

C.V. for Patience N. Nyakanda

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6. Education

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Qualification</u>
Goromonzi High School	1980 – 1983	8 O-level passes
	1984 -1985	3 A-level passes
University of Zimbabwe	1986 -1988	BSc. Agric Hons. (awarded degree with upper 2 nd class)
University of Birmingham & Reading University	1991 -1993	MPhil. in Plant Breeding and Crop Improvement (awarded degree with distinction)
Empretec Zimbabwe	September, 2004	EMPRETEC Entrepreneurship Training Workshop

7. Language skills (1-excellent, 5- basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	1	1	1
Shona	1	1	1

8. Membership to Professional Bodies

Body	Membership
Zimbabwe Plant Breeders Association	Ordinary member

9. **Specialisation:** Plant Breeding & Crop Improvement,

10. **Present Position:** Marketing director Fruit- it, ZPBA Coordinator (voluntary)

11. Key skills:

- Plant Breeding & propagation
 - Seed production
 - Computer Literate
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- Project/Event planning & implementation
- Analytical including data analysis and interpretation
- Sales & marketing
- Communication- written, oral, presentations

12. Specific Experience

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Experience Details</u>
Fruit-It: A Family-owned SME focusing of provision of fruit tree seedlings & fruit production	Marketing Director (December 2004- Current)	With Fruit-It (our family founded & owned SME) I am responsible for marketing and sales of the products to various clients (NGOS, retail nurseries, various individuals & companies) as well as providing advisory & consultancy services.
African Centre for Fertiliser Development (ACFD)	Seed Production Specialist (April 2003- November 2004)	As a seed production specialist at ACFD I was tasked to revive and strengthen the production of breeders' and foundation seed. I also contributed to training farmers taking part in the ACFD implemented conservation project
Crop Breeding Institute (CBI)- DR&SS, Ministry of Agriculture	Acting Head of Institute (March 2002-March 2003)	As an acting Head of CBI I was leading a team of nine research officers by coordinating planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of crop breeding programs. This post involved mentoring young breeders
Crop Breeding Institute (CBI)- DR&SS, Ministry of Agriculture	Groundnut Breeder (June 1994- March 2003)	As a groundnut breeder I was responsible for a research program whose major objective was the release of improved varieties for production and use by industry. The major highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • multiplication and maintenance of seed of various groundnut varieties and lines, • broadening the national groundnut gene pool through sourcing new genotypes from international groundnut breeding programs as well as making new crosses. • evaluation of various lines at locations around the country and identification of

		<p>elite lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • release of improved groundnut varieties and to this end I released two short season varieties (Teal, Jesa) in 1999 and two other short season varieties (Ilanda and Tern) had been registered and were in the process of being released when I left CBI in 2003. • initiated and implemented a groundnut seed production training program for smallholder farmers using farmer field school approaches • Co-authored a handbook '<i>Recommended groundnut production practices for smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe</i>' with Dr G L Hildebrand which was sponsored by the SADC/ICRISAT groundnut project. • Represented the country in the steering committee of the SADC/ICRISAT groundnut project. • Presented training seminars to students, extension officers and industry covering aspects on groundnut breeding, varieties, seed production and crop production.
<p>Cotton Research Institute (CRI)-DR&SS, Ministry of Agriculture</p>	<p>Cotton Breeder (January 1989-May 1994)</p>	<p>As a cotton breeder my responsibility was to plan and conduct the national cotton breeding program with the objective of releasing improved varieties for production by farmers and use by industry. Below are relevant highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and maintenance of breeders seed of various cotton varieties and provision of technical advice in cotton seed production. • Resource person for several years on the 'Cotton training course' run at the Cotton Training Center for students and local & regional extension officers

Independent Agriculture consultant	2016- to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Zimbabwe Plant Breeders Association coordinator providing administration/ secretariat services since its launch in January, 2016
	Sept 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the expert review team for the Access to Seed Index (ASI) for the East and Southern Africa Region in 2017
	October 2016-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of a team which conducted studies for The African Seed Access Index (TASAI) for Zimbabwe in 2016
	Nov 2015-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content development for Ecofarmer messages for groundnut (November, 2015) and beans (January, 2016)-consultancy contract with MercyCorps Harare
	2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted a consumer snap survey and presented findings at the Crop Breeding Institute 2013 planning workshop titled 'Building profitable crop value chains through further exploitation of improved varieties' in November 2013.
	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource person for the CBI organized Seed Production training program held at ARDA Ninjo in September, 2003
	2002-2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the team of consultants that developed a curriculum and training material for a competency based training program for trainers on Small-scale Seed Production sponsored by the GTZ-SSSP project.

REFEREES

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