

The School of Economics is happy to announce the appointment of Dr. Urbanus M. Kioko as the new Head of the thematic area of Mathematical and Quantitative Economics with effect from December 17, 2014. Dr. Kioko holds a Doctorate in Economics of the University of Nairobi, MPhil (Health Economics) of the University of Cape Town, MA (Econ) of the University of Nairobi) and BEd of the University of Nairobi. Dr. Kioko has many years of experience in teaching and research. We have every confidence in his ability to lead the thematic area and appreciate his willingness to take on this responsibility.

To learn more about Dr. Urbanus Kioko and his research, please [visit his staff profile](#).

Dr. Kioko holds a Doctorate in Economics of the University of Nairobi (2008), Mphil (Health Economics) of the University of Cape Town (2000), MA (Econ) of the University of Nairobi (1994) and Bed (Business and Economics) of the University of Nairobi (1992). He is currently a steering committee member of the out-put-based approach (OBA) programme in the Ministry of Health, a coordinator for the MSc in Health Economics and Policy, member of the College Health and Safety Committee, Chair, Health Economics committee, School of Economics, University of Nairobi. He is instrumental in mobilising resources for the Health Economics Unit in the School of Economics.

His research interests include health care financing, costing of health services, tracking of health sector resources, efficiency analysis, budget analysis and monitoring and institutional capacity building. With over 15 years experience working in the health sector in Kenya and other African countries, he has become an expert in health financing, efficiency analysis, institutional capacity building and resource tracking. He has undertaken several health financing assignments, costing, Public Expenditure Tracking Survey for the Ministry of Medical Services (2007, 2008 and 2009), provided technical assistance in the preparation of the MPER for the former ministry of public health and sanitation, undertaken costing assignments for the National AIDS Control Council and other local and international organisations. He has wide experience in planning, developing and facilitating workshops and trainings on capacity building of government officials, NGOs and civil society organizations in the area of resource-tracking, planning coordination and also providing technical advice on demand side financing for the Ministry of Health and other partners involved in health service provision. He has worked in several countries in Africa, Europe and ASIA. He has consulted for local and international organisations including Ministry of Health-Kenya, WHO, USAID/Health Policy Project, Abt Associates, Futures institute, the National AIDS Control Council (NACC), Ministry of Health and Social Services (Tanzania), Ministry of Health (Swaziland) and other several local and non-governmental organisations.

Kioko has also attended and presented papers in local, regional and international workshops and conferences including the International Conference on HIV and AIDS. Kioko has over 18 years teaching experience at the University and supervision of both Masters and Doctoral students. His teaching areas of concentration include Economic Theory, Mathematics for Economists and Economic statistics.