

Dr. Alex O. Awiti



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Dr. Awiti is an interdisciplinary scholar, whose research intersects agriculture, ecology, education, youth, climate and society, health policy and the economy. He is a regular commentator on public policy issues on news networks in East Africa and international media such as CNBC, BBC, CGTN, Bloomberg News and Al Jazeera TV.

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