

# Joyce Donald Mwakatoga

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## Agricultural Extension Specialist

A highly trained professional who has exceptional skills in extension education and community development; have knowledge in efficiently handling staff under my supervision to maximize time and effort as well as productivity; have experience in handling training programs; have great time management skills and can deliver work with utmost accuracy

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### Skills

- Excellent analytical skills
  - Strong oral and written communication skills
  - Advance knowledge in computer technology
  - Team work
  - Knowledge in basic business principles and training methods
  - Knowledge of farming and Environment
  - Planning and Project management
  - Persuasive ability and mobilization skills
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### Awards

Character and Attitude to Work Assessment, Four (4) character for highly discipline, Good attitude towards work, Cooperative, Initiative and honesty

Ministry of Agriculture Food and cooperatives Department of Research and Training MATI-Uyole 2007-2008.

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### Professional Experience

**Currently: Sokoine University of Agriculture**

**Position: Assistant Lecturer**

**Key responsibilities:**

- To carry out lectures, conduct tutorials, seminars and practicals for undergraduate programs
- To prepare and present case studies
- To conduct and publish/disseminate research results
- To recognize students having difficulties, intervene and provide help and support
- To attend workshops, conferences and symposium
- To participate in consultancies and community services under supervision
- To perform any other duties that may be assigned by the relevant authorities

**August 2016-2018: Tanzania Gatsby Trust (Gatsby Africa) -Mwanza**

**Position: Business Advisor in 5 districts of Mwanza, Simiyu and Shinyanga regions**

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Collaborating with clients (e.g. farmers, Agro-dealers, rural society members) in order to identify farming challenges, inputs availability and evaluate business and technical requirements for a particular community
- Diagnosing client's management and production problems.

- Advising clients in areas such as feeding and health maintenance of livestock, growing and harvesting practices, choice of machinery and equipment
- Provide technical advice (e.g. nutrient disorders in plants and livestock, management of weeds and plant diseases) and create solutions, including organizing and conducting field trials.
- Assisting agro-dealers with business planning, compliance with regulatory authorities and finding new business ventures.
- Scheduling and making regular visits to Agro-dealers and farmers.
- Collecting and analysing data, crop yield and financial reports to measure client's performance.
- Gathering relevant information (e.g. as requested by clients) and keep up to date with any relevant developments.
- Conducting classes or deliver lectures, presentations and demonstrations on subjects such as farming techniques, business management and new regulations.
- Preparing and distribute leaflets, pamphlets and visual aids for educational and informational purposes.
- Organizing, advise and participate in community activities and organizations such as fair events
- Maintaining client records (e.g. services provided to clients, the effects of advice given), manage budgets and accounts, prepare reports and undertake general administrative duties.

**November 2013-August 2014: Tanzania Gatsby Trust - Mwanza**  
**Position: Field Supervisor in Mwanza and Simiyu region**

***Key Responsibilities:***

- Controlling the processes and procedures of farming operations to ensure it is done under the quality and standards established by the company
- Promoting use of advanced tools, equipment, and machinery to improve agricultural processes and increasing production output
- Supervising the efficient and effective use of farm equipment.
- Assisting in training and implementation of best agricultural practices (Conservation farming)
- Inspecting crops to determine maturity, diseases infestation, and advise on spraying or weeding
- Liaising farmers and researchers on issues requiring scientific attention
- Maintaining knowledge of pests and diseases and an understanding of best practices required

**March 2013-October 2013: TechnoServe Tanzania, Mwanza**  
**Position: Associate Business Advisor - Cotton Program in Lake Zone.**

***Key Responsibilities***

- Providing advisory services and support farmers groups through contract farming
- Assisting farmers creating stronger farmer's groups and leadership for a better saving group's
- Mentoring farmers who become lead farmers to train other farmers on best agricultural practices
- Providing necessary training to demonstrate the development of farming operations, and monitoring well development of agricultural plants
- Promoting technological developments and innovative research to create the required awareness about the farming industry
- Assisting the farmers to carry out procedural tasks and systematic utilization of new researches in the field

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## Research and Presentation Experience

- **2014-2016: Master's degree Thesis Department of Agricultural Communication Education and Leadership**  
Mwakatoga, J. (2016). *Improving Food Production and Food Security in Tanzania through a Youth Development Program in Agriculture*. (Electronic Thesis or Dissertation). Retrieved from <https://etd.ohiolink.edu/> Joyce, DM. (2012).
- **Presentation: (Paper Presentation)** -"The Role of University Students in Promoting the Use of Garbage as an Alternative Source of Energy. 12<sup>th</sup> International Student Summit (ISS) and Symposium on Higher Education: Michigan State University October 2012.

The Role of University Students in Promoting the Use of Garbage as an Alternative Source of Energy: A case of Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania, The International Student Summit on Food, Agriculture and Environment in the New Century Vol 12, Michigan State University, 2012. Tokyo University of Agriculture: TUA Press.

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## Education

**2014-2016: Masters in Agricultural and Extension Education** - Ohio State University- Columbus Ohio, United States of America

**2009 – 2012: Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education & Extension (AEE)** - Sokoine University of Agriculture – Morogoro, Tanzania

**2007-2008: Diploma in General Agriculture** - MATI-Uyole, Mbeya

**2005 – 2007: Advanced Certificate in Secondary Education Examinations (ACSEE)** Machame Girls Secondary School-Kilimanjaro,

**2001-2004: Certificate of secondary Education Examinations (CSEE)** -Ruaha Secondary School, Iringa Tanzania

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## References

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