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Education: (Degree and Professional)

PhD - Horticultural Physiology and Nutrition, University of London, UK. 1995

MSc-Agronomy, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1988

BSc Agriculture, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1983

Areas of Research: Research for Development in African Indigenous Vegetables, New Rice for Africa (NERICA) Rice, Agricultural biodiversity, *In situ* and *Ex-situ* Conservation of Biodiversity for food security and nutrition and poverty alleviation. Agronomic, Physiological and Nutritional studies of African indigenous vegetables and bambara nut, NERICA Rice and other indigenous food crops. Effective Technology transfer to end users to create impact and results

Publications: (5 key ones). African Indigenous Vegetables in Urban Agriculture, (2009), Earthscan. The role of Universities in Promoting Underutilized Crops: A case of African Indigenous vegetables at Maseno University. *Acta Horticulturae* (2009) **806:155-162**; The Diversity of Cultivated African Leafy Vegetables in Three Communities in Western Kenya. *African Journal of Food Agriculture, Nutrition and Development*. (AJFAND) online journal www.ajfand.net 2007, **7:3**; Seed Production And Support Systems For African Leafy Vegetables in Three Communities in Western Kenya. *African Journal of Food Agriculture, Nutrition and Development*. (AJFAND) online journal www.ajfand.net 2007, **7:3**

Awards and Distinctions: (in life): Won 1st Prize and RUFORUM trophy for African wide CTA/FARA/ ATPS/RUFORUM/ NEPAD/AGRA Young Professionals and Women scientist Research Competition in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 2009. Won CGIAR 2007 Award for recognition of the work done by the "**Team members of the African Leafy Vegetable Project**", Won American Ambassador's Girlchild School calendar project in 2006 as a role model; The Rockefeller Gender and Diversity mentoring program (FELLOWSHIP) July 2005-July 2007; International Foundation For Science Research Award on Sustainable Agriculture Initiative-Intercropping of African Indigenous Vegetables 2004-2006; EU RESEARCH ON COORDINATION ACTION. **IndigenoVeg** 2006-2008.

What can you say about yourself that you wish other people to know? Prof Abukutsa's purpose is to serve and touch lives of people especially the youth and women. Her mission statement is "***To Live, to learn and to Provide Excellent service with Love Truths, Joy, Integrity, Competence, Humility and Dedication so that I am optimally used for Worthy purposes in Society and Leave a Legacy***". As Professionals, researcher and service providers in whatever capacity we serve the most important outcome is touching lives and transform society and translate whatever we do into development. We stop working when we die not when we retire.