


Daystar University Staff Profile Template

<p>1. Name:</p>	<p>Leah Jerop Komen, PhD Deputy Director, Research Directorate-Daystar University Senior Lecturer, School of Communication Reviewer-Ethics and review Board-Daystar University</p>
<p>2. Passport photo:</p>	
<p>3. Job Title and Responsibilities:</p>	<p>Deputy Director Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as Director Research when the Director is away • Assure quality of theses • Organize and conduct trainings for thesis supervisors, postgraduate students and editors • Edit and post all faculty and students researches on the website • Draft and update policies that would facilitate the flourishing of the Centre • Edit and follow up on all publications to ensure that they are published in a timely manner • Review all proposals submitted to the Centre for funding • Attend the following meetings; Senate, Academic division board, Ethics Board, Postgraduate Bureau, Research Committee • Perform any other job as delegated from the Director <p>Teaching Development communication courses both at Masters & Doctoral levels</p>
<p>4. Biography (About Me):</p>	<p>I have been a teacher of Music and English at various international schools among them: Netherlands school, The Nairobi Japanese School and the Swedish school here in Kenya (2008-2010). Later on Joined Daysar as an adjunct in 2008. I left for my Doctoral studies and later returned to teach at Daystar University where I have been to date.</p> <p>I have skills in teaching for transformation and have a postgraduate Diploma</p>

in Education with an emphasize on the learner centered approach.

I have presented several academic papers that have led to collaboration in research with Colleagues in both Europe and US. My recent work is on the use of mobile telephony among rural women in Western Kenya that is in collaboration with a professor from Nanyang Tech University in Singapore

It is through such international settings that I was appointed a member of the International Communication Association (ICA) as a membership & Internationalization committee for 3 years ending 2020

I am also an appointed member of the international association of media, communication research (IAMCR) clearing house that is tasked with making public statements on behalf of the IAMCR. I have recently been appointed an IAMCR Ambassador in charge of Africa.

As my contribution to the society I have written a book titled: The Delight of worship: Communicating through praise and worship found here:
<https://www.amazon.com/Delight-Worship-Communicating-Through-Praise/dp/1491888601>

I have also recorded 40 songs in 4 albums: Bwana Anasema, Ameniweka Huru, Berurot and Thank you Holy spirit –available on youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o262cNi3ytU&t=56s>

5. Academic Qualifications:

<i>Academic qualifications</i>	<i>Year of award</i>	<i>Institutions</i>	<i>Theses title</i>
<i>PhD in New Media & Development</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>University of East London (2011-2014)</i>	<i>Mobile assemblages and Maendeleo in Rural Kenya: Case of Marakwet, Kenya</i>
<i>MA Development Communication</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>Daystar University (2006-2008)</i>	<i>Adoption of Furrow Technology in Marakwet: A Case study of Tot Irrigation scheme, Kenya</i>
<i>BA Community Development(Integrated)</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>Daystar University (2003-2006)</i>	
<i>Diploma</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>Daystar University (2001-2003)</i>	
<i>Postgraduate certificate in higher education training</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>Daystar</i>	

<p>6. Research Interests:</p>	<p>My research interests include: the domestication of communication technologies in Sub-Saharan Africa and how human-technology and context interrelationships form part of social assemblages that intersect with development</p>
<p>7. Publications:</p>	<p><i>Journal articles</i></p> <p>Komen, L.J. (2017). Mobile telephony and copresence in Marakwet, Kenya. <i>Journal of Development and Communication Studies</i>, 5(1): 44-55. https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jdcs.v5i1.3</p> <p>Komen, L. (2016). M-PESA: A Socio-economic assemblage in rural Kenya. <i>Networking Knowledge: Journal of the MeCCSA Postgraduate Network</i>, 9(5), 1-12. doi:10.31165/nk.2016.95.458</p> <p>Komen, L. (2016). ““Here you can use it”. Understanding mobile phone sharing and the concerns it elicits in rural Kenya. <i>for (e) dialogue</i>, 1(1), 52-65. doi:10.29311/for(e)dialogue.v1i1.532</p> <p>Karaimu, P.K., Kimotho, S, and Komen, L.J (2016) Influence of Media Messages on Self-Efficacy Towards Cervical Cancer Screening among women aged 18-30 Years in Kiambu Institute of Technology. http://erepo.usiu.ac.ke/handle/11732/1/discover?query=KOMEN+&submit=Go</p> <p>Komen, L. (2014). Mobile assemblages and <i>Maendeleo</i> in rural Kenya; A case of Marakwet (Unpublished PhD thesis). London, UK: University of East London. Available at: http://roar.uel.ac.uk/4182/</p> <p>Books</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Delight of worship: Communicating through praise and worship found here: https://www.amazon.com/Delight-Worship-Communicating-Through-Praise/dp/1491888601 <p><i>Invited presentations</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Inaugural African Parliamentary researchers Conference Held between 18th-22nd March, 2019 at Crowne Plaza, Kenya: Presented a paper titled: Leveraging ICTS for Research & Decision-making. 2. 2017 Edition of the International Association for Media and Communication Research Conference held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia July 16th to 20th, 2017. Presented a paper titled: Challenges

	<p><i>of African scholars and early career researchers at the IAMCR closing ceremony panel</i></p> <p>3. 67th Annual conference of the International communication Association Held at San Diego between may 25th and 29th, 2017. <i>presented a paper titled : M-Learning: Appropriating Social Media for pedagogy in Africa.</i></p> <p><i>Professional workshops attended</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DIES proGRANT proposal writing for Research Grants training a three section training course held in 2016 -funded by DAAD 2. DIES proGRANT Alumni workshop on Teaching Approaches in higher education held between 6th-8th Dec, 2017 at Cologne University, Germany-Funded by DAAD
<p>8. Classes you teach:</p>	<p><i>I teach postgraduate courses below</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theories of Development Communication 2. Seminar in Development and Health Campaigns 3. Risk Communication 4. Programme Monitoring and Evaluation 5. Media and Christianity
<p>9. Other relevant links:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResearchGate, Google scholar, Academia-edu , • International communication association(ICA) • International association of media communication and research (IAMCR) • East Africa communication Association(EACA) • Communication for Development (C4D) Network.
<p>10. Official Contact Details:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: lkomen@daystar.ac.ke or ledavid2002@gmail.com • Telephone number(s) +254722461396 • Social Media details: @Leahkomen1, Facebook, LinkedIn etc.