



Eric Kimathi

University-Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Nationality-Kenyan

Application for: ISU National Board Chair

Dear fellow ISU comrades,

It is with your privilege that I forward my application for the national board chair for the year 2018/2019. We are privileged to be studying in Norway at a time when internationalisation and diversity have taken a central position within higher education. Having said this, we are faced with increasing voices that seek to undermine the gains of internationalisation. In recent times, we have had to contend with proposals to introduce tuition fees for international students, discontinuation of the quota scheme, reduced numbers of international students, and visa cost increment.

Through your vote in the last two years I have passionately served in the ISU executive as the political affairs officer 2016/2017 and national President 2017/2018. During this time, I have been very active in campaigning for free higher education in Norway, joining hands with fellow leaders in standing against introduction of fees for international students. Besides I have stood together against the recent visa fees increment with the current executive office. The fight for better immigration process for international students remain an important priority for ISU going forward.

The role of the national board chair is a very critical role in the structure of the organisation and greatly plays a key role in the oversight role of the national board on the executive. I believe that with years of experience from the local branch to the national level, I have the experience and understanding of the culture, values and principles that ISU stands for. Besides, the changing nature of ISU leadership means there is strong need to keep people with history and passion for ISU around to mentor and guide the new leaders joining the ranks of ISU. As the outgoing national president, I hope to be able to support the incoming executive particularly with the network gathered around other student organisations, government institutions like SIU and ministry of higher education, NOKUT besides our fellow student organisations who remain close associates of ISU.

In summary, the role of the national president demands a national board that can put the executive to task and ensure interests of international students supersede any individual interests both within ISU and externally. I believe together we can, if we rise above those things that divide us and focus on those which unite us.

Thank You!

Eric

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Eric Kimathi**

 Olav M.Trovik Vei 24, H0206, 0864 Oslo (Norway)

 +47 97381603

 erykim@ymail.com

Sex Male | Nationality Kenyan

POSITION **ISU National board Chair**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 01/07/207-Present : **ISU National President**
- Is the main representative/face of the ISU Norway, both internally and externally.
 - Responsible for representation of the ISU 184 Norway at the meetings of partner organizations, the Norwegian Government and other external organizations.
 - Is legally responsible for the ISU's finances.
Represents the ISU National Board and chairs all board meetings.
 - Responsible for training and working closely with the OC.
 - Maintaining communication with the ISU Local Branches and being the link between the ISU local branches and partner organizations.

- 01/06/2016–30/06/2017 **Political Affairs Officer (National Executive Board)**
- Responsible for making ISU Norway visible through the media and other such avenues.
 - Monitoring media possibilities for ISU and using them appropriately with approval of the NP, in accordance with the ISU Norway Platform 2009.
 - Responsible for publishing press releases approved by the NB.
 - Leading the information campaigns together with the National President
 - Responsible for the reception and presentation of cases and petitions from the local branches to NB.
 - Tracing the national and regional laws regarding international students and inform local branches.
 - In charge of bringing issues regarding housing and academic welfare of students to the NB.

- 02/02/2016–31/05/2016 **Local branch President**
- International Students Union - Oslo and Akershus University College (HIOA)
- Facilitating board meetings and responsible for the day-to-day business.
 - Bonafide Representative of ISU at various forums.
 - Member of the ISU National Assembly.
 - Liasing with Student Parliament and HIOA administration on issues pertaining international students.
 - Responsible for writing regular activity reports to local and national bodies.
 - Endorses financial decisions for authenticity.

- 15/05/2015–10/06/2015 **Organisational Intern**
 Early Childhood Ireland
 Hainault House, Belgard Square, Tallaght,, Dublin 24 Dublin, Éire/Ireland
www.earlychildhoodireland.ie
- Coding and analyzing research surveys.
- 01/02/2015–10/05/2015 **Volunteer**
 PLAN International, Dublin (Ireland)
- Sponsorship correspondence data management.
- 01/11/2013–31/07/2014 **Project Manager**
 MCK Meru Children's Home
 133, 60200 Meru (Kenya)
- Project leader with 10 staff members.
 - Secretary to the organisation board of management.
 - Preparation of annual and quarterly budget.
 - Finance management in liaison with the accounts clerk.
 - Progressive research on street children.
 - Preparation of Periodic reports to donors and board of Management.
 - Co-ordination of the Township school feeding programme.
 - Structuring of the new street children rescue and rehabilitation programme.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 01/09/2016–Present **Master of Science in International Development Studies** EQF level 7
 Norwegian University of Life Sciences, AS (Norway)
- Main courses:
- Introduction to Development studies
 - Development theory and development
 - Human rights and development
 - Global food security
 - Poverty
 - Gender and Development
 - International relations theory
- 14/08/2014–15/08/2016 **International Master in Early Childhood Education and Care.(IMEC)** EQF level 7
 Erasmus mundus joint master programme offered in cooperation with Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences in Norway, Dublin Institute of Technology in Ireland, University of Malta in Malta and University of Gothenburg in Sweden.
- Dissertation topic:
 "Promoting social justice in ethnically and culturally diverse ECEC settings: Perspectives of kindergarten teachers in Norway"