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Biography

Walter Odongo is currently a lecturer of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Rural Development and Agribusiness, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Gulu University. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture (Makerere University), a Master's of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics (Makerere University), a Post Graduate Diploma in Project planning and Management (Gulu University) and a PhD in applied biological sciences (Ghent University). Walter has participated in several international scientific conferences, seminars and workshops with oral contributions. Walter has several research articles published in international peer reviewed journals. Walter has specialised skills and interests in project proposal writing and implementation, agribusiness supply chain management research, agri-entrepreneurship development, agricultural and rural development, and designing and managing outreach interventions.

Selected publications

1. *Odongo W* and S.Etany, (2018): Value chain and marketing margins of cassava: an assessment of cassava marketing in northern Uganda. *African journal of food agriculture nutrition and development*, 18(1), 13226-13238.
2. Olum, S., Gellynck, X., Okello, C., Webale, D., *Odongo, W.*, Ongeng, D., & De Steur, H. (2018). Stakeholders' Perceptions of Agronomic Iodine Biofortification: A SWOT-AHP Analysis in Northern Uganda. *Nutrients*, 10(4), 407.
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6. De Steur, H., *Odongo, W.*, & Gellynck, X. (2016). Applying the food technology neophobia scale in a developing country context. A case-study on processed matooke (cooking banana) flour in Central Uganda. *Appetite*, 96, 391-39
7. *Odongo, W.*, Kalule, S., Kule, E., Ndyomugenyi, E., Omara, P., & Ongeng, D. (2017). Responsiveness of agricultural training curricula in African universities to labour market needs: the case of Gulu University in Uganda. *African Journal of Rural Development*, 2(1), 67-76.
8. Kalule S.W., *Odongo W.*, Kule E., E.K. Ndyomugenyi E.K., Omara., P., and Ongeng D. 2016. Conceptualizing Student-Centred Outreach Model for experiential learning and community transformation. *African Journal of Rural Development*, Vol. 1(3): 2016: pp. 219 – 227.

Research funding

- 2018-2019: Team leader for enhancing the students' enterprise training (SES) at Gulu University.
- 2016-2024: Team member for Transforming African Agricultural Universities to meaningfully contribute to Africa's growth and development" at Gulu University, funded by the MasterCard Foundation
- 2016-2019: Manager for the project "Agronomic Bio fortification to improve iodine intake in Northern Uganda: a stake holder based approach" funded by VLIR-UOS, Belgium
- 2013: Capacity building of staff from Dr. John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology and Ministry of Agriculture, Jonglei State, South Sudan.
- 2012-2013: Project manager for the "Consolidation of peace through strengthening Women's' Economic Associations in Northern Uganda", funded by the World Bank.
- 2012-2013: Team member of "Enhancing capacity for Agricultural Research and Training in Gulu University", funded NUFFIC, the Netherlands
- 2012: team members of training farmers in fruit farming as a business in 11 districts in northern Uganda. Funded by Trust fund for victims Grant program through CARE (Uganda).
- 2012: Training of extension service providers in Unity State, South Sudan, organized by Mercy corps, South Sudan.
- 2011: Training of extension service providers in Unity State, South Sudan, organized by World Relief.
- 2011-2013: Co-researcher for the project "Unlocking the potential of edible insects for improved food security, nutrition and adaptation to climate change in the Lake Victoria basin, NR-05-10, Funded by Inter-University Council for East Africa
- 2010: Leader of the project "Capacity Building of smallholder farmers in Gulu District in Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship skills, funded by JICA