



The climate change champion

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Clarice had worked as a lawyer on environment and climate change issues for seven years before becoming one of founding partners at Kieti Advocates LLP in 2017. Now, she specialises in legal services on renewable energy, the environment and ways to cope with climate change.

She has been involved in formulation of policy, research, legal analysis and assessment as well as training.

Because of its focus, the firm is among the pioneers in an area that has in the past decade assumed greater national and global importance due to the impact of climate change on livelihoods and economies.

Clarice is involved in identifying gaps, looking at global best practices to formulate policies and structure environmental and natural resources management laws.

She balances between her demanding responsibilities at work and other aspects of her life by ensuring that she leaves the office early even as she also starts her day early.

She wakes up at 5am on any given day, holds meetings in the mornings and then leaves by 12.30pm to pick her children from school. But that is not the end of her work day. If anything, she continues with the rest of her working day from home. This allows her to spend more time with family than if she worked from the office from morning to evening.

She says her passion for climate change stems from her desire to save the planet for future generations.

"Climate change affects generations to come and that is what keeps me motivated to continue with the work."

She studied law at the University of Nairobi before proceeding for a Master of Science in Africa and International Development at the University of Edinburgh in the UK and a Master of Laws on Climate Change and Policy at the University of Strathclyde, also in the UK.

She also holds a Certificate on Sustainable Energy Finance from a joint programme of UNEP and Frankfurt School of Management.

She is currently enrolled for a doctoral degree in environmental law at the University of Nairobi.

- Geoffrey Irungu