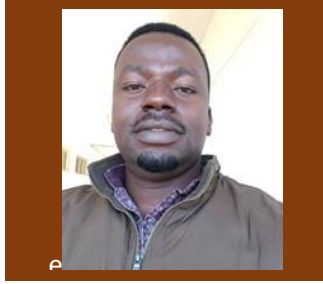


## First Vice Chairperson



**Harun Odhiambo** holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Horticulture with Information Technology from Maseno University and is currently a candidate for a Master of Science (MSc) Degree in Plant Pathology at the University of Nairobi. Mr. Odhiambo has received special training on *Integrated Crop Protection and Safe Use of Pesticides* from the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OEACP) and the European Union. He holds a Certificate in *Crop Protection (Intermediate level)* from the same Institution.

Mr. Odhiambo doubles as an expert in Proposal Writing with Impact and Research Writing in the Sciences having been certified by East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO) in 2022. Besides, he holds a certificate in Nematology (Entomopathogenic and Plant Parasitic Nematodes) from African Nematology Network (PANEMA). He has authored and co-authored scientific research articles in referred journals, conference proceedings. In addition, he has immensely contributed to development of technical training materials across different crop value chain disciplines namely; Crop Physiology and Biochemistry, Plant Pathology, Crop Nutrition, Integrated Soil Fertility and Water Management, Agricultural Entomology, Weed Science and Food Safety. As a master trainer and young researcher on fruit and vegetable systems, Mr. Odhiambo boasts of 6 years' experience in dissemination of Climate Smart Agriculture interventions through various donor funded programs. Key among them are the Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (under USAID), Kenya Climate Smart Agricultural Project and the Korea-Africa Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative Project. Currently, he's the assistant coordinator (Kenyan chapter) of a consortium project (Technology Transfer through Innovative Seed and Ware Potato Production Systems in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda) funded by the European Union. Research interests of Harun Odhiambo focus on crop health and physiology across a diversity of value chains namely; Fruits (Mango, Avocado, Banana, Watermelon, Passion fruit and Cape gooseberry), Vegetables (African Indigenous Vegetables, Cabbage, Capsicum and Tomato), Nuts (Bambara nuts and Groundnuts) and Tubers (Cassava, Potato, Sweetpotato). From 2019 to date, he's an active member of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition.

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