KNDI programs, forums, and policy dialogues.
- Initiate inter-university KNDI student chapters and mentorship programs to prepare students for professional practice.
- Work towards the recognition of student innovation and research at the national level.

## **3. Faculty Support and Institutional Strengthening**

- Champion academic staff representation in KNDI's planning and review processes.
- Advocate for continuous professional development (CPD) support and structured internships for students and lecturers.
- Lobby for establishing strong university–industry linkages for practical exposure and employability.

## **4. Digital Transformation and Communication**

- Establish a real-time digital communication platform to share updates, opportunities, and concerns between universities and KNDI.
- Promote the digitisation of internship tracking, licensing preparation, and CPD activities for university students and staff.

## **5. Policy Advocacy and Inclusion**

- Represent all public and private universities without bias, ensuring inclusivity in decision-making.
- Advocate for clear pathways for student licensing, registration, and transition into the professional arena.
- Push for policies that support nutrition and dietetics research funding and student welfare across Kenyan institutions.

## **Why Me?**

- I recognise the challenges and opportunities facing university students and faculty in nutrition and dietetics.
- I bring strong communication, leadership, and policy advocacy skills on board.
- I am committed to inclusive representation, evidence-based progress, and ethical leadership.



## 2. PARAGRAPH (f) : MIDDLE LEVEL COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE



**MR. SIMON MARUCHA SAMORA**  
**MIDDLE LEVEL COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **PROFILE**

I am a registered and licensed Nutritionist by the Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (KNDI), a qualified Technical Trainer, and an institutional leader committed to advancing excellence in nutrition and education.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Food Science and Nutrition from the University of Eldoret and a Diploma in Technical Trainer Education (Nutrition and Dietetics) from the Kenya School of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (KSTVET).

With extensive experience in food science, nutrition, quality assurance, and academic leadership, I bring strong competencies in curriculum development, healthcare compliance, research, and community engagement.

Trained in Research Methods by the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) I integrate education, industry, and scientific research to drive innovation in food safety, public health, and nutrition practice.

As a candidate for KNDI Council Representative for Middle-Level Colleges (Public & Private), I offer a grounded perspective on the realities of training institutions. My leadership vision focuses on:

- Institutional accountability
- Ethical and transparent governance
- Strengthening Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET)
- Bridging education and employment for nutrition professionals

### **MANIFESTO**

#### **1. Streamline Compliance & Strengthen Institutional Quality**

- **Faster Accreditation:** Advocate for shorter accreditation cycles (annual/biennial) with improved audit resources to ensure institutions remain compliant and responsive.
- **Trainer Capacity Building:** Mandate pedagogical training while supporting current trainers to upskill without losing their positions.
- **Ethics & Standards Enforcement:** To uphold professionalism, introduce compliance clinics, real-time audits, and ethics training for staff and students.

#### **2. Bridge Training to Employment Through Practical CBET**

- Flexible Credentials: Promote modular certifications (micro, partial, full) to accommodate working learners and financial constraints.
- Hands-on Learning: Ensure all programs, including online and distance learning, integrate simulations, hospital attachments, and community outreach.
- External Exam Mandate: Tie course completion to KNEC/CDACC assessments, enforced during KNDI audits, to ensure competency-based readiness.

### 3. Enhance Curriculum for Real-World Relevance

- Strengthen entrepreneurship, food safety, and preventive health units using:
  - Learner-centred teaching
  - Community projects
  - Digital tools and job simulations
- Link students to government youth funds and self-employment programs for nutrition startups.

### 4. Expand Job Opportunities & KNDI's Influence

- Structured Internships: Partner with hospitals, food industries, and NGOS to secure hands-on experience for all students.
- Public Sector Advocacy: Work with the MoH to ensure every health facility (from dispensaries to referral hospitals) employs licensed nutritionists.
- Regulatory Representation: Secure KNDI seats in KEBS, TVETA, Pharmacy Board, and others to advocate for nutritionists' roles in food, agriculture, and health sectors.
- Sector Expansion: Push for KNDI to regulate nutrition roles in food processing, supplements, and pharmaceuticals, creating jobs in auditing, production, and advisory.

### 5. Global Competitiveness & Tech-Driven Learning

- International Partnerships: Secure global internships, online training, and job opportunities for graduates.
- Emerging Technologies: Integrate Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) for simulations (e.g., clinical emergencies, food science training).
- Infrastructure Development: Advocate for donor-funded labs, e-learning tools, and CPD platforms.
- Virtual Practical Exposure: Implement Virtual Reality (VR) of farms, hospitals, and factories for distance learners.





**MR. SILVESTER JAIKA NDORI**

**MIDDLE LEVEL COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **PROFILE**

Mr. Silvester Jaika is a Registered Clinical Dietician (RD) with a Master of Science in Medical Dietetics and a First Class Honours BSc. in Human Nutrition and Dietetics from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), Kenya. He is a member of the Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute (KNDI). His IAEA-funded Master's research focused on maternal and child nutrition, gut health, and the application stable isotopes ( $^{13}\text{C}$  Carbon Sucrose Breath test-  $^{13}\text{CSBT}$ ) to assess intestinal permeability in children. He is also trained in clinical and public health research ethics, having participated in several bioethics workshops, and previously served as a secretariat member of the MMUST Institutional Scientific and Ethics Review Committee (MMUST-ISERC). Currently, Jaika lectures at Rift Valley Technical Training Institute (RVTTI) Eldoret and a trained internal quality audit (IQA) for the health science department. He leads a research consultancy, and serves as a full peer reviewer for the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) and the African Journal of Bioethics (AJB). Has six (6) publications in peer-reviewed journals and attended several nutrition conferences.

### **MANIFESTO**

#### **1. Advance Quality and Relevant Training**

I will advocate for the review and alignment of middle-level College nutrition and dietetics curricula with KNDI competency-based education standards in the wake of modularization of CBET training by the end of my term, through direct involvement in curriculum development and approval processes.

#### **2. Enhance Institutional Accreditation and Capacity Building**

I will organize regional workshops annually to support middle-level colleges in meeting the eleven KNDI Accreditation Standards and will participate in institutional inspection/evaluation visits to strengthen compliance and quality assurance.

#### **3. Promote Professional Development and Representation**

I will launch/ support new Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs targeting tutors and recent graduates, aiming to reach 500 participants per year, and I will hold biannual stakeholder forums to ensure middle-level colleges are actively represented in KNDI decisions.