

**Biography: Eng. Fred Onchoka Ong'aro, PMP®)**

**Position Applied For: Vice Chair – Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)**

I am a 38-year-old Kenyan professional currently serving as the Deputy Director, Fund Strategy & Coordination – Universal Service Fund (USF) at the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA). In this role, I lead the development and implementation of the USF strategy, oversee resource mobilization, manage stakeholder partnerships, and coordinate all national Universal Service Fund activities. My work focuses on designing and implementing impactful ICT interventions that close the digital divide, especially in underserved and unserved areas.

My personal and professional mission is to contribute to social and economic development by facilitating the delivery of high-quality, affordable, and inclusive ICT services. I aspire to lead and inspire others in a manner that is collaborative, open, and results-driven.

I hold two Master's degrees: one in Project Planning & Management from the University of Nairobi, and another in Communications Management from Buckinghamshire New University (UK) in collaboration with the ITU Academy. I also hold a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Telecommunications Engineering from Moi University, a Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification, and Certified Public Accountants (CPA) Part I accreditation.

I bring over 12 years of progressive experience in the ICT sector, where I have served in diverse technical and strategic roles spanning telecom licensing, compliance, spectrum management, consumer protection, and the planning and execution of large-scale national connectivity and automation projects under the Universal Service Fund.

At the international level, I served as a Rapporteur in ITU-D Study Group 1 (2018–2021) for Question 1/1: Strategies and policies for the deployment of broadband in developing countries, where I coordinated contributions and consensus from a global network of stakeholders to produce key deliverables. I also previously served as Rapporteur on Quality of Service (QoS) under the East African Communications Organization (EACO).

Nationally, I am a member of several Project Implementation Committees (PICs) including for the National Fibre Infrastructure Project, the Kenya Digital Economy Acceleration Project (KDEAP), as well as USF-led cellular infrastructure projects, and digital interventions across the justice, education, and health sectors.

Throughout my career, I have developed strong skills in leadership, stakeholder engagement, multilateral coordination, and consensus building. These skills have been central to delivering both international study outputs under the ITU and national ICT projects that are transforming Kenya's digital landscape.

My candidacy for Vice Chair of TDAG is driven by a deep commitment to digital inclusion and development, especially in my motherland, Africa. I bring a wealth of practical experience in universal service strategy, project implementation, and international collaboration that aligns strongly with the mission and work of TDAG.