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Professional Summary

I am a climate change specialist with experience in implementing adaptation activities with communities directly affected by climate change and influencing national, regional and global climate policy. I have championed a systems approach to climate change adaptation. My policy engagement has spanned from sustainable development, climate change, and UN Food Systems and UN Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). At African level, I have engaged extensively the African Union Malabo Process, where I influenced Government investment on Nutrition, agricultural biotechnology, and climate change. In my work of influencing, I have engaged in strategy development, partnership managements and managing advocacy and influencing. I have also engaged in the UNFCCC process, where I support the Malawi Government delegation to UNFCCC where I negotiate on adaptation, Climate Finance and agriculture on behalf of Malawi.

Career Profile

1. Jul 2020 - **African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF), www.aatf-africa.org**
Project Manager, Open Forum for Agricultural Biotechnology (OFAB)
Nairobi, Kenya

Summary

In this role, I lead a team of advocates at Africa level to influence an enabling environment for small-holder farmers the creating on open forum that ensures inclusion of different actors in the research, deployment, and adoption of agricultural biotechnology among the small-scale farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Roles

Strategy & Leadership.

1. Developing OFAB's long-term high profile influencing strategy and collaboration with partners for maximization of impact and risk management.
2. Implementation of OFAB advocacy and campaign work plan and that of the partners, country chapters and collaborators.
3. Contributes to the strategy, management, and leadership of AATF as a member of the Management Team.
4. Leaving OFAB Project Secretariat and management of team in 7 countries and oversee the multi-million budgets.

Advocacy, Representation and Influencing.

1. Support AATF Leadership to maximize the impact through high-level engagements with international public officials, politicians, organizations, and the private sector.
2. Identifies visibility opportunities at regional and global levels for effective delivery of OFAB objectives.
3. Communicate OFAB objectives, goals, and strategies through engagement meeting with public officials, politicians, organizations, private sector in and outside Africa.
4. Assess the effectiveness of the OFAB advocacy and campaigns strategies, where necessary facilitate a review process.
5. Develop partnerships and alliances for agricultural biotechnology policy influencing and practice in Africa and beyond.

Public Engagement & Program Development.

1. Application of public engagement strategies for campaigning, advocacy, and public mobilization. Build campaigns and advocacy leveraged on and integrated in programming work at country and regional level.
2. Manages monitoring and implementation of OFAB projects and facilitates documentation, and information management for advocacy and influencing.
3. Oversees documentation, information management and sharing that include effective management of OFAB websites and social media.
4. Implementation of media and outreach strategy including internet and digital platform strategies to support advocacy and communication on agriculture biotechnology. Supports implementation of OFAB's issues management system for effective redress outcomes.
5. Supports resource mobilization efforts to support the Project, advocacy and AATF work.
6. Develops and implements an OFAB expansionist strategy in Africa to 3 more countries.

2. **Aug 2016 – Jun 2020** CARE USA www.care.org **Regional Advocacy and Partnerships Advisor,** *Climate Change, Food, Nutrition and Agriculture investment,* **Pretoria, South Africa, Southern Africa Region**

Summary

I led efforts to strengthen capacities of the most affected groups in southern Africa region to be included in the development initiatives on climate change, agricultural development, nutrition, and disaster management. I developed learning hub on climate change, nutrition and village savings and loans which was critical in building inclusion and strengthening the voices of the targeted communities in multilateral processes.

Roles

1. Develop and implement CARE International's Advocacy and Partnership strategy for the Southern Africa, on food nutrition security and climate change, in coordination with partners and with CARE Country Offices in the Southern Africa region.
2. Develop and maintain relationships in coalitions, with civil society actors, intergovernmental fora, research/academic institutions to advance food nutrition security and climate change resilience in Southern Africa for CARE's work
3. Represent Southern Africa in the CARE Global advocacy initiatives and projects by providing the regional perspectives.
4. Influence and advocate with others on issues related to food and nutrition security and climate change resilience within and beyond CARE, ensuring effective coordination and alignment of regional and national-focused influencing work, with partners and with CARE Country Offices.
5. Identifying evidence and potential for fundraising opportunities to expand advocacy, programming, and partnership possibilities. Follow up those opportunities with concept notes/proposals where possible and in collaboration with country offices.
6. Supporting Country Office in their national advocacy by providing expert advice on strategy and approaches and developing strategic partnerships.
7. Ensure CARE is actively engaged and visible in support of intergovernmental fora, civil society discussions, decisions, and frameworks to advance climate change resilience and food nutrition security.
8. Management of internal and external communications on CARE's progress in partnerships and regional influence.
9. Development of infographics and vital statistics on food, climate and nutrition for advocacy and campaigns in the region.

3. Nov 2013 to Jan 2016 ACT Alliance, www.actalliance.org Global Climate Change Policy and Advocacy Officer, Geneva, Switzerland

Summary

I led the ACT Alliance global community in the engagement of excluded and most affected groups in the international climate change processes mainly the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Management.

Roles

Coordinating ACT Alliance Climate Change Policy Advocacy and Influencing

1. Designing, planning, and implementing climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction advocacy strategies and campaigns
2. Development of climate change and DRR policy and position papers for the ACT Alliance.
3. Monitoring the international climate politics and developing strategies for advocacy, policy development and relevant engagement on climate policy.
4. Organizing policy dialogues meetings and webinars with Governments and other partners
5. Coordination of the Global Disaster Risk Reduction Community of Practice to influence the development and implementation of DRR related policies at national level through member-driven advocacy.

Partnerships Management and Alliances Building.

6. Establishing and managing relationships with UNFCCC delegates and other stakeholders
7. Providing climate change and policy advice to LDCs, AOSIS, SIDS and African Group in the UNFCCC process
8. Coordinate the development of the campaign messages to ensure coherence with the policy demands and relevant to the political processes.
9. Building capacity of the members on climate justice and climate campaigning.
10. Coordinating the Global Campaign team in the implementation of the Campaign in Africa, Europe, Asia and North and South America.

Coordinate global COP 21 Climate Justice Campaign

11. Develop multi-pronged climate justice campaign to support ACT Climate Policy objectives towards COP 21 and beyond.
12. Develop external relations with CSO and Governments and other stakeholders including businesses and UN bodies especially the UNFCCC for the furtherance of the campaign.
13. Keep abreast of political, scientific, technological, and financial developments and ensuring that appropriate campaign messaging is developed relevant to the developments.
14. Undertake outreach and communication to the ACT Alliance members for purposes of building a strong climate movement at national, regional, and international levels.

**4. July 2010-October 2013 Christian Aid, Lilongwe, Malawi, www.christianaid.org.uk.
Programme Officer, Climate Change Adaptation, DRR Policy**

Summary

I facilitated the design and implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation projects with the affected communities in Malawi. Using the experiences from the design and implementation processes, participatory advocacy and engagement initiatives ensued where Government and elected officials were held accountable to the needs of the affected people.

Roles

Programme Management

- Conduct a participatory hazard, risk, vulnerability, and capacity assessment (HRVCA) with the community-based disaster management committees, governments, and affected communities.
- Grant management to partners implementing climate change and disaster risk reduction projects and programmes.
- Facilitation of the periodic and final evaluation of the projects through the management of consultants for baseline surveys, mid-term, and final reviews.
- Leading in the identifying Community Based DRR activities e.g. Early Warning, Hazard Mapping, for community members through research and participatory vulnerability and capacity Assessment framework through an inclusive process
- Conducting climate adaptation and resilience action research in the flood prone regions of the southern part of Malawi.

Policy and Advocacy Coordination

- Designing climate change advocacy and influencing projects and initiatives targeting national enabling environment.
- Research and policy analysis to inform advocacy demands on national Government's performance on climate change ambition.
- Developing partnerships with other agencies providing support to the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation policy advocacy.
- Represent Christian Aid in the National DRR Working Groups at national (National Disaster Reduction Platform and Humanitarian Country Team) and international level.

5. Jan 2010-June 2010 Embassy of the Republic of Germany, <http://www.lilongwe.diplo.de>. Programme Officer, Governance, Politics and Press Lilongwe, Malawi.

Summary

I coordinated the public engagement projects for Embassy. In this role, I coordinate the Ambassador's small projects grants which enhanced the visibility of the Government of Germany through its enhanced social corporate responsibility.

Roles

1. National Social and Development Policy analyst and advisor to Germany Embassy in Malawi.
2. Develop partnerships between the Embassy and other stakeholders especially the media and civil society organizations.
3. Provide political and economic analysis to the development and economic cooperation departments.
4. Initiate all visibility/outreach programmes for the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in Malawi.
5. Participate in the Common Approach to Budget Support (CABS) to the Government of Malawi.
6. Grant and project Management of the Ambassadors Community Support projects fund.
7. Evaluation of proposals for funding for the Ambassadors Community Support Fund.
8. Fill in for the VISA officer in case of absence.

6. Sept 2006-Oct 2009 National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE) www.nice.mw Training and Development Officer, Lilongwe, Malawi

Summary

I led the whole of training and development function of the governance and democracy project. In particular, I developed a concept called walking with the communities. The concept entailed a sustainable approach community led empowerment to moved them from their current abhorrent state to their desired destinies. The concept

focussed on community empowerment, hand-holding – where necessary, leadership engagement and accountability.

Roles

1. Conducting Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for the project staff including institutional assessment.
2. Design and conduct training programmes in decentralization, human rights programming, and general aspects of democratization for NICE employees and partners.
3. Development of concepts for tailor made training programmes for NICE staff and its cooperating partners.
4. Development of Training Materials on different thematic Governance issues.
5. Maintain a database of the training providers in Malawi and outside the country.
6. Participate in the hiring and exit processes of the employees.
7. Financial Management of the training and development budget.
8. Organize international conference on governance and civic engagement.
9. Development and implementation of HIV and Gender Workplace Policies.

7. Jan 2004- Aug 2006 Youth Net and Counselling Organization (YONECO), www.yoneco.org Programme Officer, Youth Programme, Zomba, Malawi

Summary

I worked with communities to set up home based care structures for HIV/AIDS affected communities. I also facilitated prevention initiatives such as public education and provisions of youth friendly services.

Roles

- Advocacy on Youth friendly development framework at national level, particularly in the national budget, Malawi Economic Growth Strategy.
- Community mobilization and capacity building on HIV and AIDS intervention.
- Supporting the programme manager in monitoring and evaluation of projects.
- Capacity building of SAT partners on HIV and AIDS Programming.
- Timely and periodic reporting in accordance with donor requirements.
- Undertake quarterly program supervisory visits for technical support visits.
- Assist in documenting lessons learnt in implementing the programmes.

8. Jan 2003- Dec 2003 Government of Malawi, Secondary School Teacher, Lilongwe, Malawi

I taught the following subjects: Geography, Mathematics, Biology and Agriculture

Education

1. **1997- 2001: Bachelor of Science Education Degree:** Geography, Natural Resource Management and Population Studies, **University of Malawi.**
2. **2009- 2011: Master of Business Administration (MBA):** Business and Corporate Strategy: **Management College of Southern Africa (MANCOSA), Durban, South Africa.**
3. **2020 – 2023: PhD Researcher** Institute of Climate Change Adaptation (ICCA), **University of Nairobi.** *Researching on “The Net Impact of Paris Agreement Differentiation Architecture on the Africa’s Least Developed Countries (LDC) International Climate Politics”*

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