**Curriculum Vitae – Christopher Mbewe**

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1. **Family name:** MBEWE
2. **First names:** Christopher
3. **Passport holder:** Zambian
4. **Residence** Zambia
5. **Work experience:** 29 years experience in Private, NGO, Faith based and Government.
6. **Education:**

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| Institution [ Date from - Date to ] | Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained: |
| University of Zambia, 2010 | Master of Arts in Economic Policy Management |
| University of Zambia, 2007 | Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences (Agricultural Economics Major) |
| Natural Resources Development College ,1992 | Diploma in Agriculture Science |

1. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

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| Language | Reading | Speaking | Writing |
| English | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Nyanja/Chewa (mother tongue) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bemba | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tonga | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| French | 4 | 3 | 3 |

1. **Other skills:** Fully computer literate
2. **Present position:** Chief Agricultural Economist/ Consultant, Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia
3. **Relevant Work Experience**

**8th August, 2017- to date Chief Agricultural Economist**

 **Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Lusaka**

* Coordinating effectively, donor participation in order to ensure implementation of sectoral programmes;
* Ensuring effective programme planning and design in order to deliver effective programmes and achieve sector goals and objectives;
* Ensuring effective periodic monitoring and evaluation of projects and programmes in order to assess implementation of sectoral programmes;
* Ensuring effective periodic and timely sector performance analysis in order to ascertain achievement of sector goals and objectives;
* Supervising effectively, the financial, human and material resources in order to ensure efficient attainment of section objectives; and
* Managing timely, the development of individual and section work plans in order to monitor and evaluate performance.

**2016- August, 2017: Principal Policy Analyst**

 **Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MFL), Lusaka**

* Facilitation the formulation, implementation and review of sector policies and legislations
* Conduct policy analysis and provide policy options for informed decision making by policy makers
* Undertakes analysis on socio-economic issues in agriculture in order to assess their impact
* Undertake effective gender, environment, and HIV/AIDS mainstreaming in the sector’s activities
* Undertakes annual programmes planning and budgeting for the Department and Ministry
* Coordinates and facilitates Cabinet and Parliamentary business for the Ministry
* Undertakes any other works assigned by the supervisor.

**2011- 2016: Principal Policy Analyst**

 **Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL), Lusaka**

* Socio-Economic Analysis- Undertakes the analysis of socio-economic issues in Agriculture in order to assess their impact.
* Gender, Environment and HIV/AIDS- undertakes effectively the mainstreaming of gender, environment and HIV/AIDS into the sector’s activities.
* Undertakes annual programmes planning and budgeting for the Department and Ministry.
* Coordinates and facilitates Parliamentary business for the Ministry.

**2010- 2011: Principal Policy Analyst**

 **Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MACO), Lusaka**

* Socio-Economic Analysis- Undertakes the analysis of socio-economic issues in Agriculture in order to assess their impact.
* Gender, Environment and HIV/AIDS- undertakes effectively the mainstreaming of gender, environment and HIV/AIDS into the sector’s activities.
* Undertakes annual programmes planning and budgeting for the Department and Ministry

**2007- 2010: Senior Agricultural Information Officer**

 **Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Lusaka**

* General responsible for planning, gathering, monitoring and to produce timely Agricultural radio programmes in order to promote information flow among stakeholders.
* Gathering radio materials for production.
* Editing radio programmes.
* Production of radio programmes
* Monitoring of radio programmes.
* Providing feed-back to the listeners.
* Supervision of Radio producers and studio technicians.
* Undertakes annual programmes planning and budgeting for the Section and Department.

**2004- 2007:** **Agricultural Information Officer**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative, Lusaka.**

* Gathering, editing, production and monitoring agricultural radio programmes
* Gathering radio materials for production.
* Editing radio programmes.
* Production of radio programmes
* Monitoring of radio programmes.
* Providing feed-back to the listeners.
* Supervision of Radio producers and studio technicians

**2003- 2004: Agricultural Information Officer**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Nchelenje**.

* Gathering, editing, production and monitoring agricultural radio programmes.
* Gathering of agricultural news for dissemination.
* Coordination of agricultural shows.

**2002-2003:** **Food Monitor**

 **EMOP (Emergency Operations)**

 **Care International (Zambia), Kasama and Kalomo.**

* Planning, distribution and monitoring food distribution to the needy targets.
* Mobilization and identification of relief food beneficiaries.

**1997-2001:** **Credit Officer**

 **Care International (Zambia), Lusaka.**

* Mobilization and identification of clients.
* Training of the beneficiaries and credit methodology and business management skills.
* Appraisal of businesses and loan applications for disbursement and funding.
* Monitoring the utilization and management of credit.
* Loan recovery and monitor the loan portfolio.

**1998:** **Section Manager**

 **African Plantation Company, Kasama, Zambia.**

Management of technical production, labor, financial and all matters in order to produce high quality coffee.

**1994-1997:** **Advances Officer**

 **Lima Bank, Kasama, Zambia.**

Appraisal, administration, recovery and monitoring of agricultural credit for Kasama, Luwingu, Mbala, Mporokoso and Mpulungu farmers.

Supervision of credit clerks.

**1992-1994**: **Volunteer worker**

**Watchtower Society, Lusaka Zambia.**

1. **Consultancies and Research Works Done:**

| Date  | Location | Institution & reference person (name & contact details) | Position | Description |
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| 2020 | Zambia | Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers’ Forum (ESAFF)Joe Mzingajoemzinga2@gmail.com coordinator@esaff.org | Country Consultant | Scooping Study on The level of Realization of the Malabo Declarations Goals in Zambia.The study was aimed at Monitoring the adherence and commitment of Member States to the Maputo Declaration in CAADP engagements on 10% for agriculture is a priority of the ESAFF network. The Objective was to promote greater transparency and accountability in the agriculture sector budgeting and expenditure through great participation of smallholder farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa. The assessment involved policy review and reports from different Ministries supporting the agricultural sector.  |
| 2019 | Zambia | UN Women East and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO)Abigael Mguguamhene@gmail.com | Country Consultant  | Benefits Derived by Women from the 10% Agriculture Budget Allocation Commitment. The objective of the study was to document benefits derived by women from the countries within East and Southern Africa that have met the 10% agriculture budget allocation commitments in Zambia. The study involved review and analysis of various programmes being implemented by Government in relation to women.  |
| 2017 | Zambia | Ministry of Agriculture- Agricultural Productivity Programe for Southern Africa (APPSA)Dr. Dickson Ng’uni, Programme Coordinatordickson.nguni@gmail.com  | Team Leader | Policy Brief on the Status of Maize Lethal Necrotic Disease (MLND) in Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. The Brief was aimed at sharing research results to policy makers and stakeholders in the three countries. The assignment entailed gathering the research findings from various researchers and consolidating the results. It also involve a review of various policies guiding the control of the disease. |
| 2017 | Zambia  | Ministry of Agriculture- Agricultural Productivity Programe for Southern Africa (APPSA)Dr. Dickson Ng’uni, Programme Coordinatordickson.nguni@gmail.com | Team Leader | Policy Brief on Combating Vitamin A Deficiency through Maize Biofortification. Brief aimed at sharing country experiences on the development and dissemination of vitamin A orange maize. The assignment entailed gathering the research findings from various researchers and consolidating the results.  |
| 2017 | Zambia  | Ministry of Agriculture- Agricultural Productivity Programe for Southern Africa (APPSA)Dr. Dickson Ng’uni, Programme Coordinatordickson.nguni@gmail.com | Team Leader | Policy Brief on Potential Health and Agricultural Trade Losses due to Aflatoxin Contamination in Groundnuts in Zambia. The assignment entailed gathering the research findings from various researchers and consolidating the results. |
| 2017 | Zambia  | Ministry of Agriculture- Agricultural Productivity Programe for Southern Africa (APPSA)Dr. Dickson Ng’uni, Programme Coordinatordickson.nguni@gmail.com | Team Leader | Policy Brief on Fighting malnutrition with biofortified beans. The assignment entailed gathering the research findings from various researchers and consolidating the results. |
| 2017 | Zambia | Eastern and Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers’ Forum (ESAFF)Joe Mzingajoemzinga2@gmail.com coordinator@esaff.org | Country Consultant | ESAF Policy Brief on the Zambia Agriculture Policy, Plans and Budget. The Policy Brief was aimed at assessing public expenditure in the agricultural sector and priority areas. It involved a critical analysis of annual budgets. |
| 2015 | Zambia | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock  | Team Leader | An Assessment of Factors Determining Rice Production and Marketing in Zambia - A Rapid Assessment. Zambia is a net importer of rice and yet the country has huge potential for rice production. The study involved collection of data from farmers where rice is grown and ascertain their methods of production, yields obtained, market accessibility and challenges affecting production. It also involved interviews with various stakeholders in the rice value chain.  |
| 2015 | Zambia | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock  | Team Leader | An Assessment of Alternative Livelihoods for Fishing Communities during the Fishing Ban. The Zambian Government effect an annual fishing ban in selected water bodies from 1st December to end of February to allow the breeding of the fish. During the ban no fishing activities are allowed in the designated areas. This affect the livelihoods of fishers, traders and consumers. The study involved an assessment of optional livelihood mechanisms during the ban. Data was collected from the fishing communities, stakeholders and all players in the fish value chain. The results and recommendations of the study were used by Government to develop programmes aimed at sustaining the beneficiaries during the fishing ban period. . .  |
| 2015 | Zambia | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock  | Team Leader | Policy Study on the Effects of Livestock Levies on Livestock Marketing a Case Study of Chipata, Mpongwe, Masaiti, Mongu, Senanga, Mumbwa, Choma, Namwala and Itezhi-Tezhi Districts. The study was aimed at establishing how the levies charged at various points affect the cost of livestock products. The assessment involved data collection from farmers, veterinary personnel, Zambia Policy, traditional leaders and all stakeholders involved. It also included policy reviews relating to the levies.  |
| 2014 | Zambia | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock  | Team Leader | The Assessment of Smallholder Farmer Perceptions on the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) Reforms, 2014. The Government of the Republic of Zambia has been implementing an input subsidy programme since 2003. A number a reforms have taken place since then. The study assessed the response of farmers to the reforms. It involved interviews with farmers and key stakeholders in the programme.  |
| 2011 | Zambia | Zambia Association for Research and Development (ZARD)David Dorey david.dorey@microinsuranceagency.com  | Researcher  | Gender Awareness Policy Appraisal – Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP). This was a study on Gender Responsive Budgeting to assess how much public resources go towards women. It involved primary and secondary data collection from FISP beneficiaries and key informants.  |
| 2011 | Zambia  | Harvest Plus Eliab Simpungwe (PHD)E.Simpungwe@cgiar.org  |  | A Survey on the Production and Preference of Orange maize in Nyimba, Mkushi and Choma Districts. Zambia developed bio-fortified orange Maize rich in Vitamin A which was piloted in three districts. The survey was aimed assessing the suitability and acceptability of the commodity. The survey included interviews and focus group discussions with would be beneficiaries and key informants.  |
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1. **Other Relevant information** (e.g. Publications and responsibilities)

**2017 –To date** Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) country focal point person responsible for the coordination of the programme, Biennial Review reporting, and review of the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP). Development of project proposals for the Enhanced Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Programme (E-SAPP) and the Agricultural Productivity Programme for Southern Africa (APPSA)

**2016- 2018** Development of Programme Implementation Manual (PIM), Matching Grant Manual and Training Modules for E-SAPP

**2013-2015** Team leader in the development of the Second National Agriculture Policy (SNAP) and its Implementation Plan

**2013-To date** Conducting FinalEvaluation of the APPSA, Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Programme (SAPP), Smallholder Productivity and Promotion Programme (S3P)