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**About/Introductory
statement**

Julia serves as the Dean of the School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bio-engineering, Makerere University (Uganda) and is also staff in the Department of Agricultural & Bio-systems Engineering.

Qualifications

- **Ph.D.**, Food Processing Engineering; Makerere University, Uganda;
- MENG (Agricultural Engineering), University of Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA. (1999 - 2001)
- Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Engineering - (*Upper Second Division*), Makerere University, UGANDA (1990 - 1994)

Biography

Julia Kigozi, is an Agricultural Engineer, specializing the training and research of Food Process Engineering related courses. She is a senior lecturer at Makerere University, the leading public University in Uganda and currently serves as the Dean, School Food Technology, Nutrition and Bioengineering, Makerere University.

Her research focuses on Agro-processing Solutions including; post handling of crops, design and optimization of food engineering operations, design of food processing equipment and Food processing plant design. She has 51 published papers and 1 patent to her name. She has over 10 years' experience consulting in this area and has been involved in the design and construction of several agro-processing equipment, product optimization and food process design. She has worked with communities in the post-harvest handling of fruits, grain and Mukene fish (Silver fish). She now runs a project in which MSME's in the Agro-processing industry are empowered to meet the capacity and quality of products for the local and export markets. She is also the founder and managing Director of Jazi Agro-processing Solutions Ltd, a company that provides solutions for the agro-processing industry in provision/procurement of agro-processing equipment, design, setup and management of processing facilities, optimization of food products and training of agro-processors to meet quality and capacity for the market.

Professional Experience

- 2023 - date Dean, School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bio-engineering, Makerere University
- 2020 - date Managing Director and proprietor JAZI Agro-processing Solutions Ltd
- 2020 - date Senior Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural and Bio-systems Engineering, Makerere University
- 2007 - 2015 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Agricultural and Bio-systems Engineering, Makerere University
- 2003 - 2007 Lecturer in Agricultural Engineering, Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe
- 1997 - 2003 Assistant Lecturer in Agricultural Engineering Department, Maker University
- 1994 - 1996 Agricultural Engineer trainee, Kawanda Agricultural Research Institute

Teaching

Undergraduate Level

- AEN 1101 Mathematics
- AEN 2212 Farm Engineering
- AEN 1106 Engineering Mechanics
- BPE 1101 Introduction to Bioprocessing
- AEN 1203 Natural Products Chemistry

AEN 2208 Post Harvest Engineering
BPE 3103 Unit Operations
AEN 3113 Applied Rheology
AEN 3206 Design of Processing Equipment
BPE 3104 Product and Process Development
AEN 4107 Design of Agricultural Machinery

Graduate Level

AEN 7130 Advanced Agricultural Processing Engineering
AEN 7231 Advanced Food Engineering
AEN 7202 Bio-Engineering

Research Experience

Principal Investigator- Awarded Projected Funding to set up a "Common User facility for packaging", by Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation, amounting to 2.7 Billion Uganda Shillings. 2023

Principal Investigator-Awarded Consultancy to Set up and procure equipment for a Sweet potato processing plant under SPVCDTTP project funded by Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (334,000,000 Ugx) - November 2022

Awarded for (Phase 2) Research Grant (Principal Investigator), Empowerment of the Agro-Processing Industry to meet the Quantity and Quality Standards for the Local and Export Market; a Programme Enhancing the Practical Skills of Students in Makerere University. Funded by RIF, Makerere University (Totaling to 169,800,000 Ugx) October 2022

Consultancy to train 60 participants on the "Implementation of two pilot field trainings in harmonized EAC standards for the EAC/ SEAMPEC program, Regional Industrial value addition (implemented by GFA), funded by GIZ (Totaling to 3,910 USD)-2022

Co-Investigator, Research project on Unlocking the potential of phage-infused and bee waxed Nang-nang (brycinus nurse) market products, funded by MoSTI, Government of Uganda.(Totaling to 140,000,000ugx)-2021

Awarded Consultancy to develop a Snack bar from sweet potatoes and beans. Funded by Harvest Plus. (7800 USD)-2022

Awarded Research Grant (Principal Investigator), "Exploring the Use of Indigenous Medicinal Plants to Strengthen the Resilience of Communities to Covid-19". Funded by BioInnovate Africa Programme (Totaling to 40,000 USD)-2021

Awarded Research Grant (Principal Investigator), "Developing Innovative Technology for the Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises' (MSMEs) in the Food Processing industry". Funded by CAES-ISP (Totaling to 20,000 USD)-2020

Awarded Research Grant (Principal Investigator), Empowerment of the Agro-Processing Industry to meet the Quantity and Quality Standards for the Local and Export Market; a Programme Enhancing the Practical Skills of Students in Makerere University. Funded by RIF, Makerere University (Totaling to 223,000,000 Ugx)- 2020

Research Grant (Co-investigator)- Optimization of the extrusion processing conditions for a banana composite flour enriched with Amaranthas and soya grain, for weaning children 6-24 months; Optimization of the process for the production of Tomato Ketchup enriched with carrots and mangoes; Optimization of the extrusion processing conditions for a banana-based composite flour for weaning children 6-24 months; Quality evaluation of solar dried pineapple during processing and storage, Development and optimization of the production process of a nutrient enriched snack bar and Optimizing the processing conditions and formulation of a banana-vegetable instant soup flour. Funded by RELOAD project.

Research Grant (Co-investigator)- Design, Fabrication and performance testing of a Refractance window dryer. Funded by BIOINNOVATE project-2019-2022

Awarded Research Grant (Principal Investigator): Design and construction of Agro-processing equipment (Batch Pasteuriser, Soy-milk extractor, Fruit pulper, Cocoa dehuller, Mulondo chopping machine, Soya roaster, Soya steamer, Funded by the Food Technology Business Incubation centre under the government of Uganda (totaling to 22,000 USD over 4 years)-2018

Awarded- Research Grant (Principal Investigator): A study of the drying kinetics, quality and shelf- stability of dried *Rastrineobola argentea* (silverfish) under varying processing and storage methods & Development of Shelf stable Fish sausage and Crackers, Funded by World Fish. (28,665 USD)- 2018

Awarded Consultancy (Consultant): Development of value-added products from Sorghum, millet and pigeon pea/ Funded by ICRISAT. (16,850 USD) -2018

Awarded Consultancy (Co-Investigator): Technical Inspection and Verification of Agricultural Equipment and Machineries/ World Vision Uganda. (1,500 USD)

Research groups and Centres

Agro-processing Research group, Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.
Education Collaborative

Community based work

Academic:

- Acting principal and Deputy principal (23rd October- 5th November, 2023)
- Dean, School of Food Technology Nutrition and Bio-Engineering (July 2023- date)
- Consultancy to train 60 participants (Fruits, Vegetables and leather Industry) on the "Implementation of harmonized EAC standards for the EAC/ SEAMPEC program, Regional Industrial value addition (implemented by GFA), funded by GIZ
- Empowerment of 40 MSME Agro processors in processes enabling them to meet quality and capacity for the local and international markets.
- Empowering students with skills to enable them to support the agro-processing industry
- Developed various equipment for the Food Processing Industry in Uganda,
- Improvement of Mukene Processing at selected shores on Lake Victoria,
- Built a maize cleaner and biomass dryer for the Kamuli, University of Iowa Project
- Technical Inspection and Verification of Agricultural Equipment and Machineries for World Vision Uganda which were to be dispatched to several communities around Uganda

General:

- Children Neighbourhood Cell Facilitator, Watoto Church (2014 - to date)
- Cooking Mentor, Apples of God programme, Watoto Church. (2014 - to date)
- Cell leader. Watoto adult neighbourhood cell. (2017 - to date)
- Patron, School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Engineering student fellowship (2013- to date)
- Cell Leader, Mengo, Kampala Pentecostal Church (2002- 2007)

Publications

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Patents

UG/U/2020/12: The Electric and Biomass Powered Refractance window dryer Apparatus

UG/U/2021/5: The Decker Refractance Window Dryer Apparatus

Membership to

Member of International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES)

Professional Bodies

Member of African Women in Science and Engineering (AWSE)

American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE)

Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering (AfroAgEng)

Keywords

Product Development, Post-harvest handling, Food-processing equipment and facilities, Agro-processing training.

