

## **Ms. Cecilia Wandiga - Bio**

Cecilia Wandiga is Executive Director and Trustee Board Member for the Centre for Science and Technology Innovations (CSTI). Founded in 1998, CSTI is a UNESCO Associated Trust registered under the Kenya National Academy of Sciences and housed at the University of Nairobi Institute for Climate Change and Adaptation (ICCA). Ms. Wandiga promotes women's empowerment through her service as an Advisory Board Member to Women in Sustainable Enterprise (WISE) in Kisumu. She is an Associate Lecturer and Sustainability Coordinator for the University of Nairobi African Women's Studies Centre as well as KEPSA Foundation's Natural Resource Forum (NAREF) Board Representative for Research and Educational Institutions.

Ms. Wandiga has close to 20 years of experience as a management consultant for municipal governments, non-profits and private sector firms seeking to create positive impact through economic development and manufacturing activities. She uses her background in public policy, business management and strategy & innovation to facilitate social change through the cross-pollination of biotechnology and industrial manufacturing. Her innovation research is focused on the application of systems thinking and business ethnography as a mechanism for reducing the barriers between business culture, scientific research culture, and, the adaptive behaviors need to adopt Circular Bio-Economy innovation practices. Toxicity reduction is a primary outcome she is passionate about.