

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

: DATE OF BIRTH: 7TH FEBRUARY, 1963

PLACE OF BIRTH: PANDANI, WETE, PEMBA

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

CURRENT POSITION

: Managing Partner Othman Sharif & Associates, a law firm operating in Zanzibar
Advocate, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths

EDUCATION

2006 – 2007 : UNIVERSITY OF TURIN, ITALY
Master of Laws (LL.M) in Intellectual Property.
Subjects: Patents, Trade Marks & Design,
Copyrights, Domain names administration,
IP Dispute Resolution.

1991 – 1993 : UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (U.K)
Master of Laws (LL.M) in Commercial &
Corporate Law.
Subjects: Tax Law, International Trade Law,
Company Law & Commercial Arbitration.

1986 – 1989 : UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM
Bachelor of laws (LL.B Hons)

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- 1982 - 1986 : INSTITUTE OF KISWAHILI & FOREIGN LANGUAGES;
A-LEVEL;

CERTIFICATE IN LANGUAGE STUDIES;
English Literature, History, Education Psychology,
Development studies & Spanish language.

DIPLOMA IN LANGUAGE STUDIES;
English Literature, History, Education Psychology &
Development
- 1978 – 1981 : SECONDARY EDUCATION (O-LEVEL)
(Pandani Secondary School & Ben Bella Secondary School)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- April, 2011 – October, 2014: Attorney General, Zanzibar and Member of the Zanzibar Cabinet and the House of Representatives,
- September, 2012- October, 2014: Commissioner, Zanzibar Planning Commission (Part time);
- July – 2002 – March, 2011 : Director of Public Prosecutions (the first DPP in Zanzibar and responsible for its establishment and development)
- Nov. 2000-July 2002 : Principal Secretary & Deputy Attorney General Ministry of State (P.O) Constitutional Affairs & Good Governance
- 1996 – November 2000 : Principal Secretary & Deputy Attorney General (Ministry of State (CMO) Justice and Constitutional Affairs)

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1993 – 1996 : Principal Secretary & Deputy Attorney General
(Ministry of State (P.O) Legal Affairs)

1989 – 1993 : State Attorney, Attorney General's Chambers

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

October, 2016 TODATE Selected by the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization [WIPO] a UN Organization to serve as a member of the 7-member Independent Advisory Oversight Committee for WIPO [term 3 years renewable for only one more term] representing Africa Member States. Meeting quarterly in Geneva, the Headquarters of WIPO. The term has been renewed at the request of Africa Members States from January 2020 to December 2022

January 2019 Member of the Board of Directors for Centre for Strategic Litigation Tanzania with its Headquarters in Dar es salaam

December, 2008 TO MAY 2019: Commissioner, Joint Finance Commission of the United Republic of Tanzania;

2010-2011 : Lead Policy and Legislative Review Consultant and Draftsman for Zanzibar Public Service Reform and Zanzibar Planning Commission Reform;

2008-2011 : Chairman of the Governing Board, Zanzibar Institute of Public Administration

August, 2007 : Designated Traveller and Goodwill Ambassador of the State of Arkansas, USA.

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December, 2006-2010	:	Member of Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Review Panel.
Aug.2004-March, 2005	:	Chairman, Drafting Experts for Tanzania Antimoney laundering legislation.
Nov, 2002-January 2004	:	Chairman, Zanzibar Labour Law Reform Committee.
2001 – July, 2006	:	Member, Zanzibar Education Board.
1999 – 2010	:	Member, Examiners Board, University of Zanzibar.
1997- 2003	:	Founding Chairman, Zanzibar Revenue Board responsible for the establishment and development of ZRB for the first six years
1990 – 1996	:	Member, Board of Directors, Bizanje Corporation

IN SERVICE TRAINING

Short Course

March, 2009		Training on Dispute Resolution for Communication Sector, MDI- Kampala, Uganda
Aug, 2002	:	Corporate Governance under Commonwealth Corporate Governance Programme, Nairobi, Kenya. (Awarded – Certificate in Company Directorship)
May, 2002	:	Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (Washington DC) Under WIPO and USPTO Programme. (Awarded – Certificate in Intellectual Property)
September, 2000	:	International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Harare, Zimbabwe under UN Training and Research Programme.

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(Awarded – Certificate in Arbitration)

- Aug. 1999 : Diplomatic Security and Crisis Management Course under US State Department, Washington, USA, (Awarded – Certificate in Crisis Management)
- 1995 : Public Service Management Course (Mombasa, Kenya under UNDP Civil Service Reform Programme) (Awarded – Certificate in Management)

Study Tour

- November, 2009 Study Tour on Oil and Gas Policy and Fiscal Framework, Norway
- May, 2009 Study Tour on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations, Nigeria (Various States);
- July-Aug. 2007 Fellow to the International Visitor Leadership Program to study the USA Judicial System under the USA State Department;
- 1995 : Study Tour on Off-shore Companies, EPZ and Ship Registration under SMZ – SMT Special Select Committee; UAE, Cyprus, U.K, Isle of Man.
- 1993 : Study Tour on EPZ Management, Mombasa and Nairobi – Kenya

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

- 2013/2014 : Head of Delegation for Loan Negotiation with China Exim Bank for port project in Zanzibar;
- 2013/2014 : Head of negotiation team with China Harbour and Engineering for construction of port project in Zanzibar;

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2013	:	Head of delegation for Loan negotiation with BADEA, Khartoum, Sudan for infrastructure project in Zanzibar;
April, 2009	:	Delegate, International Conference of Prosecutors, Tehran, Iran
1999, September	:	Commonwealth Law Conference (Member of Zanzibar Delegation, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
1999; May	:	Asia –Africa Consultative Meeting (Member of Tanzania Delegation) Accra, Ghana;
1998	:	Asia-Africa Legal Consultative Meeting (Member of Tanzania Delegation) New Delhi, India;
1998 & 1999	:	Loan Negotiation for Telecommunication Project (Zantel Project), Dubai & Abu Dhabi UAE;
1997	:	Asia – Africa Legal Consultative Meeting (Member of Tanzania Delegation), Tehran, Iran;
1995	:	Study Tour on Off-shore Companies, EPZ and Ship Registration under SMZ – SMT Special Select Committee; UAE, Cyprus, U.K, Isle of Man;
1995	:	Consultative Meeting, SMZ – IDB – Jeddah, Saudia;

OTHERS PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES

- (1) Admitted to the Bar as Advocate of the High Court of Zanzibar, 1996;
- (2) Advocate, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths;
- (3) Member of the Zanzibar Law Society and East Africa Law Society;

- (4) Appeared several time before the High Court and the Court of Appeal of Tanzania
- (5) Prepared several papers for national seminars for House of Representatives, Chief Government executives and other professional bodies.

ACCOMPLISHMENT

- 1) **FOUNDING THE ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD:** Being the founding Chairman of the Zanzibar Revenue Board for six years I was responsible and part of the brain which established the Board its current institutional, operational and human resource capability;
- 2) **FOUNDING AND DEVELOPING THE DPP OFFICE:** As the first and founding Director of Public Prosecutions I managed to establish the office from scratch. Recruitment through strict meritocracy followed by specialised training made the office the most successful. Introduced for the first time in Tanzania civilianisation of prosecution under which trained prosecution attorneys took over prosecution from the Police. Established SOP for application of forensic evidence in the prosecution. Established Prosecution Manual and quarterly newsletter; Shahidi in order to impart awareness to public on administration of criminal justice. The office established a resource centre for economic crimes which is now used to train lawyers in various specialisation;
- 3) **REFORMED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS:** When I was appointed the Attorney General in March, 2011, the Chambers was in its 105 years of its establishment since 1906. Yet it had no appropriate infrastructure, no statute governing its operations, only 9 State Attorneys, no law library and no institutional structure to support its growing functions. Within less than four years as Attorney General, I managed to convince the government to invest in the improvement of the Chambers. The office got its new building which I oversee its construction. Developed a special legislation on the discharge of duties of the Chambers and got it enacted. Reformed the institutional framework and recruited 10 more lawyers to add to the 9 then existing. Established a comparatively good law library and introduced in-house continued professional training.

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