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CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME	JOHN GITHONGO
DATE OF BIRTH	22 March 1965
NATIONALITY	Kenyan
LANGUAGES	English, Gikuyu and Kiswahili

EXPERTISE

John Githongo served as Permanent Secretary in the Office of the President of the Republic of Kenya in charge of Governance and Ethics from 2003 to 2005. Previously he worked as a Director on Transparency International's global board and as Executive Director of Transparency International-Kenya. He has also worked as a consultant and journalist.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1987 BSc (Hons) in Economics and Philosophy, University of Wales (Swansea)

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

Current **Principal, The Policy Practice Ltd**

2003-2005 **Permanent Secretary in the Office of the President, Republic of Kenya**
John Githongo served as Permanent Secretary in charge of Governance & Ethics, reporting directly to the President.

1999-2003 **Director of Transparency International – Kenya**
Appointed to establish a Kenyan national Chapter of TI. Responsibilities have included:

- **Developing Programmes** with the guidance of the board of directors developed four programmes: advocacy, research, communications and finance & administration. This involved conceptualising the programmes, writing funding proposals, leading the process of hiring staff and consultants, acquisition of new offices and generally setting up the Chapter.

- **Fund raising:** TI-Kenya is funded by the British government DFID, the Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE), USAID, the Finnish Embassy and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. In 2002 these donors approved a five-year flexible programme budget for TI-Kenya worth over KSh.280 million (USD3.6 million).
- **International liaison:** deepening cooperation between African Chapters of TI and initiating annual meetings of these Chapters in Africa. The first meeting was held in Zimbabwe in 2001 and the second in Ghana in 2002.

1995-2003 **Columnist, *The EastAfrican***
Served as a Columnist for *The EastAfrican*, a regional weekly publication of the Nation Media Group.

1999-2002 **Director, Transparency International - Berlin**
Elected onto the global board of Transparency International.

1996-99 **Director, African Strategic Research Institute**
Established the African Strategic Research Institute (ASRI), a consultancy firm specialising in economic and political analysis and, in particular the politics of corruption in Kenya and the rest of the African continent. Clients and collaborators included the following, among others: The Policy Research Group (PRG), World Bank, USAID, UNDP, Centre for Law and Research International (CLARION), United Nations Volunteers (UNV), the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), Article 19, Institute of International and Strategic Studies (IISS), Transparency International, and others.

1998-99 **Editor, *East African Alternatives***
Founded the *East African Alternatives* bi-monthly magazine, a product of the SAREAT NGO, a Ford Foundation funded regional initiative.

1999-2001 **Correspondent, *The Economist***
Served as the correspondent for *the Economist* in Kenya from 1999 to 2001.

1996-98 **Editor of *The Citizen***
Served as editor of *The Citizen*, a monthly publication produced by the Centre for Law and Research International (CLARION).

1994-95 **Host, *The Professional View*, KBC Television**
Host of *The Professional View*, a weekly talk show aired on Kenyan national television.

1993-96 **Director, Intermedia Ltd**
Involved in projects for assorted clients including: FINNIDA (Finish Aid Organisation), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)/Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Co-operative Development/United Nations Population Programme (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/World Bank, DANIDA/Ministry of Health, Arid Lands Project/World Bank, USAID, Belgian Agency of Development Co-operation, PLI(Public Law Institute) and the National Leprosy & TB Project/Dutch Embassy.

1993-94 **Editor of the *Safari Rally Programme***

1992-97 **Associate Editor, *Executive Magazine***
Served as columnist and Associate Editor of *Executive* magazine, a Kenyan monthly business publication.

1990 to date **Director, MANK+ TANK Cartoons & MANK+ TANK Art School, Kenya**
Co-founded the advertising and cartoon animation firm of MANK + TANK – now MANK + TANK Cartoons & MANK + TANK Art School. The School is the only specialised cartoon animation institution of its kind in the region.

1988-90 **Management consultant, Githongo & Associates (Africa) Ltd**

SELECTED RECENT REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Inequality, Ethnicity and the Fight Against Corruption in Africa: A Kenyan Perspective, Journal of the Institute of Economic Affairs (UK), 2006

Anti-Corruption Strategy for a New Government – the first 100 days, NARC, 2002

Africa in Transition, Transparency International-Kenya, 2001

Judicial Decisions in the Fight Against Corruption in Kenya, with Mwalimu Mati, Transparency International-Kenya, 2001

Corruption in Africa, White Book on Africa, 1998

Corruption in Kenya, Our Problems, Our Solutions, Institute of Economic Affairs (Kenya), 1996

OTHER INFORMATION

- Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College, Oxford
- Board member, Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) (2006)
- Awarded the Kenyan Community Abroad (KCA) Award of Excellence in recognition of the fight against corruption in Kenya (2006)
- Eminent Advisor Group, Forum for African Investigative Reporters (2006)
- Member of the Advisory Board, *The African* (2006)
- Patron, Comm. for the Ramphal Centre for Commonwealth Policy Studies (2006)
- Member, Policy Advisory Board, DATA (2006)
- Trustee, Constant Gardener Trust (2005-06)
- Board member, Strathmore Business School, Nairobi, Kenya (2005-06)
- Writer and editor of *Shaka Zulus' Coming to Dinner*, which was performed in Kenya by the Phoenix Players of Nairobi (2005)
- Board member of Kabissa, an NGO whose mission is to make technology a force for change in Africa (2005)
- Young Global Leader - World Economic Forum (2004-06)
- Awarded German-Afrika Prize for Leadership (2004)
- Awarded the Order of the Burning Spear, (First Class) Chief of the Burning Spear (CBS) by the President of Kenya for commitment to service to the Republic of Kenya (2004)
- Trustee of the Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) (1999-2006)
- Third Prize, CNN African Journalist of the Year (1995)

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