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| **Tasila Banda, PhD.**

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| **AVAILABILITY*** Immediately
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| **NATIONALITY*** Zambia
* Netherlands
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| **BOARDS & COMMITTEES*** Food Secure Africa
* CORSIA TAB (ICAO)
* ZCBNRM
* BSRC
* WeForest Zambia
* FFF Committee (FAO)
* Tribal Textiles
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| **LANGUAGES*** English -Fluent
* Chichewa - Fluent
* Dutch - Fluent
* KiSwahili -Fluent
* French - Basic
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| **REGIONAL EXPERIENCE*** Africa
* Asia
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* Latin America
* USA
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| **DRIVERS LICENCE*** SADC
* NETHERLANDS
* USA
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| **HOBBIES*** Scuba Diving
* Gardening
* International Travel
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 | **CURRICULUM VITAE**Direct Tel:+223-488-0389• WhatsApp:+260962004139 •Email:tasilabanda@gmail.com**OVERVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

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| **VERRA, Washington D.C. jan – Oct 2024**director, REDD+ Program development & innovation**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), NEW YORK Mar 2022- Dec 2023**Sustainable land management and ecosystem restoration specialist (global)**Zambia Integrated Forest Landscape Project (ZIFLP), Zambia Jan 2018 – Mar 2022***WORLD BANK-FUNDED project for climate mitigation* |
| * National ProJECT Coordinator
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| **United Nations Development Programme, Uganda Oct 2016 - Dec 2017***(United Nations Collaborative Initiative on Reducing Emissions from Degradation and forest Degradation)* |
| * International Technical Advisor
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| **US Agency for International Development, Zambia Aug 2015 - SepT 2016***(DEVELOPMENT & Coordination OF LOW EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES -LEDS)* |
| * Programme Coordinator and Technical Advisor to government
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| **Aruta Consult (Own Business) Mar 2013 - Jul 2015***(Environmental Consultancy Firm)* |
| * climate mitigation Consultant: Face the Future, Netherlands
 |  | SEPT 2014 - JUL 2015 |
| * Consultant: Programme Document Development, Kenya
 |  | Dec 2013 - Feb 2014 |
| * Research Scientist and Coordinator, Zambia
 |  | May 2013 - Jul 2013 |
| * Consultant, Zambia
 |  | Mar 2013 - Jul 2013 |

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| **Camco Advisory Services Kenya Ltd Jul 2013 - Aug 2014** *(ENVIRONMENTAL Consulting COMPAnY)* |
| * LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL Expert, AFDB, ZAMBIA
 | Feb 2014 - Aug 2014 |
| * LEAD CLIMATE CHANGE EXPERT, IFAD, kenya
 |  | Jan 2014 - Jul 2014 |
| * TEAM LEADER, MAU FOREST BLOCK REDD scoping, UN, Kenya
 |  | Dec 2013 - May 2014 |
| * TEAM LEADER, Forest Reference Emmision Level, World Bank Nepal
 |  | Jul 2013 - Aug 2014 |
| * TEAM LEADER, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY project, Rwanda
 |  | Jul 2013 - Aug 2014 |

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| **3Rocks Ltd, Zambia Nov 2012 - JuN 2013***(ENERGY Carbon development project (CDM)* |
| * Project Manager
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| **Face the Future, Netherlands SepT 2010 - Oct 2012***(FOREST CARBON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY)* |
| * FOREST Carbon DEVELOPMENT Manager
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| **People 4 Earth Foundation, Netherlands Jan 2010 - Aug 2010***(SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD DEVELOPMENT NGO)* |
| * FUNDRAISING Manager
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| **Stay at home mom, netherlands Jun 2008 - Dec 2009** |

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| **African Wild Dog Conservation (AWDC), Zambia Apr 2007 - May 2008***(Wildlife Conservation)* |
| * Project Manager
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| **Aruta Consult (Own Business) Jan 2006 - Mar 2007***(Environmental Consultancy COMPANY)* |
| * Consultant, WWF -international programs,, USA
 |  | DEC 2006 - MAR 2007 |
| * Consultant/Conservation Scientist: The City of Goodyear, USA
 |  | JAN 2006 - MAR 2007 |

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| **University of California, United States of America Oct 2000 - Dec 2005***(RESEARCH University system USA)* |
| * Graduate Researcher ON FOREST CONSERVATION AND LAND USE CHANGE IN THE MIOMBO ECOREGION OF WESTERN TANZANIA
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| **Arizona State University, United States of America Aug 1997 - Sept 2000***(public metropolitan research university)* |
| * Graduate Student Researcher ON SPATIAL DYNAMIT MODELING OF THE SAN PEDRO RIVER ECOSYSTEM
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| **University of Zambia, Zambia Jan 1996 - Jul 1997***(public university)* |
| * Staff Development Fellow
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| **International Center for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), Zambia****Nov 1993 - Dec 1995***(Research Institute)*  |
| * Research Assistant: Msekera Research Station, Chipata
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 **EDUCATION & TERTIARY HISTORY**

 **TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS**

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| * PhD. Degree: FOREST Conservation Ecology, UC Davis, California, USA.
 | completed in 2005 |

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| * MSc. Degree: Environmental RESOURCES, Arizona state university, USA.
 | completed in 2000 |

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| * BSc. Degree: Natural RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, UNZA, Zambia.
 | completed in 1995 |

 **PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS**

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| * The Leadership Consortium (TLC), Harvard, 2024
* Basic and Advanced Security training, UNDP, 2022
* Fraud and corruption awareness and prevention, UNDP, 2022
* Ethics and Integrity, UNDP, 2022
* Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and abuse of the local population, UNDP, 2022
* Greening the blue, UNDP, 2022
* United Nations Human Rights Responsibilities, UNDP, 2022
* The Gender Journey, UNDP, 2022
* UNDP Legal Framework, UNDP, 2022
* Preventing Sexual Harassment and other prohibited conduct, UNDP, 2022
* Ag-Observatory Trainee. The World Bank Group 2019 – 2020
* Investment Planning towards low emissions Development. The World Bank Group. May- June 2016.
* Climate Finance Essentials: Innovative Finance for the Climate Change Challenge. The World Bank Group. May- June 2016.
* Policy instruments for Low Emissions Development: From Design to Implementation. The World Bank Group. September 2-23, 2015.
* The Climate Leader. Climate Interactive. January-February, 2015.
* Social and Biodiversity Impact Assessment of Land-based Carbon Projects, Uganda, July 2012.
* Quality Control and Quality Assurance training for Forest Carbon Monitoring Campaign, IFER, 2011.
* Introductory course on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Conserving and enhancing Forest Carbon Stocks (REDD+) – The Nature Conservancy, 2010.
* Arc GIS 9.1 Training Workshop, Sacramento, California, USA, 2006.
* Design, management and use of Herbarium Specimen Database, Pretoria, South Africa, 1997.
* Herbarium Management and plant conservation, Pretoria, South Africa, 1996.
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 **COMPUTER LITERACY**

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| * Microsoft Word – Proficient
* Excel - Proficient
* PowerPoint – Proficient
* Teams – Proficient
* Webex – Proficient
* Zoom - Proficient
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| **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS** |
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| * Non-Executive Director, Food Secure Africa, Zambia, 2022-Date
* Technical Advisory Body (TAB) member for the CORSIA, ICAO, Montreal, Canada 2019-Date.
* Committee Member for the FAO Forest Farm Facility, Zambia, 2018-Date
* Board Member for the Zambia Community-Based Natural Resources Management 2020-Date
* Advisory Board Member for the Business Sustainability Research Center (BSRC) 2018- Date
* Non-Executive Director, Tribal Textiles, Zambia, 2019-Date
* Non-Executive Director, WeForest Zambia, 2018-Date.
* Co-chair for the PPCR sub-committee meeting, Oaxaca, Mexico, June 2016
* Member of the African Forest Forum, Kenya
* Society for Conservation Biology
* Ecological Society of America
* International Ecological Society
* Founder and elected Co-Chair, Davis African Club 2004-2005
* Treasurer, National Association of University Women, Capital Branch 2004 – 2005
* Woman of the Year Selection Committee, Southwestern Section of National Association of University Women, 2004-2006
* Ecology Graduate Student Association 2000-2005
* Star Walker, AIDS WALK San Francisco July 2002, 2004 and 2005
* Vice President, African Students Association at ASU, 1998-2000
* President of University of Zambia Natural Resource Society, 1994-1995.
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| **VERRA, WASHINGTON, D.C.**  | **JAN 2024- present** |
| *Non-Profit Climate Change Standards and Methodologies Development* |
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| **Director, REDD+ Program Development and Innovation – Reporting to the Senior Director Forest Carbon Program** |
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| **Oversight Regions:** | Africa, Asia, Latin America |
| **Responsibilities**: * Meeting with key stakeholders to learn more about opportunities for growing Verra’s role in forest carbon globally.
* Collaborating with small and broader team members to develop a new dynamic performance benchmark methodology for natural climate disturbance.
* Participating in working groups to explore potential changes to how market leakage is quantified for forest carbon projects in the VCS Program.
* Ensuring Verra scales the forest management carbon emission reduction and removal activities and grows such activities to meet opportunities for more significant climate change mitigation and sustainable development contributions.
* For VCS Program methodologies: i) Overseeing the revision of the improved forest management methodologies, the development of additional methodologies, and the potential phasing out of certain existing methodologies as new ones are published; and ii) coordinating the assessment of forest management-related methodology idea notes and related approvals.
* Guiding initiatives, including supporting the advance of digital measurement, reporting, and verification (DMRV) in Verra’s forest management activities, exploration of leakage for forest carbon projects, and other updates for the forthcoming Version 5 of the VCS Program (in collaboration with the technology solutions, audit and accreditation, sustainable development, and project review teams).
* Managing appropriate stakeholder engagement, communications, and training in all areas of forest management innovation.
* Managing 3+ team members across multiple time zones.
* Representing Verra at industry-related events as a thought leader, to include leading panel discussions and giving presentations.
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| **UNited nations development programme (UNDP), NEW YORK**  | **Mar 2022- DEC 2023** |
| *Sustainable Land Management and Ecosystem Restoration Specialist to support the development of the SLM and ecosystem restoration program* |
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| **Regional Technical Advisor – Reporting to the Principal Technical Advisor, Vertical Funds Department** |
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| **Oversight Countries:** | Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali, Namibia, Uganda, Zimbabwe |
| **Responsibilities**: **Technical support for development of the UNDP corporate Offer on Sustainable Land Management (SLM):*** Conduct background research and compile technical inputs on the SLM thematic area.
* Conduct a mapping of the UNDP work on SLM and related themes to inform the development of new SLM Offer.
* Support the consultation process with UNDP COs and other teams within UNDP on the preparation of the corporate offer.
* Support the preparation of an internal and external dissemination strategy and information-sharing on the UNDP corporate offer on SLM.

**Technical support for development of the UNDP offer on the Great Green Wall for the Sahel and Sahara Initiative*** Support the internal consultation process with UNDP COs and other teams within UNDP on the preparation of the corporate offer.
* Support external consultations and discussions on GGW.
* Support preparation of technical inputs and briefs on GGW to inform UNDP engagement with partners.

**Technical support for development of the UNDP Ecosystem Restoration Promise initiative/offer*** Support portfolio review, mapping and documentation and awareness-raising on UNDP support to ecosystem restoration.
* Support the drafting of the UNDP Ecosystem Restoration Promise initiative/offer and implementation strategy.

**Portfolio Quality Assurance, Integration and Resource Mobilization*** Support provision of technical oversight, quality assurance and policy compliance for the vertical fund portfolio of projects.
* Support the development of resource mobilization and funding proposals.

**Partnership Development, Dialogue and Advocacy*** Support UNDP’s contribution to and participation in global partnership initiatives and dialogues around SLM, restoration and nature-positive production within the UN
* Support the Food Systems Summit processes.
* Support UNDP’s contribution to the FAO-UNDP Flagship Initiative on Support to Small-Scale Producers role in agri-food systems transformation.
* Support UNDP’s participation and contribution to the 1000 Landscapes 1 billion People initiative.
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| **Zambia Integrated Forest Landscape Project (ZIFLP)** | **Jan 2018 - 2022** |
| *Integrated project to improve landscape management, increase environmental and socio-economic benefits for rural communities while contributing to the country’s National Development Plan, the Nationally Determined Contributions (Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC) and Sustainable Development Goals.* |
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| **National Coordinator – Matrix Reporting to the World Bank Task Team Leaders (BioCF, IDA, GEF) and the Permanent Secretary for Ministry of National Development Planning**  |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | 1 Provincial Project Manager, 2 Environmental Social Inclusion Officers, 2 Planning/Monitoring and Evaluation Officers, 2 Procurement Officers, 2 Internal Auditors, 2 Accountants, 2 Office Assistants and 4 Drivers. |
| **Responsibilities**: * Coordinate and manage the National and Sub-national Project Implementation Units.
* Facilitate a holistic and integrated approach in the implementation of the project.
* Provide technical assistance to the implementing agencies at national and sub-national level.
* Review relevant policies and development of policy frameworks as well as institutional arrangements for REDD+.
* Provide overall guidance on implementation.
* Build synergies amongst stakeholders (subnational, national and international) to enhance project outputs.
* Coordinate and monitor activities of the external partners of the project and proactively engage with them.
* Coordinate and supervise implementation of all project cycle activities.
* Ensure annual, quarterly and monthly work plans, budgets and disbursements for the project approval timely by the Financiers.
* Prepare a consolidated work plan for all participating partners under the ZIFLP.
* Ensure the dissemination and visibility of project achievements and support mechanisms for exchange of information, experience and lessons learned at the local, national and international levels.
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| **United Nations Development Programme, Uganda** | **Oct 2016 - Dec 2017** |
| *United Nations Collaborative Initiative on Reducing Emissions from Degradation and Forest Degradation-UNREDD* |
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| **International Technical Advisor - Reporting to the Regional Technical Advisor (UN-REDD), Country Office Unit Head of Environmental Affairs, and Commissioner for the Ministry of Water and Environmental Affairs** |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | Cross Functional Reporting (UNDP, UNEP, FAO) and coordination with FCPF component. |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Served as a senior member of the REDD+ Secretariat within the Ministry of Water and Environment.
* Supported the REDD+ Secretariat in the day-to-day management of the UN-REDD Programmatic Support.
* Organised and substantively contributed to high-level policy dialogues on the development of the national REDD+ Strategy.
* Reviewed relevant policies and development of policy frameworks as well as institutional arrangements for REDD+.
* Provided technical advice to Government counterparts on the development of policy options and the strategy for the design and implementation of REDD+ in Uganda.
* Shared knowledge on REDD+ by documenting lessons learnt and best practices from the UN-REDD programmatic support and contributed to the development of knowledge-based tools (including policies, strategies, guidelines, etc.).
* Coordinated institutional capacity assessments of relevant national and subnational entities along the REDD+ value chain.
* Provided support to the UNFCCC negotiations related to REDD+.
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| **USAID and US FOREST SERVICE, Zambia** | **Aug 2015 - SepT 2016** |
| *Development of Low Emissions Development Strategies- LEDS*  |
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| **Programme Coordinator and Technical Advisor, Matrix Reporting to the US Forest Service, USAID and the National Interim Inter-Ministerial Climate Change Secretariat (ICCS).**  |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Supported the planning and implementation of Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) in Zambia including scaling up of Renewable Energy Programme with the Ministry of Energy, REDD+, FIP, etc.
* Provided programme management and technical support to the Government of Zambia’s Interim Inter-Ministerial National Climate Change Secretariat (ICCS).
* Collaborated with U.S. Government Offices in Lusaka to develop detailed work plans for the implementation of activities.
* Coordinated EC-LEDS activities with appropriate interested parties such as government agencies, international and regional organisations and development partners.
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| **Aruta Consult (OwnER)** | **Mar 2013 - Jul 2015** |
| *Environmental Consulting* |
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| **Consultant: Face the Future, Netherlands** Sept 2014 - Jul 2015 |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Prepared the Social and Biodiversity Impact Assessment report for the Kibale natural high forest rehabilitation project, an ARR registered project under VCS seeking CCB certification.
* Reviewed the relevant stakeholder workshops notes to develop the report.
* Organised stakeholder workshops and training for Workshop Facilitators.
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| **Consultant: UNEP, Kenya** Dec 2013 - Feb 2014 |
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| **Projects worked on:** * Mountain Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Project Documentation
* Urban Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Project Documentation United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
* Access to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Projects

**Responsibilities**: * Led and provided technical leadership for the development of the ecosystem-based project documentation for senior leadership and other key stakeholders to facilitate sharing of project outcomes and best practices.
* Evaluated, developed and implemented procedures regarding project documentation and development.
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| **Research Scientist and Coordinator: WCS-UNEP-UNDP, Zambia** May 2013 - Jul 2013 |
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| **Projects worked on:** * Role of Forests Ecosystem Services on Green Economy.

**Clients:** * Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).
* United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
* United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

**Responsibilities**: * Coordinated research efforts for a valuation study and national report on the role of role of forest ecosystems in national economies and the significance of REDD+ in a green economy transformation in Zambia.
* Presented findings and raised awareness on the important role of forests and its contributions to national development.
* Initiated a policy and budgetary dialogue among major stakeholders and policy makers on investment opportunities, job creation and livelihood improvements for sustainable management of forest ecosystems.
* Contributed to the UN-REDD Programme Global Framework Document and its Outcome 6 on “Green Economy transformation and REDD+ strategies and investments are mutually reinforcing”.
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| **Consultant: AfDB-OECD-IIED, Zambia** Mar 2013 - Jul 2013 |
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| **Projects worked on:** * Inclusive Green Growth

**Clients:*** African Development Bank (AfDB),
* Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
* The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED),
* Zambia Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change.

**Responsibilities**: * Developed a background paper on behalf of the AfDB, OECD and IIED and performed stakeholder consultations for the articulation of green growth country options, challenges and opportunities in Zambia.
* Researched on:
* economic outlook to determine national economic priorities their relation to environmental assets and hazards.
* economic diversification and corresponding priority areas for green growth initiatives.
* public finance and investment trends that were green growth compatible within the public, private and donor circles.
* overall policy environment and institutional arrangement for enabling and or disabling green growth conditions.
* review of climate change and natural resource management structures, scope and on-going initiatives as well as assessing the extent to which sustainability criteria were applied in managing Zambia’s resources.
* entry points for further development of green growth in Zambia.
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| **Camco Advisory Services Kenya Ltd** | **Jul 2013 - Aug 2014** |
| *Environmental Consulting Company* |
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| **Environment and Climate Change Expert, Kenya** **- Reporting to the Managing Director**Feb 2014 - Aug 2014 |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | Cross Functional Reporting. |
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| **Project worked on:** * Designing of the Lake Tanganyika Development Project

**Client:*** African Development Bank (AfDB).

**Responsibilities**: * Coordinated and provided technical support to develop the proposed project in the standards required by the AfDB.
* Liaised with major stakeholders in the development of the projects’ objectives, components, costs, implementation plan, economic and financial analysis as well as social benefits.
* Contributed technical inputs related to policy and knowledge-sharing activities to ensure a high-quality proposal aligned with the Zambian Sixth National Development Plan (SNDP), the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika and the African Development Bank’s Results Based Country Strategy Paper (RBCSP 2011-2015).
* Collaborated with key project stakeholders, including local, national governments and organisations as well as multilateral entities.
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| **Climate Change Expert, Kenya - Reporting to the Managing Director** Jan 2014 - Jul 2014 |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | Cross Functional Reporting.  |
| **Project worked on:** * Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihoods Programme Design ($100million)

**Client:*** International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

**Responsibilities**: * Worked with the IFAD leadership to create a new programme in Kenya designed to achieve the objective of developing climate resilient agricultural livelihoods particularly for populations within arid and semi-arid areas.
* Established and agreed with leadership team on framework for the livelihood strategy and programme including scope, governance, resources and prioritisation.
* Carried out policy assessment supporting climate resilience agriculture in Arid and Semi-arid areas of Kenya.
* Proposed climate smart activities for consideration during the implementation of the programme.
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| **Project Manager, Kenya - Reporting into the Managing Director** Dec 2013 - May 2014 |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | Cross Functional Reporting.  |
| **Project worked on:** * Scoping Study to Support REDD+ Pilot in Northern Mau Forest Blocks

**Client:** * Kenya Forest Service.

**Responsibilities**: * Completed comprehensive assessment of a potential REDD+ project for the Tinderet North, Tinderet South, Nabkoi, Timboroa and Londiani forest blocks.
* Accomplished initial project scoping with the Kenya Forest Service and in close consultation with wide stakeholders.
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| **Team Leader: World Bank (FCPF), Nepal - Reporting to the Managing Director** Jul 2013 - Aug 2014 |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | 1 GIS Expert, 1 Remote Sensing Expert, 1 Environmental Expert, 2 Researchers and 1 National Manager, Nepal. |
| **Projects worked on:** * Nepal REDD+ Readiness Preparation Programme.

**Clients:*** REDD+ Forestry and Climate Change Cell (REDD CELL) under the World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF).

**Responsibilities**: * Led the team that developed the national reference level/reference emission level (REL/RL) for Nepal to complement its national climate-change efforts in attaining REDD+ Readiness.
* Coordinated capacity building and trainings for REDD CELL and other key stakeholders’ capacities to identify, quantify and project forest carbon stocks and subsequently apply REDD+ interventions on carbon emissions and fluxes and assess related strategic options.
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| **Project Manager, Rwanda - Reporting to the Managing Director** Jul 2013 - Aug 2014 |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | 1 Energy Expert, 1 Business Development Expert and 2 Research Assistants. |
| **Project worked on:** * Rwanda Sustainable Energy through Charcoal Production CDM Program of Activities (PoA)

**Client:*** Rwanda Ministry of Infrastructure.

**Responsibilities**: * Led project, which assisted the Rwandan Ministry of Infrastructure by surveying and assessing market trends and constraints for development of the charcoal informal sector.
* Subsequently used findings in the development of a sustainable charcoal Programme of Activities (PoA).
* Supported Camco’s efforts in identifying possible climate financing opportunities via the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) or the Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA) framework.
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| **3Rocks Ltd, Zambia** | **Nov 2012 - JuN 2013** |
| *Carbon Development Company* |
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| **Project Manager - Reporting to the Managing Director** |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | 5 Community Awareness Officers, 10 Installation Supervisors and 1 Accountant.Total Team Size: 50 |
| **Project worked on:** * Fuel Wood Efficient Wood Cooking Stove Project

**Responsibilities**: * Directed a 50-member team in the end-to-end project implementation of energy efficient cooking stove installation in 40 000 households in support of efforts to halt forest deforestation and degradation under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).
* Developed community awareness initiatives, which included on the ground communication activities and radio programming.
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| **Face the Future, Netherlands** | **SepT 2010 - Oct 2012** |
| *Forest Carbon Development Company* |
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| **Carbon Projects Manager: Forests - Reporting to the Managing Director** |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Managed all forest carbon project activities.
* Successfully led a pre-existing reforestation project through validation, verification and registration under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS).
* Developed carbon projects for climate change mitigation, improved livelihoods and biodiversity conservation.
* Trained in-country field data collection teams on best practices for carbon monitoring, quality control, quality assurance as well as development of documentation for monitoring and risk assessment.
* Managed client relationships.
* Designed and led production of community and international audience awareness materials, documentaries and newsletters.
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| **People 4 Earth Foundation, Netherlands** | **Jan 2010 - Aug 2012** |
| *(Non-profit Organisation)* |
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| **Project Manager: Fundraising - Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer** |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Created and implemented fundraising strategies for individual, public, corporate and private foundations to generate € 3 Million needed for launching a sustainability standard.
* Effectively developed a 36-month fundraising plan complete with fundraising activities, research, funding prospects database, campaign kit and support documentation.
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| **Dutch language course, Netherlands**  | **Jun 2008 - Dec 2009** |

Training in the Dutch language as part of the integration programme.

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| **African Wild Dog Conservation (AWDC), WWF, Zambia** | **Apr 2007 - May 2008** |
| *Wildlife and habitat Conservation*  |
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| **Project Manager - Reporting to the Country Director for WWF** |
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| **Direct Reportees:**  | 1 Ecologist, 1 Community Conservation Officer and 1 Veterinarian. |
| **Responsibilities**: * Successfully raised more than € 300 000 for the project’s 3-year phase and subsequently ensured continuous funds through fundraising efforts.
* Negotiated the successful signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between AWDC and the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA).
* Served as project representative at the Southern African regional strategic planning meetings for carnivores.
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| **Aruta Consult (Own Business)** | **Jan 2006 - Mar 2007** |
| *Environmental Consulting* |
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| **Consultant, World Wildlife Fund, United States of America - Reporting to the Climate Change Manager** Dec 2006 - Mar 2007 |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Developed grant proposals for field projects testing conservation strategies for migratory species.
* Prepared climate change outreach website pagers.
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| **Consultant/Conservation Scientist: The City of Goodyear, Arizona, USA** Jan 2006 - Mar 2007 |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Designed and developed of the water conservation programme.
* Represented the City of Goodyear at regional Stakeholder meetings.
* Prepared grant proposals preparation.
* Reviewed local and regional water policies.
* Recommended regulations for water conservation to the Mayor and City Council.
* Prepared water conservation programme documents.
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| **University of California, United States of America** | **Oct 2000 - Dec 2005** |
| *Public Research University System in the USA* |
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| **Graduate Researcher - Reporting to the Professor for Conservation Biology** |
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| **Project worked on:** * Forest conservation and land use change in the Miombo eco-region of Western Tanzania.

**Responsibilities**: * Designed and implemented of projects in forestry conservation and land use change in the Miombo eco-region of Western Tanzania as part of the Doctoral research fulfilment requirements (2000 - 2005).
* Carried out habitat assessment for an endangered long-horn beetle (VELB) along riparian ecosystems of the Californian Central Valley (2002 - 2003).
* Managed the species Database for the US - Geological Survey (2002 - 2003).
* Carried out Environmental Impact Assessment and prepared reports for the US -Geological Survey (2002 - 2003).
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| **Arizona State University, United States of America** | **Aug 1997 - SEPT 2000** |
| *Public Metropolitan Research University* |
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| **Graduate Student Researcher - Reporting to the Head of Environmental Studies** |
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| **Project worked on:** * Development of a spatial dynamic model for land use change

**Responsibilities**: * Developed a Spatial Dynamic Model of Land-use conversion around the city of Sierra Vista, in the San Pedro watershed of Southern Arizona, projected from the year 2000 until 2050.
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| **University of Zambia, Zambia** | **Jan 1996 - Jul 1997** |
| *Public University* |
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| **Staff Development Fellow - Reporting to the Head of Department** |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Served as a Staff Development Fellow for the department of Biological Studies.
* Assisted in teaching undergraduate biology classes.
* Served as the Zambia trainee to the regional SABONET.
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| **International Center for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), Zambia** | **Nov 1993 - Dec 1995** |
| *Research Institute* |
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| **Research Assistant: Msekera Research Station, Chipata – Reporting to the Team Leader** |
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| **Responsibilities**: * Managed the seedling nursery at the research station.
* Carried out nursery experiments to enhance agroforestry species aimed at improving crop yields for small-scale farmers in surrounding villages.
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| **PUBLICATIONS** |
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| * **T. Banda**, Bass, S. 2014. Inclusive green growth in Zambia: scoping the needs and potentials. IIED Country Report. IIED, London. http://pubs.iied.org/16558IIED
* **T. Banda**, 2011. Natural high forest rehabilitation project on degraded land of Kibale National Park, Uganda: www.v-c-s.org.
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* **T. Banda**, N. Mwangulango, B. Meyer, M.W. Schwartz, F. Mbago, M. Sungula and T.M. Caro. 2008. The woodland vegetation of the Katavi-Rukwa ecosystem in western Tanzania. Forest Ecology and Management, 255:3382-3395.
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* **Banda, T**., M.W. Schwartz and T.M. Caro, (2006). Effects of fire on the germination of Pterocapus angolensis. Forest Ecology and Management, 233:116-120.
* **Banda, T**., M.W. Schwartz and T.M. Caro, (2006). Woody vegetation structure and composition along a protection gradient in the miombo woodland of western Tanzania. Forest Ecology and Management, 230(1-3):179-185.
* Whysong, G., **T. Banda** and B. Conklin. 2003. Dynamic Spatial Modeling of Urban Growth on the San Pedro Watershed. In Guhathakurta, S. (ed) Integrated Land-use and Environmental Models: A Survey of Current Applications and Research. Springer, ISBN 3540005765.
* Schwartz, M.W., T.M. Caro and **T. Banda**. 2002. Assessing the sustainability of harvest of Pterocarpus angolensis in Rukwa Region, Tanzania. Forest Ecology and Management 170 (1-3): 259-269.
* P.S.M. Phiri and **T. Banda**. 1996. The current state of herbaria activities in Zambia. Southern African Botanical Diversity Network Report. (Ed. Christopher Willis). Pretoria, RSA. Vol. 1: 21-27.
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**CV CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

**Date:** 24 October 2024

**Signature:**  **Full name and qualification:** Tasila Banda, PhD.