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## 01. PROFILE

Dr Kavusa defines himself as a Christian scholar with a strong passion for Eco-Justice, Sustainability and Eco-theological hermeneutics in context. He is currently researching on the relevance of traditional knowledge in constructing an efficient eco-theological hermeneutics in Sub-Saharan Africa.

## 02. PERSONAL INFORMATON

Date of birth :	May 05 <sup>th</sup> , 1982	Citizenship: Congolese (DRC)
Gender :	Male	Marital Status: Married to
Race :	Black (African)	Mrs. <b>Maguy K. Kahindo</b>

## 03. CURRENT POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH

**Ecological Crisis and Sustainable Life in Africa: Engaging Indigenous Knowledge in dialogue with Christian Traditions on Human Relationship with Nature.**

*Research conducted as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow @ Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. Host: Dr. Clemens Wustmans*

## 04. EDUCATION

Doctor of Theology (Old Testament), UNISA	2013-2016
Masters (Biblical Studies-Old Testament), <i>Cum Laude</i> (UNISA)	2001-2012
Bachelor of Theology (Old Testament), <i>Cum Laude</i> (ULPGL)	2006-2007
Undergraduate Diploma of Theology (Old Testament) (ULPGL)	2002-2005
Theological Certificate, <i>Cum Laude</i> (Bible School/CBCA)	2001-2002
Baccalaureate in Business Management, Majengo High School	1995-2000

**05. AWARDS, MERITS AND HONOURS**

Alexander von Humboldt/Georg Forster Postdoc Award/Germany	2020-2022
Best PhD thesis of the college of humans sciences selected by @ UNISA	2016
David Bosch Theological Merit Award Best Master's student/UNISA	2012
Foundation RAWJI Best Bachelor student/ULPGL (DRC)	2007
Langham Scholar Award (UK) for PhD studies	2014-2016
WCC/ETE Study grant (Switzerland) for Master's Degree	2011-2013

**06. RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES**

<b>Research Fellow @ Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Germany)</b>	<b>2020-now</b>
<b>Vice-dean in charge of Research @ ULPGL</b>	2017-2019
<b>Associate Professor of Old Testament @ ULPGL</b>	2017-2019
<b>Visiting Scholar @ Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI (USA)</b>	Jan-April 2019
<b>Postdoctoral Fellow Researcher @ University of Pretoria, South Africa</b>	2017-2018
<b>Visiting Scholar @ Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI (USA)</b>	Sept-Nov 2016
<b>Junior Lecturer/Dept. Biblical and Ancient Studies- ULPGL</b>	2008-2013

**07. PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS IN CONFERENCES****➤ Monographs**

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. *Water and Water-related Phenomena in the Old Testament Wisdom Literature: An Eco-theological Investigation*. London: Bloomsbury, 2019.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. *Mâle et Femelle, il les créa : Egalité des Genres en Genèse 1,26-28*. Saarbrücken: Edition Universitaires Européennes, 2017.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. *Humans and Ecosystems in the Priestly Creation Account: An Ecological Interpretation of Genesis 1:1-2:4a*. Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Press, 2016.

**➤ Peer reviewed Articles**

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2020. Ecological Readings of Water Metaphors in the Book of Proverbs: Some Hermeneutical and Methodological Considerations. *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, 167/ July (2020) (University of Kwa Zulu Natal). (**sous-press**)

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2019. Ecological Hermeneutics and the Interpretation of Biblical Texts Yesterday, Today and Onwards: Critical Reflection and Assessment,

- Old Testament Essays* 32/2, 229-255. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17159/2312-3621/2019/v32n1a13>
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2018. The intrinsic worth of water in Job 38:22-38: Urging the abandonment of an anthropocentric worldview. *Journal for Semitics* 27/2, 21 pages. <https://doi.org/10.25159/1013-8471/4245>
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2018. Creation Made into תְּכֵמָה: The Eco-Theological Appraisal of the Intrinsic Worth of nature in Proverbs 3:19-20. *Stellenbosch Theological Journal* 4/2, 579-594. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.17570/stj.2018.v4n2.a26>
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2018. The Torah likened with nurturing water of Rivers in Sirach 24:23-34: An Eco-theological Significance. *Pharos Theological Journal* 99. [https://www.pharosjot.com/uploads/7/1/6/.../article\\_23\\_vol\\_99\\_2018](https://www.pharosjot.com/uploads/7/1/6/.../article_23_vol_99_2018)
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2017. Water as a blessing and a transient resource: A call to re-define modern attitudes towards water in light of Job 14:7-12. *Journal for Semitics* 26/2, 805-819. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25159/1013-8471/3675>
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2017. An Eco-Theological Interpretation of Proverbs 5:15-20 in the Light of Water Crises Experienced in Present-Day Africa. *Old Testament Essays* 30/3, 707-724. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17159/2312-3621/2017/v30n3a10>
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2017. Water and Justice: Reading the Irony of Qoheleth 2:4-6 against the Selfish Distribution of Resources on the African Continent. *Pharos Theological Journal* 98. [http://www.pharosjot.com/uploads/7/1/6/3/7163688/article\\_23\\_vol\\_98\\_2017.pdf](http://www.pharosjot.com/uploads/7/1/6/3/7163688/article_23_vol_98_2017.pdf)
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. « Genre et Gestion des Ecosystèmes en Genèse 1,26-28: Une Lecture Ecologique et Théologique. » *Bulletin de Recherches Théologiques et Sociologiques* 8 (2017), 153-170.
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. "Social Disorder and the Trauma of the Earth Community: Reading Hosea 4:1-3 in Light of Contemporary African Crises." *Old Testament Essays* 29/3 (2016), 481-501. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17159/2312-3621/2016/v29n3a8>

### ➤ Chapters in Books (published and submitted)

- Kavusa, Kivatsi. J. 2020. "Human Violence and Wounds of אָרָץ in Hosea 4 – An Eco-Theological Interpretation". Submitted on the **18<sup>th</sup> March 2020** to editors ([interkulturelle-theologie@rub.de](mailto:interkulturelle-theologie@rub.de)) of the papers presented at the joint conference of RUB and PUR on "Overcoming Violence - Challenges and Theological Responses in the Context of Central Africa and Europe", 16-19 September 2019, Kibuye, Rwanda.
- Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2019. « John Calvin and Creation: Ecological insights of Calvin's thoughts about Human relationship with nature" in *Mélanges à l'honneur du Professeur Emérite KAMBALE KANDIKI Valère : L'apport de la pensée sociale des réformateurs au développement intégral de la RDC*. Edited by Prof Kamabu. Goma : ULPGL.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2019. Pour une émancipation de la femme en Afrique : Implications théologiques et pratiques de Genèse 1,26-28 Pages 31-52 in *Mélanges à l'honneur du Professeur Emérite KABUTU BIRIAGE*. Edited by Jules Kamabu and J. Kavusa. Goma : ULPGL.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. 2018. Masculinité et Féminité dans la Bible Hébraïque : Lire l'Ancien Testament à la Lumière de la théorie de la Masculinité Positive prônée par le Professeur Emérite Samuel Ngayihembako Mutahinga ». Pages 157-170 in *Mélanges à l'honneur du Professeur Emérite NGAYIHEMBAKO MUTAHINGA Samuel : Exégèse et Praxis Ecclésiale en Afrique Centrale*. Edited by Mudherwa Barhatulirwa V. Goma : ULPGL.

### ➤ Paper in conferences

Kavusa, Kivatsi. J. Human Violence and Wounds of גִּרְסָא in Hosea 4 – An Eco-Theological Interpretation. Paper presented at the joint conference of RUB and PUR on “Overcoming Violence - Challenges and Theological Responses in the Context of Central Africa and Europe”, 16-19 September 2019, Kibuye, Rwanda, 2019.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. The Body of the woman as a “locked garden”: An Eco-Justice interpretation of Song 4:12-15. Paper presented at the Propsalms and ProProphets Seminar on “the Body” hosted by the Department of Old Testament Studies in Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Pretoria from 30-31, Pretoria, South Africa.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. Water and Justice: Reading the Irony of Qoheleth 2:4-6 against the Selfish Distribution of Resources on the African Continent. Paper presented at the OTSSA Ecology Group on the theme entitled “Ecological Interpretations of Biblical Texts: Hermeneutical Questions and exegetical Outcomes,” from 10-13 September 2017 at Berg en Dal Rest Camp, Kruger National Park, South Africa, 2017.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. “Water as a blessing and a transient resource: A Call to re-define contemporary attitudes towards water in light of Job 14:7-12”. Paper presented at the SASNES, OTSSA and LXXSA conference held from 5-8 September 2017, and hosted by the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, 2017.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. Genre et Gestion des Ecosystèmes en Genèse 1,26-28: Une Lecture Ecologique et Théologique, Paper presented at the “Journée Scientifique” of ULPGL-Goma on 29 June 2017 in Goma/DRC, 2017.

KAVUSA, Kivatsi J et al. “Mass Killing in Beni /D.R. Congo: Advocacy, Mediation and Justice”. Paper presented at Summer School on Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Human Rights Protection, held by the United Evangelical Mission, from 17-28 July 2017 in Wuppertal, Germany, 2017.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. “Water as a blessing and scarce resource: A Call to re-define contemporary attitudes towards water in light of Job 14:7-12”. Paper presented at Langham scholars' Network Seminar in Chicago (USA) from 11 to 13 November 2016.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. Social Disorder and the Trauma of the Earth Community: Reading Hosea 4:1-3 in Light of Contemporary African Crises, Paper presented at the Conference of the International Organisation for the Study of the Old Testament (IOSOT), 4-9

September 2016, hosted by the University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2016.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. An Eco-theological Reading of Water Metaphors in the Book of Proverbs: Some Hermeneutical and Methodological Considerations. Paper presented at the Conference hosted by the Ecology Group of the Old Testament Society of South Africa (OTSSA) on 'ecological Interpretations of Biblical Texts: Issues and Outcomes, 7-9 September 2014, Kruger National Park, South Africa, 2014.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. An eco-theological interpretation of Proverbs 5:15-20 in the light of water crises experienced in present-day Africa. Paper presented at the Conference of the African Association for the Study of Religions (AASR) held at the University of Cape Town, July 30th to August 2nd 2014, Cape Town, 2014.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J & Van Heerden, S W. The Enclosed Garden: An Eco-Justice Reading of Song 4:12-15. Paper presented at the *Shir ha Shirim* Conference held from 9-10 September, UNISA-Pretoria, 2013.

Kavusa, Kivatsi J. Implications or Relevance of my Researches on Genesis 1:1-2:4a for a Discussion on an Ecological Biblical Hermeneutics. Paper presented at the Ecological Biblical Hermeneutics Workshop held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Rietvlei Dam Nature Reserve, Pretoria, 2013.

## 08. ALUMNI COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

- **US International exchange Alumni** (<https://alumni.state.gov/user/1515338>)
- **Langham Scholar Alumni** (<https://a761561.fmphost.com/fmi/webd/scholars>)
- **ULPGL Alumni-ASSANET**

## 09. RELEVANT VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

- **Summer School on Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Human Rights Protection**, held by the United Evangelical Mission, from 17-28 July 2017 in **Wuppertal, Germany**
- Attending the **conference on "Peace Among the People: Interreligious Action for Peace and Inclusive Communities"**, hosted by the United Evangelical Mission, Wuppertal, Germany from 14-16 July 2017.
- **Training on Trauma Therapy** hosted by Children Voice and lectured by Chaplain Molefe of the South African National Defense Force, at **Ihusi hotel-Goma/DRC** from 13-15/02/2007.

## 10. LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Conducting Church seminars on Eco-Theology, Sustainability and JPIC** 2013-
- **Ordained Pastor : COMMUNAUTE BAPTISTE AU CENTRE DE L'AFRIQUE (CBCA)** 2016-NOW
- **Coordinator: GREAT LAKES INTERRELIGIOUS YOUTH DIALOGUE** 2008-2010

- **Volunteering** in the UEM 'Youth for Children programme' for children affected by HIV and AID in Botswana from 1 to 27/9/2007.

## 11. LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Internationals: French (Very good); English (Good); Deutsch (B1 Niveau)

Nationals: Swahili and Lingala; Mother tongue: Kinande

Biblical Hebrew and Greek (Reading and Interpreting)

Good Computer Skills

## 12. REFEREES

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I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct.

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