

Committee: **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority**

Organization/Sector represented: **African Federation of London and Area (ACFOLA)**

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Occupation: **Project Manager**

Work experience: **Jethro Odanga Edubagwa, (PhD): is a Kenyan born Canadian resident, currently living in London, Ontario. He is the Project Manager of the Labour Market Partnership Program funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities in London, Ontario. His job harnesses potentials, priorities and needs for attaining successful cooperative unions, sustainable job growth, labour skills and opportunities for incentives and business growth for African Canadians in London and area. Before migrating to Canada in 2004, a Professor in the Department of Wildlife Management. He has a cumulative 26-year working experience that has enabled him to develop various skills including: leadership; planning, evaluation and monitoring; project management; project co-ordination; project implementation; analytical; grant proposal writing; program and policy development; and social assistance programs. His career development includes being a high school teacher, a youth counselor, a Tutor in a teachers' Training College, a University Professor and researcher; and a College Administrator. He was the founder member of the Department of Wildlife Management, Moi University, Kenya, where he rose from the position of a graduate Assistant to Senior Lecturer. He was appointed the Head of his Department in the late 90s, a position he held before migrating to Canada. Jethro is the founder Principal of Kitabi College of Conservation and Environmental Management in Rwanda where he provided technical leadership; direction; coordination and administration. Previously, he consulted with World Wildlife Fund project, and was an external examiner for School of Environmental studies at Egerton University, Kenya and at Kenyatta Universities in Kenya. During his years at the University, Jethro supervised more than 40 projects in environmental and wildlife socio-economic studies & sciences. He was a pioneer instructor with Tropical Biology Association, a UK-based program that currently conducts its programs in Africa.**

Education: **Jethro is a holder of the following credentials. 1. Bachelor of Education (Science), Uo Nairobi, Kenya. 2. Msc (Biology of Conservation), Uo Nairobi, Kenya. 3. PhD (Zoology), Uo Guelph, ON Canada. 4. Teacher with Teachers Service Commission, Kenya.**  
Skills: **1. Planning, evaluation and monitoring of ecological projects; 2. Management, co-ordination, and implementation of conservation related projects; 3. Project assessment / analyses; 4. Grant proposal assessment / writing; 5. Program and policy development; 6. Currently interested in social entrepreneurship.**

Interest reason: **I believe I have what it takes to contribute positively to what I call my home town.**

Contributions: **As a community leader within the African Canadian Federation of London and Area, and as a person interested in conservation issues, I see myself enriching decision making process to this body.**

Past contributions: **1. I was a committee member of, Important Bird Areas (IBA) of the National Museums of Kenya.**

Interpersonal: **Overseas Experiences: 1. Senate member in Kenya 2. As the Principal of a Conservation college in Rwanda, I sat on many NGO and Government committees that required consensus on various issues. 3. Here in London, I have been a Board member at Across Language Translation and interpretation; as well I served on the Cross cultural learner centre as a Board member. 4. I was the founder President of the Kenyan Canadian Living in Ontario (KECALO), a registered community organization in London. In its formative stages, I had to accommodate and appreciate various contributions that were brought on the table. Today, KECALO is one of the most vibrant African Canadian Community Organization in the city of London.**

Interview interest: **Yes**