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He has been Professor of Medicine at the University of Nairobi since 1989, Executive Secretary of Network of African Scientific Organizations from 1990 -1995, Secretary of Network of African Academy of Science (NASAC) since 2001, Chairman of Academic Department of Internal Medicine University of Nairobi from 1986-1990, Dean Faculty of Medicine from 1990-1991 and the Director of Medical Services for Kenya from 1991-1994.

He has published over 100 peer reviewed papers in International Journals and has authored several books including:-

- (i) Human Hydatidosis with Special Reference to Kenya
- (ii) Anti-microbial Agents Manual
- (iii) Textbook of Tropical and Geographical Medicine
- (iv) Medicine in Tropics and Sub-tropics
- (v) Common venomous bites and stings in Kenya

He has presented many papers at International Scientific Conferences worldwide and has been an External Examiner at many Universities. Currently he is on the Advisory Committee to the Editors (ACE), of a multiple International Authored book called "Disease Control Priorities on Developing Countries", sponsored by WHO, World Bank, and the Forqaty Foundation.

Finally in his capacity as the Secretary General and Acting Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences he has participated in many debates on Science and Technology, and Research and Development for Science-led development in Africa.