


# Prof Abraham K. Waithima's profile

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| <b>1. Name:</b>                           | Prof Abraham K. Waithima, PhD (UCT), CPM (MTI)  |
| <b>2. Passport photo:</b>                 |   |
| <b>3. Job Title and Responsibilities:</b> | <p><i>Type your Job Title and Responsibilities here:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job title: <b>Associate Prof of Economics</b></li> <li>• Responsibilities: <b>Teaching, Research, and student mentorship</b></li> <li>• The school and department: <b>School of Business and Economics, Economics Department</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>4. Biography (About Me):</b>           | <p>Prof Abraham Waithima holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and is an Associate Professor of Economics at Daystar University. He boasts of 25 years of experience at the university level. On a leave of absence from Daystar University, Prof Waithima took up VC's position at the University of Kigali, Rwanda. As the Vice Chancellor, he chaired the Senate, Management Board, Finance and Human Resource sub-committee and Secretary to the University Council. As the VC, Prof Waithima led the restructuring of the finance and human resource functions of the University and the formulation of the University's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. He has consulted for several organizations including APHRC, Kenya's Ministry of Education, Stafford International University in Juba, Australian Council for Education Research (ACER), TJRC/UNDP, FHI360, MESPT, Practical Action and Farm Concern International, among others. Prof Waithima is currently consulting for the Inter-University Council of East Africa in a project titled "Survey on the impact of COVID-19 on higher education, its business implication and proposed recovery strategy". The project objectives are to: Identify the varied responses to the COVID-19 pandemic at the institutional, national, and regional levels, assess the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on higher education activities within the EAC region, develop strategies for mitigating the impact of the pandemic in the short, medium, and long terms. In 2017, Prof Waithima concluded a continent-wide market feasibility study funded by APHRC aimed at determining the feasibility of an online alumni tracking system. Prof Waithima was the Project Manager in a project funded by Australian Council for Education</p> |

Research. The project aimed at assessing the levels of numeracy and literacy among children in 5 counties in Kenya. Prof Waithima has spearheaded the development of numerous curricula; he has supervised over 100 masters as well as several PhD theses. Prof Waithima is the Board Chairman for Daystar Institute of Disability Studies (DIDS). He is a member of the Academic and Student life committee of the Africa International University Council. He is a member of Daystar University Ethics Review, a Board member in CITAM Christian Education and Discipleship, vice chairman of Private University Research Consortium of Kenya (PURCK). He is a member of council for Starford International University College in Juba. He was a member of the Academic committee of the council for Pan-African Christian University. At Daystar University, Prof Waithima has played several key roles including being member of Senate, Management board, job evaluation committee and a member of Council. Prof Waithima has published several papers in peer-reviewed journals, books and book chapters. Prof Waithima's latest publication is a November 2020 book titled "Introduction to Inferential Statistics and Data Analysis for Decision Making". Prof Waithima an active member of CITAM Ngong. He is a retired member of the deacon board for CITAM having served 2 terms.

**5. Academic Qualifications:**

| Qualification | Year | Institution             | Title of Thesis  |
|---------------|------|-------------------------|--|
| PhD Economics | 2011 | University of Cape Town | The role of Gender, Ethnicity and Harambee in corruption: Experimental evidence from Kenya     |
| MSc Economics | 1995 | Addis Ababa University  | The effects of a Nominal Devaluation on Inflation, Trade Balance and Output: The case of Kenya |
| BA            | 1992 | Moi University          |  |

**6. Research Interests:**

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Economics, Experimental Economics, Impact Evaluation

**Research and Consultancy assignments**

| Date | Title   | Client                            | Value of assignment |
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| 2021 | Survey on the impact of COVID-19 on higher education, its business implication and proposed recovery strategy | IUCEA, ESSA and EABC              |                     |
| 2020 | Consortium for Clinical Research Regulation and Ethics  | European and Developing Countries | Euros 499,501.25    |

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|                         |  | Capacity in the Eastern Africa Region   | Clinical Trials Partnership  |        |
|                         | May 2016 to May 2017   | market feasibility study for an Alumni Career Tracker (ACT) in the whole of Africa  | Africa Population Health and Research Centre                           | Ksh 7M |
|                         | June 2016 to January 2017  | A review of the Basic Education Act in Kenya  | AHADI/ USAID and Kenya's Ministry of Education Science and Technology. |        |
|                         | March to April 2016  | The design of governance structure and strategic plan towards the establishment of Starford International University College in Juba, South Sudan | Starford University College in Juba                                    |        |
|                         | February 2016 to April 2017  | Transformative Leadership for Business Growth   | Faulu Microfinance   | 16M    |
|                         | September 2014 to March 2016   | Transformative Leadership for Business Growth   | Family Bank  | 20M    |
|                         | December 2014 to January 2015  | Concurrent Validity test and Inter-rater Reliability Study  | Australian Council for Education Research (ACER)                       | 7M     |
|                         | 2013 to 2015   | A three-pronged Leishmaniasis research project  | Hickey Family Foundation   | 52M    |
|                         | September 2013 to February 2014  | Further analysis of ROADS Program monitoring data   | FHI360   |        |
|                         | February 2012  | Documentation of Socio-economic marginalization among slum dwellers in Nairobi  | TJRC/UNDP  |        |
| <b>7. Publications:</b> | <b>Books</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waithima, A (2020) <b>Inferential Statistics and Data Analysis for Decision Making</b>. CLC Kenya Authors Collaboration. Nairobi, Kenya.</li> </ol> |   |  |        |

<https://kenyacalc.org/product/inferential-statistics-and-data-analysis/?v=be7f575c3bc9>

2. Waithima et al (2017) Faulu Microfinance Coaching and Mentorship manual.
3. Oladipo, R; Bowen, M; Kuria, M; Mageto, P; Munene, A; Ngure, P and Waithima, A (2014) **A Synopsis of the status of the Christian family in Kenya**. Daystar University. Nairobi
4. Waithima, A. (2011) **The impact of Gender, Ethnic heterogeneity and Harambee in corruption: Experimental evidence from Kenya**. VDM Publishing House Ltd. Germany <https://www.amazon.com/impact-gender-heterogeneity-harambee-corruption/dp/3639358864>
5. Waithima, A. (2011) The role of gender, ethnicity and harambee in corruption: Experimental evidence from Kenya. University of Cape Town PhD Thesis [https://open.uct.ac.za/bitstream/item/11487/thesis\\_com\\_2011\\_waithima\\_a.pdf?sequence=1](https://open.uct.ac.za/bitstream/item/11487/thesis_com_2011_waithima_a.pdf?sequence=1)

#### **Book Chapters**

1. Waithima, A and Waithima, C. (2015) **Effects of divorce and separation on children** in Oladipo, R (ed). *Towards redeeming Christian marriage and Family in Kenya*. Daystar University, Nairobi.
2. Waithima, A and Burns, J. (2014) **The role of ethnic heterogeneity on corruption: Experimental evidence from Kenya** in Nduku, E and Tenamwenye, J (ed). *Corruption in Africa: A Threat to Justice and Sustainable Peace*. Globethics.net Focus 14, Geneva <https://www.amazon.com/Corruption-Africa-Threat-Justice-Sustainable/dp/2889310175>
3. Waithima, A. (2013) **The Role of Harambee Contributions in Corruption: Experimental Evidence from Kenya** in Wambalaba, F. and Khan, S. (ed) *Public Policy and Enterprise Development Strategies in Kenya*. <https://www.trustafrica.org/en/publications-trust/icbe-research-reports?start=100>
4. Waithima, A. (2010) **The New Anti-Corruption Czars in Kenya: An Experimental Approach** in Miya, F. & Mageto, P. (ed) (2010). *Developing Continuing Education in Africa*. Daystar University, Nairobi pp 177-211 <http://catdir.loc.gov/catdir/toc/fy13pdf02/2012311606.pdf>

#### **Journal Papers**

1. Irankunda, A., Musau, C. and Waithima, A. (2018) **The Influence of Sources of Social Media Communication on Building Brand Equity in Small Medium Enterprises in Kenya: A Case of Dotsavvy Limited**. *Journal of Marketing and Communication*, 1(1) pp. 43-60 <https://stratfordjournals.org/journals/index.php/journal-of-marketing/article/view/149>
2. Mbiriri M., Waithima A., and Omondi M. (2017) **Psychiatric Morbidity among Adolescents Girls Incarcerated at Kirigiti and Dagoretti Rehabilitation Schools in Kenya**. *American Journal of Applied Psychology*, 5(2) pp. 57-62

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|   | <p>3. Ngure P., Nzau, A., Kiarie, M., Waithima, A., Bowen, M., Ingonga, J., and Ngumbi, P (2017) <b>From Mud and Stick-Walled Houses to Corrugated Iron Sheet Houses: A New Strategy for Preventing Human-Vector Contact in Marigat Sub-County; a Leishmaniasis-Endemic Area in Kenya.</b> <i>Annals of Clinical Cytology and Pathology</i> 3(8)<br/> <a href="https://www.jscimedcentral.com/ClinicalCytology/clinicalcytology-3-1083.pdf">https://www.jscimedcentral.com/ClinicalCytology/clinicalcytology-3-1083.pdf</a></p> <p>4. Waithima, A. &amp; Burns, J. (2014) <b>Does gender composition matter in corruption? Experimental evidence from Kenya.</b> <i>Africa Development Journal</i>, 38(1).</p> <p>5. Ngure, P, Ngumbi, P, Karanja, R, Waithima, A. et al (2013) <b>Effects of <i>Metarhizium anisopliae</i> on sandfly populations in their natural habitats: A cross-sectional study in Marigat, Baringo, Kenya.</b> Working paper</p> <p>6. Waithima, A. (2012) <b>Religiosity and individual-level corruption:</b> <i>European Scientific Journal</i>. 8(20) pp. 62-80<br/> <a href="http://eujournal.org/index.php/esj/issue/view/40">http://eujournal.org/index.php/esj/issue/view/40</a></p> <p>7. Waithima, A (2012) <b>Ruin is now the destiny of every Kenyan, unless we change course.</b> Daily Nation 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012.<br/> <a href="http://www.nation.co.ke/oped/Opinion/-/440808/1470590/-/item/0/-/1u3g5kz/-/index.html">http://www.nation.co.ke/oped/Opinion/-/440808/1470590/-/item/0/-/1u3g5kz/-/index.html</a></p> <p>8. Waithima, A. (2008) <b>Egg or the Chick first; Saving or GDP Growth: Case for Kenya.</b> <i>KCA Journal of Business Management</i>. 1(1)<br/> <a href="https://www.ajol.info/index.php/kjbm/article/view/43817">https://www.ajol.info/index.php/kjbm/article/view/43817</a></p> <p>9. Waithima, A. (2007) <b>Corruption and Economic Growth in Kenya.</b> <i>Perspectives: An Academic Journal of Daystar University</i>. 1(2) pp 69-83.</p> |                  |   |                  |  |              |  |                  |  |              |  |              |  |
| <p><b>8. Classes you teach:</b></p>         | <p>Economics, Statistics, Quantitative Methods at Undergraduate, Masters and PhD</p>  |                  |   |                  |  |              |  |                  |  |              |  |              |  |
| <p><b>9. Board Membership</b></p>           | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dec 2020 to date</td> <td>Board Chairman, Daystar Institute of Disability Studies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug 2020 to date</td> <td>Member, Africa International University Council, Academic and Student Life Committee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017 to date</td> <td>Board Member, CITAM's Christian Education and Discipleship Board</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 2016 to date</td> <td>Member of Council for Stafford International University in Juba, South Sudan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013 to date</td> <td>Vice Chairman of the Private University Research Consortium of Kenya (PURCK)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013 to date</td> <td>Member, Daystar University Ethics Review Board</td> </tr> </table>  | Dec 2020 to date | Board Chairman, Daystar Institute of Disability Studies | Aug 2020 to date | Member, Africa International University Council, Academic and Student Life Committee | 2017 to date | Board Member, CITAM's Christian Education and Discipleship Board | May 2016 to date | Member of Council for Stafford International University in Juba, South Sudan | 2013 to date | Vice Chairman of the Private University Research Consortium of Kenya (PURCK) | 2013 to date | Member, Daystar University Ethics Review Board |
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| <p><b>10. Other relevant links:</b></p>     | <p>On LinkedIn, ResearchGate, Google scholar, etc.</p>  |                  |   |                  |  |              |  |                  |  |              |  |              |  |
| <p><b>11. Official Contact Details:</b></p> | <p>Email: <a href="mailto:akwaithima@daystar.ac.ke">akwaithima@daystar.ac.ke</a> or <a href="mailto:akwaithima@gmail.com">akwaithima@gmail.com</a><br/> Telephone number: +254721297948</p>   |                  |   |                  |  |              |  |                  |  |              |  |              |  |