

We are definitively Re-defining the boundaries of Training and Capacity building...

OCTAWNS Ltd and its experienced team of consultants are re-defining the boundaries of strategic training and capacity building in Kenya and Africa. A sampling of some of [our recent engagements](#) confirms our commitment to serve: working (as always) with people from the grass roots, right up to the top leadership echelons.

Gearing up to Build the Capacity of Kenya's Counties Under the New Constitution

As a deliberate response to the glaring needs of Kenya under the new devolved system of government, Octawns Ltd is now getting ready to be a capacity-builder of choice for our counties. We have already gained valuable experience working with two grassroots locations and helping them map out their strategic direction; notably:

- Nyaribari Chache (Gusii County) (2008-2012, and
- Kirinyaga County –the Inaugural County Strategic Plan.

With this valuable background, Octawns Ltd will work with other counties to help them strategise and deliver to the people:

- Investment Planning for the agricultural sector;
- Strategic Planning
- Servant leadership, Democracy and Accountability.

Our Signature Job of 2013: a Strategy for Africa's Improved Communication?

From August to December 2013, courtesy of UNDP Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), we helped develop the African Union's brand new, *Communication, Marketing and Advocacy Strategy* expected to roll out from 2014-2017. To deliver on this assignment, we consulted with a cross-section of African Union's 52 Member-State stakeholders and partners and successfully delivered an approved strategy in a record 5 months.

Our Other Memorable Assignments and Involvements

- Negotiated the United States African Development Foundation (USADF) operations in Kenya;
- Drafted a National Communications Policy and Strategy Handbook under Kenya's historic Coalition Government(2008-2013);
- Supervised the drafting and production of dozens of policy publications including Kenya's *Economic Recovery Strategy* (ERS, 2003-2007) and the *Kenya Vision 2030* ;
- Established and led a National Communications Policy and Strategy Task Force;
- Assisted in the preparation of a 'Regional Coherence Strategy' for Kenya's participation in the Eastern African Communities;
- Assisted the operationalization of viable inter-ministerial linkages across government in Kenya;
- Worked closely with local and international media in promoting Kenya's national policy agenda;
- Recruited as one of the three inaugural team members for the roll-out of the Private Sector Development Strategy Secretariat (PSDS) in Kenya;
- Drafted and popularized a *Communications and Advocacy Strategy* for the Private Sector - Government program;
- worked closely with various multilateral and bilateral donors to establish a vibrant tripartite consultative process with public sector actors;
- Organized an internationally facilitated, *Economic Policy and Development Journalism Training Course* for Media Practitioners in Kenya.

Some Selected Consulting Assignments Undertaken

- **For USAID (IntraHealth-Capacity Kenya Program) - 2011-2014**

Retained as professional editor and design consultant for more than twenty (20) Health Sector Curriculum Documents, including: Communications Strategy and Implementation Guidelines; Proceedings of First National Human Resources for Health Conference

(2011); Institutional Strategic Plans for the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board and the Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board; Continuous Professional Development Guidelines for Nursing and Laboratory professionals; edited Core Curriculum Guidelines for MBChB; BDS; BSc; Diploma and Certificate programs in Medicine; Dentistry; Nursing as well as Nutrition and Dietetics.

- ***For Adams Smith International***

Retained as reviewer and Consultant for the Communications Training Manual for Senior Administrative Staff of the Government of South Sudan(March 2012); Strategic Plan of the Ministry of East African Community(2009); Communications Policy and Strategy Handbook for the Ministry of the East African Community(2010); and Consultant for the selection of firms to undertake the East African Community's Common Market Protocol program of promotion.

- ***For the Industrial Development Bank of Kenya - 2010***

Retained as consultant editor for bank's 'institutional re-engineering' Strategic Plan

- ***For Family Health International-1993***

Retained as consultant to research and write a paper on "the coverage of reproductive health issues in East African Media" (1993)