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ABOUT ME

Senior executive and natural resources management professional with 20+ years' experience in biodiversity conservation, institutional development, project planning, and community-based natural resource management [CBNRM] across Uganda. Demonstrated expertise in leadership, strategic planning, forest landscape restoration, and impact assessment.

HOBBIES

- Networking
- Reading business and conservation books
- Volunteering

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH (ADVANCED)

KISWAHILI (INTERMEDIATE)

EXPERIENCE

- **Sept 2022 - Present | Chief Executive Officer**
Bwindi Mgahinga Conservation Trust (BMCT), Kabale-Kampala, Uganda
 - Providing overall executive leadership of the Trust Administration Unit (TAU), ensuring effective programme implementation and governance compliance.
 - Enhancing BMCT's performance by strengthening institutional systems and aligning program implementation with community needs and donor priorities.
- **Jan 2017 – Aug 2022 | Social Economist (Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation)**
National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), Kampala
 - Led planning, monitoring, and impact assessment functions across national agricultural research programs.
 - Produced timely reports that improved evidence-based decision-making and accountability.
- **Jan 2012 – Dec 2016 | Institutional Development Consultant**
Biodiversity, Agricultural Services & Innovations Company (BASIC-U Ltd), Kampala.
 - Strengthened local institutions in biodiversity governance, leadership, and forest restoration methodologies.
 - Facilitated institutional capacity building that improved project implementation effectiveness.
- **April 2008 – Dec 2008 | Field Coordinator**
CARE International in Uganda, Kasese
 - Coordinated implementation of the SLOGIN Project across Kasese, Kabarole & Kyenjojo districts.
 - Supported district-level stakeholders to improve local governance of natural resources around Kibale and queen Elizabeth Protected Areas.
- **April 2007 – Mar 2008 | Enterprise/Institutional Development Consultant**
Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda (ECOTRUST), Kampala
 - Promoted Collaborative Forest Management (CFM) around Bugoma and Kasongore in Hoima with USAID funding.
 - Facilitated partnerships between forest user groups [CFM] and ECOTRUST to strengthen conservation outcomes.
- **Dec 2005 – Mar 2007 | CBNRM Specialist**
Alternatives Inc. (DAI), Kampala (USAID PRIME West Project)
 - Promoted community participation in addressing biodiversity threats in the Albertine Rift through Community based Natural Resource Management [CBNRM] approach.
 - Introduced participatory approaches that enhanced local stewardship of natural resources in the Albertine Rift.
- **Feb 2003 – Nov 2005 | Branch Manager**
Uganda Agency for Development (UGAFODE) Ltd, Kampala/Mbarara
 - Managed projects and supervised staff delivering affordable credit and other financial services to trust groups & associations.
 - Expanded rural loan access while improving repayment performance and financial service quality.
- **Jun 2000 – Jun 2002 | Zonal Field Officer**
CARE International in Uganda, Kabale
 - Mobilized and empowered communities in Southwestern Uganda to participate in natural resource management using Producer Organizations model.
 - Strengthened grassroots participation in sustainable land-use practices.

EDUCATION

Sep 2010 – Nov 2011 - Advanced Master of Science in Governance and Development

University of Antwerp | Belgium

Specialization in Development Evaluation and Local Institutions.

Oct 1994 – Aug 1998 - BSc, Agriculture (Hons, Agricultural Economics)

Makerere University, Kampala | Uganda

Jun 2005 – Jun 2006 - Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning & Management

Mbarara University of Science & Technology | Uganda

CERTIFICATES & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- **Project Monitoring & Evaluation** - UMI Kampala (2017)
- **Strategic Planning & Management Skills** - UMI Kampala (2001)
- **Adaptive Collaborative Management** - Wageningen UR, South Africa (2008)
- **Competing Claims on Natural Resources** - Wageningen UR, Netherlands (2012)
- **Data Analysis (SPSS, STATA, Excel)** - APICT Centre, Kyambogo University (2018)
- **Forest Landscape Restoration & ROAM** - Yale School of Forestry (2018)
- **Impact Assessment** - Civil Service College, Jinja (2018)
- **Conservation Economics Training-BIOPAMA** (2024).

SKILLS



MANAGEMENT

- Strategic Planning
- Institutional Governance & Leadership



TECHNICAL

- Project Planning
- Forest Restoration Methodologies
- Monitoring & Evaluation



SPECIALIZED

- Sustainable Forest Management
 - Impact Assessment
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