

## **ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Professional Summary**

- A lawyer and Advocate of the High court of Kenya since February 1995. A Commissioner for Oaths, Notary Public and a Certified Public Secretary.
- International Consultant in Governance, Elections and Constitution making process in Kenya and Somalia with Leadership, Management and working experience in both the Private and Public sector.
- Electoral Expert credited with the establishment of an Effective and Professional Elections Management Body and Professionalizing the conduct of elections in Kenya.

## **Honors and Awards**

1. Certificate of Appreciation by Uwiano Platform for Peace in Kenya for successfully presiding over the conduct of a peaceful National Referendum Process for the new Constitution in August 2010.
2. Order of the Elder of the Burning Spear, EBS, Second Class, and Civilian Division, awarded in December 2010 in recognition of exemplary services rendered to the nation as Chairperson of the Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC) -Conferred by the President of the Republic of Kenya.
3. C10100 Leadership Award in November 2011 from C10100 East Africa, in appreciation of visionary leadership at the electoral commission and foresight in embracing ICT as a transformation tool in the management of elections in Kenya.
4. Outstanding Achievement in Election Management and Conflict Resolution Award by the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) on 4th December 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
5. Order of the Chief of the Burning Spear, CBS, First Class, and Civilian Division, awarded in December 2017 in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the Nation as chairperson of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission of Kenya (IEBC) - Conferred by the President of the Republic of Kenya.

**Academic Qualifications:**

1-Diploma in Contemporary Public Administration Management, Galilee International Management Institute, Israel January to February 2016.

2-Certificate in Electoral Processes, Public Affairs International (PAI), London, UK - 2014

3-Post Graduate Diploma in Law, Kenya School of Law, September 1993 to August 1994, Nairobi, Kenya.

4-Graduate/University-University of Nairobi, 1989 to 1992: Bachelor's Degree in law (LLB) Second Class Honours, Upper Division.

Academic Achievements:

1. Best student in National Ordinary and Advanced level exams in North Eastern Province of Kenya.

2. Recipient of the Sakarben Sheth Award-Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi.

## **Employment History:**

1. Chairperson, Board of Directors, Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) September 2018 to date.
2. International Consultant (International Advisor to IEC), UN Electoral Support Project (UNESP), UNDP Afghanistan -August 2018 to 28th February 2019.
3. Institutional Governance Adviser, UN Integrated Electoral Support Group (IESG), UNDP-Somalia -May 2018 to March 2019.
4. Lead Consultant to the National Independent Electoral Commission of Somalia (NIEC) in development of their 5-year strategic plan working under the Creative Associates International Inc, a USAID funded project. (Jan, Feb, October, November 2017).
5. Advisor, Cambridge Conference on Electoral Democracy in the Commonwealth -1st March 2017 to 28 February 2019.
7. Elections Consultant, National Independent Electoral Commission of Somalia (NIEC). Jan to Feb 2017
8. Chairperson, Independent Electoral & Boundaries Commission (IEBC) - November 2011 to 20th January 2017.
9. Chairperson, Interim Independent Election Commission of Kenya (IIEC)- May 2009 to November 2011.
10. Director, Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) – December 2007 to April 2009.
11. Managing Partner, Law firm of Ibrahim, Issack & Company Advocates -1st February 2004 to May 2009.
12. Legal Consultant to the UNDP Somalia on the Somalia Constitution Making Project – July 2008 to May 2009.
13. Member, Board of Governors, Garissa High School – July 2004 to March 2011.
14. Commissioner, Kiruki Commission of Inquiry into the activities of Artur Margaryan and Artur Sargasyan (the Armenian Brothers) – June to September 2006.

15. Legal Consultant to the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) in the training of Somali Parliamentarians on Constitution and Federal Affairs in May 2006, Baidoa, Somalia.
16. General Legal Counsel for the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia between June 2006 to May 2009, and Special Legal Adviser to the President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, the late Col. (Rtd) Abdullahi Yusuf, during the same period.
17. Commissioner, Constitution of Kenya Review Commission (CKRC) - November 2000 to January 2006.
18. Partner and Head of Litigation Department, Law firm of Ibrahim & Issack Advocates, Nairobi, Kenya from January 1998 to January 2004.
19. Associate Legal Practitioner with M/s. Mohammed Ibrahim & Associates Law firm, in Nairobi from January 1995 to December 1997.
20. Deputy Returning Officer, the Electoral Commission of Kenya, Ijara Constituency- Nov-Dec 1997.

**Related Experience on Elections.**

1. Observed elections as a member of the Observer Missions of the AU, Commonwealth, IGAD, COMESA and independently to the following countries; India, Namibia, Ethiopia, Sweden, France, Germany, USA, Brazil, Guyana, Nigeria, Ghana, Tunisia, South Africa, South Korea, Canada, Australia, Djibouti, Angola and Malawi.
2. Head of the AU Election Observer Mission to Nigeria's Presidential and Parliamentary Elections, February to March 2011.
3. Head of the EISA Observer Mission to the Ghana general elections in December 2012;
4. Head of the IGAD Election Observer Mission to the Djibouti Presidential Elections in April 2016;
5. Member, AU Pre-Election assessment mission in Ethiopia (2011) and Malawi (2019).
6. Chairperson, East African Community – Electoral Commission Forum (EAC-ECF) -2010-2012, based in Arusha, Tanzania.
7. Chairperson, Executive Committee of the Association of African Electoral Authorities (AAEA) -June 2015 to Jan 2017, based in Accra, Ghana.

8. Member, Steering Committee and Chairperson, Commonwealth Electoral Network Steering Committee (CEN) -2012 to 2017 based in London.

9. Member, Executive Board and Chair of the Audit and Oversight Committee of the Association of World Electoral Bodies (AWEB) based in Seoul, South Korea- November 2012 to January 2017.

10. Member, Roster of Election Experts, with African Union (AU), United Nations and India International Institute of Democracy & Elections Management (IIIDEM).

**Professional Membership:**

1. Law Society of Kenya (LSK).
2. East African Law Society (EALS).
3. International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) (Kenya Chapter).
4. Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (CPS) (K).
5. Association of Professional Societies of East Africa (APSEA).
6. Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU).
7. Commonwealth Lawyers Forum (CLF).
8. International Bar Association (IBA).
9. Commonwealth Electoral Network (CEN).
10. Electoral Stakeholders Network.
11. Cambridge Conference on Electoral Democracy in the Commonwealth.

Research papers and reports written on Constitution making process of Kenya and Somalia and other related experiences on Elections “Available at [www.ahmedissackhassan.co.ke](http://www.ahmedissackhassan.co.ke).

**Hobbies:**

- Working with people in a multi-disciplinary and multi-racial environment
- Travelling and learning about other cultures.
- Reading biographies, memoirs, leadership books, watching movies and comedy shows.
- Playing soccer, volleyball and table tennis.

**Referees:**

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