

CHIPETA, Mafa (Malawi)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Current engagements:

- x Currently working as a forestry and food security consultant as well as speaker in various natural resources and food security fora (after retirement from the United Nations). He is the permanent panellist and participant in Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDA) supported by the African Union (AU), Economic Commission on Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). He is on an assignment by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Colombo, Sri Lanka to draft the Regional Agricultural Policy for the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), in Botswana. He is also developing an FAO pilot project for the adoption of Results-Based Management in Africa focusing on the FAO Regional Sub-Office for Central Africa in Gabon and FAO Regional Office for Africa in Ghana.

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Mafa was the Deputy Director General for CIFOR – Centre for International Forestry Research. Was UN System Task Manager for UNCED focussing on forestry issues during the UNCED process which led to the Statement of Principles on Forests and to the launch of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests that has now become the UN Forum on Forests. He led FAO Outlook studies on forests including a baseline global review and the first FAO Asia-Pacific Forestry Outlook Study. He was one of the high level panellists at the 2011 IUCN Regional Conservation Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa where he also delivered a key presentation on Forest, Food, Fuel, and Land Acquisition Nexus in Africa and the Role of forest ecosystems in the Comprehensive Africa's Agriculture Development Programme.

Assistance (leading a largely decentralized team of policy professionals in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Americas and Caribbean, and selected countries); Worked in China as a Member, Task Force of the China ICED (International Committee on Environment and Development).