

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Personal details

Name: Michael G. Gikuhi  
Profession: Geoscientist  
Year of birth: 1962  
Nationality: Kenyan  
Languages: English, Kiswahili

## Career Highlights

Michael Gikuhi is currently a Director at Kenya International Boundaries Office, Cabinet Affairs Office, and is in charge of Maritime and Continental Shelf. He advises government on technical related maritime and deep seabed matters.

He is a serving member of the Legal and Technical Commission from March 2019.

He has a clear understanding of the functions and documents of the Legal and Technical Commission and has participated in all the meetings of the Commission since his election in 2019. He is keen on implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Law of the sea, the deep seabed regime and the common heritage of humankind.

Leads the scientific team defending Kenya's continental shelf submission before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental (CLCS) shelf in New York.

Was in charge of the scientific preparation of Kenya's Submission to the CLCS.

Lead scientist in two UNCLOS marine surveys involving bathymetric and seismic data acquisition, including design of the survey plans, implementation and reporting.

Has worked as a geoscientist for over 30 years, and has vast practical experience in geological, geochemical and geophysical related work including data acquisition, processing, interpretation and application.

## Academic Qualifications

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

1999: Postgraduate Diploma (Expl. Geophysics), International Institute of Aero-surveys and Geosciences (The Netherlands).

### UNIVERSITY LEVEL

1987: University of Nairobi, BSc (Hons) Geology

## Professional Experience

### 2015 to date

Director: Maritime and Continental Shelf, Kenya International Boundaries Office, Cabinet Affairs Office.

### 2006 - 2015

Geophysicist/Lead scientist: Taskforce on Delineation of Kenya's Continental Shelf, Cabinet Affairs Office

## **2002 - 2006**

Senior Supt. Geophysicist: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mines and Geological Department

## **1998 - 2002**

Supt. Geophysicist: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mines and Geological Department

## **1991 - 1998**

Geophysicist II: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mines and Geological Department

## **1988 - 1991**

Geophysicist (Trainee): Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mines and Geological Department

## **Seminars, Workshops and Meetings**

- Kingston, Jamaica: International Sea bed authority meeting (July 2014).
- New York USA: A member of the Kenya delegation to the Meetings of State Parties to UNCLOS for the 32<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> meetings.
- New York USA: Made the technical part of the Repeat oral presentation of Kenya's Continental shelf Submission (Sept. 2014) to the CLCS.
- Buenos Aires Argentina: Sharing experiences on the delineation of the outer limits of Continental shelf (Oct. 2011).
- Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Southern and Eastern African Mineral Centre (SEAMIC) - GIS Database Development (Nov. 2005).
- University of Witwatersrand, SA Refresher Course – Modern aspects of remote sensing and geoinformation science for professionals in earth sciences (Sept-Oct 2003)
- Kunming, China 2002 China TCDC International Training Course on Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (Aug-Oct 2002).

## **Membership in professional societies:**

- Geological society of Kenya - Professional member,
- Geologists Registration Board of Kenya - Registered Geologist,
- National Environmental Management Authority of Kenya - Registered Lead expert EIA/EA

## **Awards and honours**

Accorded, on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2008, the honour and style of The Order of Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW) by the Head of State for devotion and Commitment to service of the Nation.