


Staff Profile for Dr. Dominics D. Ayaa

1. Name:	Dominics Dan Ayaa Senior Lecturer-Daystar University Senior Lecturer-Development Studies
2. Passport photo:	
3. Job Title and Responsibilities:	Senior Lecturer Responsibilities: Curriculum development and review, research, carrying out market surveys, teaching, examination, postgraduate theses supervision, establishing partnership and academic linkages with relevant stakeholders for students in the department of development studies in the school of human and social science.
4. Biography :	<p>I have served as a Kiswahili and social studies teacher at high school, chairman of board of governors of two schools in Teso North sub-county in Busia County.</p> <p>In 1995-1996 served as a trade development officer in the ministry of trade and industry-Government of Kenya. I am a beneficiary and member of the SASAKAWA YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP FUND/ SCHOLARSHIP that funded my postgraduate studies at the University of Nairobi. I am also a full member of the International Society for Development and Sustainability (certificate no-ID: M008399)</p> <p>In 1999-2000 I while serving as a lecturer in the department of community development I successfully coordinated the Norwegian Church funded Aids project in Kyumbi in Machakos County whose goal sensitization of community members on the dangers posed by the HIV and AIDS pandemic</p> <p>During the same period of time I was part of the team that spearheaded the establishment of the 'Daystar farm' which successfully supplied groceries to the Daystar Kitchen, staff and neighboring communities for two years.</p>

In 2000-2001 i was the departmental coordinator for the Kennie community project whose aim was to identify community needs and thereafter through the assistance of donor funding organized successful medical camps and distributed cloth donations to the needy.

In 2003 i was appointed by the University as a lead consultant/researcher to undertake a countrywide monitoring and evaluation of the Baptist Church project titled 'Baptist AIDS Response Agency (BARA) project' sponsored by the Baptist Church in Kenya

In 2004-2005 I served as a principal researcher and departmental research coordinator for the AIDS for the commission for higher education (HIV/AIDS Control Unit) funded project

In 2005-2009 headed the department of community development, Psychology and Social work.

As a head of department I initiated the "Greening Daystar project whole goal was to increase the vegetative cover at Daystar University–Athi-River Campus. This project brought the entire University community together to plant various tree varieties including fruit trees.

I was key in establishing and implementing the bee keeping project at Daystar University which also doubled up as a demonstration project for the community development students

I was also key in the implementation of the appropriate technology program that offers practical skills to community development students in the processing of Juices, detergents, yoghurt and other products

I was the lead person in the development of the master of arts curriculum in community development currently offered in the department of development studies

I was also instrumental in the development of the master of arts programme in Monitoring and evaluation currently being offered in the department of development studies at Daystar University

10th -23rd 2008 Lead consultant with Maanisha-AMREF for the design of a detailed implementation plan (DIP) for their HIV and AIDS project

11th-29 May 2013 I was contracted by Benaphil Consults to evaluate the impact , effectiveness and appropriateness of the ACROSS PEACE ECONOMY Project in the Lakes State Region-South Sudan

I have served as an external examiner for M.A theses in the departments of development studies and Social work at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and in the Institute of Social Ministry in Mission at Tangaza University College.

In 2015 i was appointed a member of the Nairobi City County Management Committee to be part of the team to oversee the conception and implementation of community development projects in the 85 wards

	<p>within Nairobi County. In 2017 I was appointed as the curriculum leader for the Community Development Programme for Lukenya University (Part-time) Peer reviewer the journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development.</p>			
5. Academic Qualifications:	Academic qualification	Year of award	Institution	Thesis title
	PhD.	2013	Kenyatta University	Effects of Changes in Indigenous Environmental Knowledge Systems on the Bio-physical environment and community livelihoods Among the Teso Community in Kenya
	M.A	1996	University of Nairobi	Coping with Effects and Concomitants of Staple Cereal Food crop production in Selected African and Asian Countries
	B.A	1992	University of Nairobi	Economics and Sociology (2 nd class upper division)
	Professional certificate in M&E	2000	African Medical Research Foundation	Certificate of successful training completion
6. Research Interests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous environmental conservation knowledge • Participatory community development • Rangeland management systems 			

<p>7. Publications:</p>	<p>Conferences and Workshops In Sept 1999. I was part of the team that organized a successful international Conference on Care giving in the new Millennium which was hosted by the department of Community development, Psychology and Social Work at Daystar University 16th -20th Oct 2000. Presented a paper titled ‘Mass and sustainable rural development in Sub-Saharan Africa. The case of Kenya at the 12th ACCE in Cairo Egypt 10th July 2003. Presented a paper titled ‘Kenya’s population trend and migration patterns to the Peterborough Christian Society form Canada and a workshop organized by the Karen Presbyterian Church. March 2014. Presented a paper on integration of faith and learning in a workshop organized by Daystar University In August 2016 I was part of the team that organized and facilitated a successful international conference on the ‘Best interest of the Child in the Justice System organized by the Institute of Child Development at Daystar University 4th December 2018. I attended a workshop on Post Graduate Supervision training workshop organized by Tangaza University college 1st March 2019. I attended a workshop on Germany Africa Sustainability and Innovation on invitation by Tangaza University College</p> <p>Lectures I have on several occasions been invited to give public lectures to various women and youth groups in churches, schools and other public places on empowerment and environmental health.</p>
<p>8. Classes you teach:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I teach proposal and report writing skills • Advanced Sociological theory • Social research methods • Economic development • Environmental health education and extension <p>Peer Reviewed Journal Articles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ayaa D, D. and F. Waswa. (2016): Role of indigenous knowledge systems in the conservation of the bio-physical environment among the Teso community in Busia County-Kenya. African Journal of Environmental Science and Technology. 10 (12) 467-475, DOI: 10.5897/AJEST 2016.2182, ISSN 1996-0786. http://www.academicjournal.org/AJEST 2. Ayaa D, D and Kipterer J.K (2018). The role of indigenous technical knowledge and geographical information systems (GIS) in sustainable natural resource management around the Teso Community in Kenya. Journal of Ecology and the Natural Environment. 10(6) 97-107, DOI: 10.5897/JENE 2018, ISSN:

	<p>2006-9847. http://www.academicjournal.org/JENE</p> <p>3. Ayaa D, D. and Kipterer J.K (2018) Effects of Changes in Use of Indigenous Knowledge Systems on Land Cover in Teso Busia County, Kenya. African Journal of Environmental Science and Technology 12(10), 384-396, DOI:10.5897/AJEST2017.2332,ISSN1996-0786.http://www.academicjournals.org/AJEST</p> <p>4. Ayaa D.D. Indigenous Knowledge can save the Environment. Daily Nation Newspaper 22nd May 2017</p>
<p>9. Other relevant links:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResearchGate • Google scholar.
<p>10. Official Contact Details:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email:dayaa@daystar.ac.ke • Telephone number(s) +254 (722319165) • Social Media details: twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn etc.