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Joy Obando is currently and Associate Professor in the Department of Geography, Kenyatta University. She holds a PhD (Geomorphology), MSc (Geography) and BED (Geography and Mathematics) Her research interests focuses on watershed management; food and water security; gender and climate resilience from a physical geography perspective.

Joy is a mentor, researcher and is involved in research, training and community outreach. She has more than 30 years of education and research experience in academia at university level. Through the Capacity Building for Integrated Watershed Management, she developed the curriculum for the Masters programme (MSc) in Integrated Watershed Management. She was involved in the Collaborative online international learning (COIL) with Ohio University which involved teaching the students from Kenyatta and Ohio Universities online. The [COIL](#) model brings together faculty and students from around the globe to collaborate within and across academic disciplines on a joint virtual project. She continues to mentor early career scientists through training in grant writing as a ProGrant Regional Expert.

She is currently the Principal Investigator in the project: '*Building gender responsive climate resilient communities in South Sudan*' within the framework of Supporting Pastoralism and Agriculture in Recurrent and Protracted Crises ([SPARC](#)) programme. She was a Co-Investigator in the recently completed [BRECCIA PROJECT](#).

She is a member of the steering Committees of 1) Africa Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE) and is the conference chair [IALE2023 World Congress 2023](#) 2) the International Geographical Union (IGU) Geomorphology and Society Commission; 3) the International Advisory Board of Water Resources Research Center (WARREC) and 4) the CRC-TR 228 Future Rural Africa project. She is also a member of the University Research Advisory Board at Kenyatta University. She is involved in research, training and community outreach. She has facilitated and mentored early career scientists through grant writing activities.

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