

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name Lipalesa Sissie Matela
Nationality South Africa
Position Director

Educational qualifications

1981 BSc (Applied Environmental Science) National University of Lesotho
1986 Msc (Agronomy and Soil Science) University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA

Additional Training

1982, 1984, 1985, 1986 Soil Classification and Interpretation for
Agrotechnology Transfer -Cameroon, USA, South Africa, Finland,
Botswana
1991 Environmentally Sustainable Development - Zimbabwe
1991 Managing a non-profit organization - Canada
1992 Integrated Environmental Management - South Africa
1994 Environmental Education - Canada, Lesotho
1993 Leadership in Rural Community Development - USA, Dominican
Republic, Kenya, Lesotho, Zimbabwe
1996 Ecotourism - Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique
1998 Integrated Environmental Management – Cape Town, South Africa
1998 Project Management – Pretoria, South Africa
1998 Environmental Impact Assessment – Durban, South Africa
2000 Project Management – East London, South Africa
2001 Project Management – Johannesburg, South Africa
2001 Sustainable Livelihoods Approaches – Durban, South Africa

Employment and Experience

1981 - 1983 Soil surveyor, Ministry of Agriculture, Lesotho
1986 - 1988 Conservation Soil Scientist, Ministry of Agriculture, Lesotho
1988 - 1990 Extension Educator, Institute of Extra Mural Studies, National
University of Lesotho
1990 - 1991 Lecturer in Soil Science, Lesotho Agricultural College and
National University of Lesotho
1991 - 1992 Director, Plenty Lesotho: A Canadian NGO doing integrated
rural development
1992 - 1998 Environment Officer, Lesotho Highlands Development
Authority
1998 - 2000 Rural Development Specialist, Natural Resources and Rural
Development, Community Property Resources Management, CSIR,
Pretoria, South Africa
2000 – 2002 Program Manager, Environmental and Development Agency,
Matatiele, South Africa
2002 – present Environmental and Rural Solutions, Matatiele, South Africa

International assignments

2002/03 - Assessing the need for a regional approach to Environmental Impact assessment in southern Africa (IUCN)

2002 - Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development presentation in Adelboden, Switzerland (SARD2002 Mountains)

2003 - South African Millennium Assessment Local Level Assessment Scoping: Lesotho Case Study (SAFMA)

2008 – Impacts of resettlement on the environment in 4 resettlement Districts of Malawi (ECI Africa)

Fields of specialty

- Environmental impact assessment
- Environmental management planning
- Monitoring environmental impacts of development projects
- Tourism planning and development
- Rural development
- Project management
- Natural resources management,
- Conservation of mountain eco-systems
- Community development facilitation,
- Environmental awareness
- Fund raising
- Mapping, classification and interpretation of soils
- Remote sensing and aerial photo interpretation

Skills summary

- Project Management
- Management of multi-million Rand development projects
- Project planning and budgeting
- Working in multi-disciplinary teams
- Financial management
- Donor management and fund raising
- Human resources management
- Information dissemination, networking, lobbying and advocacy
- Monitoring, documentation and information management
- New business planning and development

Publication record

Published several information and promotional brochures, produced educational manuals and posters, published articles in journals, produced project reports. Topics covered include soil management, environmental assessments, environmental management, project management, water

resources management, environmental education, endangered species protection, common property resource management, environmental impact assessments, transfrontier water and conservation projects, and management of mountain ecosystems (list available on request).