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Bio-Sketch

Mr. Kibiwot is a geologist working for National Oil Corporation of Kenya. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Nairobi in 2000. In 2005, Mr. Kibiwot was seconded to the Task Force on delineation of Kenya's outer limits of the continental shelf where he was subsequently nominated as one of the joint secretaries. The Task Force, among other terms of reference, is mandated to establish the country's outer limits of the continental shelf and thereafter make a submission to the Commission on Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) for consideration; and to formulate the country's integrated ocean management policy including institutional framework. Besides coordinating the administrative issues of the Task Force on a day to day basis, Mr. Kibiwot is actively involved on the two issues because of their cross-cutting nature.

Fellowship Host Institutions and Supervisors

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Research Abstract

Towards the formulation of Kenya's integrated ocean management policy including institutional framework

Kenya is in the process of formulating her integrated ocean management policy including institutional framework to guide the use and management of ocean space and resources within it. The approach is intended to identify the various sectoral policies and other ocean related issues and activities then provide a sound legal and institutional framework within which they can be addressed in a holistic manner. It is apparent that the key opportunities and threats associated with the coastal and ocean regimes are not only multidimensional but also closely interlinked, thus the need for coordinated and cross-cutting management approaches.

This research paper therefore outlines proposals related to the various fundamental elements of the policy such as the vision, principles and management approaches related to the ocean space. It also stresses the significance of other supporting elements and active involvement of all stakeholders in the entire process to ensure ownership and ultimate successful implementation of envisaged programmes.

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