Suggested Questions

1. What has been your personal experience with and/or involvement with development in Kenya, or in other African countries?
   More specifically: What is the earliest example of development you can think of in the community where you grew up? Can you describe your involvement with rural development in Machakos district?

2. How is the term development used in Kenya? For example, do rural people mean use the term to mean different things than urban people do? Or is the term used in different ways by different kinds of organizations, for example by NGOs or by government institutions? Has the meaning of the term development changed significantly over time?

3. How is the term development translated into Kikamba, or other Kenyan languages with which you are familiar?

4. Do you think there is a distinctive African understanding (or understandings) of development?

5. What have been the main periods of development activity in Kenya? As far as you know, has this history of development in Kenya been similar to or different from that of other African countries?

6. What kind of organizations or institutions (e.g. international organizations, government, NGOs, community-based organizations, businesses) are most actively addressing themselves to development issues in Kenya at this time? Has this mix of development actors changed significantly over time?

7. One of the questions I want to touch on in my book is how Africans' changing economic, social and spiritual relationships to land and water have affected their well-being. In general terms, how have these factors changed in Kenya since the 1960s? Do you think the factors affecting peoples' relationships to land in Kenya are very different from those operating in other countries in the region (or continent)?

8. In your view, have Africans made unique contributions to development as a global phenomenon, either via development theory or practice? For instance, has the work of any development organization, institution (or person) in Kenya led to the creation of new development ideas or practices?

Are there important questions that have been left out of this interview that you would like to address?