

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ms. MUSAWA MUSONDA HAMUSONDE

MSc. Natural Resources Management (Copperbelt University)

BSc. Ecology (University of Zambia)

1. Summary

Musawa is a seasoned ecologist with 18 years' experience in natural heritage conservation and protected area management. She works for the National Heritage Conservation Commission as a Chief Natural Heritage Officer where she is the key person in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Zambia's only World Heritage Site (WHS), the Victoria Falls, where she is also on record as the first female Site Manager to have managed the site.

Expertise: Heritage and environmental impact assessments/audits, tourism management, project proposal development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation and sustainable development. She has strengths in community/stakeholder engagement, capacity building, staff supervision, mentorship, finance mobilisation and policy guidance.

Research interests: Climate change, sustainable tourism development, heritage conservation.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

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3. PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

University/ College:	Dates Attended:	Degree/ Diploma Obtained:
Copperbelt University, Zambia	2012-2014	MSc. in Natural Resources Management
University of Zambia, School of Natural Sciences	1996-2001	Bachelors' Degree in Ecology
University of Zambia	2005-2007	Diploma in Project Planning and Management

4. OTHER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND COURSES

University/ College:	Dates Attended:	Country	Certificate obtained:
Swedish Hydrological and Meteorological Institute	Dec 2020-October 2021	Zambia	Climate change impacts: mitigation and adaptation
Technical University of Dresden	September 2015	Germany	Environmental Management for Developing and Emerging Countries – Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology
Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology (Knust)	October 2014	Ghana	Adaptive Management of Natural Resources
Ku Leuven University	September 2014	Belgium	Project Planning for Sustainable Tourism Development
UNESCO – IHE, Delft	April 2010	The Netherlands	Environmental Planning and Implementation
Centre For Heritage Development in Africa, (CHDA) Mombasa (Africa 2009 programme)	July - October 2007	Kenya	Heritage Conservation and Management

5. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Period	Employing organization, position/Rank	Country	Summary of Responsibilities
2022-Date	National Heritage Conservation Commission Southwest Region, Livingstone Acting Chief Natural Heritage Officer	Zambia	-Oversee the general conservation and management of all protected natural sites in Zambia and the resources therein. - Policy guidance on natural heritage conservation issues -Implementation of the World Heritage Convention and Joint Integrated Management Plan. -Conduct Heritage and Environmental Impact Assessments , community and stakeholder engagement, visitor management, finance mobilisation, monitoring and inspection, policy guidance and program innovation and implementation.

6. CURRENT TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As the Acting Chief Natural Heritage Officer in charge of natural heritage resources in Zambia, I oversee the **general conservation and management** of all protected natural sites and the resources therein, including the Victoria Falls World Heritage Site (VFWHS). I am responsible for overseeing the general conservation and sustainable utilization of all resources in the Sites. I also conduct **Heritage and Environmental Impact Assessments** of all proposed developments in the VFWHS, conservation, **education, sensitization, visitor management, finance mobilisation, monitoring and inspection** among other management programs. I plan for my department and give **policy guidance** to senior management on the use of natural resources under the custody of my institution. I also **innovate and implement programs and projects** that will enhance the value and state of conservation of the protected natural heritage sites in Zambia.

I also lead the Zambian team of the Joint Site Management Committee on the management of the VFWHS which, amongst others, is responsible for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the VFWHS and the production of the State of Conservation report for the Site which is submitted to UNESCO bi-annually.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

- Attended a workshop organised by the African World Heritage Fund for the mid-term review of the Action Plan (2021-227) for the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting from 27th to 29th February 2024 in Cape Town, **South Africa.**

- Attended a course in 'Managing risk in the face of Climate Change' sponsored by the Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation from 4th March to 14th March 2023 in Jakarta, **Indonesia**.
- Attended the Regional Meeting for World Heritage site Managers for the 3rd cycle of Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention for the Africa Region from 18th to 23rd February 2020 in Nairobi, **Kenya**.
- Attended the Regional Meeting for National Focal Points for the 3rd cycle of Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention for the Africa Region from 11th to 14th September 2019 in Grand-Bassam, **Côte d'Ivoire**.
- Attended the 3rd World Heritage Site Manager's Forum and the 43rd Session of the World Heritage Committee and presented a paper on the implementation of the 3rd Cycle of Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention for the Africa Region from 30th June to 10th July 2019 in Baku, **Azerbaijan**.
- Attended the preparatory meeting for the 3rd Cycle of Periodic Reporting for African countries on the 1972 Convention concerning the protection of the Worlds Cultural and Natural heritage from 24th to 27th February 2019, Nelspruit, **South Africa**.
- Attended a Regional Workshop on the Management of Cultural Heritage in Protected Areas from 17th to 22nd February 2019, Kruger National Park, **South Africa**.
- Attended the second World Heritage Site Managers' Forum and the 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting from 21st to 28th June 2018 in Manama, **Bahrain**.
- Resource Person for the Africa Regional course on Promoting People-Centered Approaches to the Conservation of Nature and Culture from 14th to 24th August 2018, Livingstone, **Zambia**.
- Attended a residential training in Business Planning for World Heritage Site and Protected Area Management from 14th to 24th November 2017 in Lajuma, Republic of **South Africa**.
- Attended and presented a paper at the ICCROM training workshop on Linking Nature and Culture in World Heritage Site Management from 6th to 16th June 2017 in Roros, **Norway**,
- Attended and presented a paper at the State of Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Trans-frontier Conservation Area 10th anniversary symposium from 30th October to 2nd November 2016 held in Victoria Falls town, **Zimbabwe**
- Attended and presented a paper at the Regional Workshop for Buffer Zones for World Heritage Properties from 18th to 20th October 2016 held in Hoedspruit, **South Africa**.
- Attended and presented a paper at the State of Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Trans-frontier Conservation Area workshop from 12th to 20th September 2016 held in Katima Mulilo, **Namibia**,
- Attended and presented a paper at the training workshop on African Heritage and the Pillars of sustainability from 25th to 31st July 2016 in Iringa, **Tanzania**.
- Represented the State Party of Zambia at the 40th UNESCO World Heritage Convention meeting from 10th to 20th July 2016 held in Istanbul, **Turkey**.

- Attended a training course in Governance of Landscapes, Forests and people from 28th August to 4th September 2015 in Bogor, **Indonesia**.
- Attended a training course in Environmental Management for Developing and Emerging Countries – Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology from 2nd to 25th September 2015 in Dresden, **Germany**.
- Attended a training course in “Water harvesting: A missed potential for food security in the semi-arid regions of Sub-Saharan Africa” from 22nd to 26th November 2015 in Wad Medani, **Sudan**,
- Attended a training course in Adaptive Management of Natural Resources: Managing environmental impact of rural development, from 20th to 31st October 2014 at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, **Ghana**.
- Attended a training course in Project Management in Sustainable Tourism Development from 14th to 21st September 2014 at the KU Leuven, **Belgium**.
- Attended a workshop and presented a paper on World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism from 23rd to 24th May 2014 in Hongcun, **China**.
- Attended a regional seminar on Integrated Water and Sanitation Management in urban slums and the surrounding environment from 7th to 11th October 2013 in Kampala, **Uganda**.
- Attended a training course in Environmental Planning and Implementation from 4th to 23rd April 2010 in Delft, **The Netherlands**.
- Attended a training course in Immovable Cultural Heritage from July to October 2007 in Mombasa, **Kenya**.

8. PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Readily accepts challenges, meets or exceeds assigned objectives.
- Proactive, motivated, goal oriented, resourceful.
- Quickly absorbs and retains new information and procedures.
- Easily adjusts to different environments and situations.
- Ability to work in a team
- A self-directed individual with a high level of technical writing skills, organizational skills and interpersonal skills.
- Ready and willing to work long hours and in the field.
- Able to work in a multi-cultural setting.

9. REFEREES

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