

Mohlago Flora Mokgohloa Curriculum Vitae

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SUMMARY

Mohlago Flora Mokgohloa has 30 years of experience in the public sector, more than 20 years of which has been at senior management level in the fields of biodiversity and conservation and climate change. Mohlago has a global experience in multilateral environmental agreements and has been a focal point and now leads focal points and negotiations in various biodiversity related multilateral environmental agreements. As a senior management in the public sector, she leads and manages overall policy and legislation development in South Africa with a team of over 340 people with a budget of approximately USD 105 m. Further to this, she coordinates oversight on the work of public entities, which includes South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), South African National Parks (SANParks), and ISimangaliso Wetland Park Authority (ISWPA). Mohlago also serves on the Board of SANParks as shareholder representative, Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC) as a government representative and African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) as a trustee in behalf of the Government of South Africa.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Engineering Management, University of Pretoria. **2007-2008**

Programme in Management Development, Gordon Institute of Business Science, University of Pretoria. **2006-2006**

Bachelor of Science (Honours), University of Fort Hare. **1993-1993**

Bachelor of Science, University of Fort Hare. **1989-1992**

OTHER TRAINING

Sustainability Leadership, Cambridge Institute for sustainability leadership, Cape Town South Africa. **04/2013**

International Programme on the Management of Sustainability, Sustainability Challenge Foundation, Wagenigin, Netherlands. **06/2001 and 06/2006**

Local Environmental Management I, Life Academy, Karlstad, Sweden **05/2001-06/2001**

Local Environmental Management II, Life Academy, Tanzania-Kenya **11/2002**

Principles of Environmental Impact Assessment Review - US Environmental Protection Agency **02/1998**

Environmental Auditing, Environmental Risk Assessment, Environmental Legal Compliance (short courses), Potchefstroom University (University of North West) **1997-1999**

WORK EXPERIENCE

Deputy Director General: Biodiversity and Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Pretoria, Gauteng South Africa

04/2017- 01/ 2018

Main responsibilities

- *The Branch consists of four business units which includes:*
 1. *Biodiversity Monitoring and Specialist Services which coordinates science policy development and facilitates the implementation of the global biodiversity framework and its domestication;*
 2. *Biodiversity Management and Permitting coordinates species management and regulation;*
 3. *Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use which promotes nature based economy in wildlife, bioprospecting and ecotourism; and*
 4. *Protected Areas System Management, which coordinates all work on the conservation estate including world heritage sites and transfrontier conservation areas.*
- *Providing overall leadership and direction by ensuring the strategic management, co-ordination and successful functioning of the Branch.*
- *Biodiversity and conservation management, and mitigation of threats through policy and legislative development and implementation.*
- *Promoting nature-based biodiversity economy through sustainable use and as well as fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from utilization of biological resources.*
- *Multistakeholder engagement at all levels with intergovernmental agencies, bilaterals with foreign governments, inter and intra-government, private sector, non-government organizations, indigenous people and local government.*
- *Coordinate global negotiations and domestication of biodiversity related multilateral agreements such as UNCBD and Cartagena Protocol and Nagoya Protocol, UNCCCD, IPBES, CITES, Ramsar Convention, World Heritage Convention, CMS including UNFCCC.*

Country Lead and National Project Manager
Biodiversity Finance Initiative
Department of Environmental Affairs/ UNDP
Pretoria, Gauteng South Africa

01/2018- 11/ 2021

Main responsibilities

- *Programme design, management and implementation of the BIOFIN in consultation with stakeholders.*
- *Design and implementation of finance solutions to unlock funding for biodiversity.*
- *Inter and intra-governmental consultation on implementation.*
- *Regular consultation and reporting to UNDP county office and BIOFIN Technical Adviser and Global Office.*

Director and Owner
Matjeka Development Services cc
Pretoria, Gauteng South Africa

04/2017- 01/ 2018

Main responsibilities

- *Environmental, sustainability and climate change consulting.*
- *Project development support for the Green Climate Fund.*
- *Supporting evaluation of Built Environmental Performance Plans BEPP for City of Ekurhuleni and Tshwane on behalf of National Treasury.*
- *Facilitated Strategic Planning Session for City of Ekurhuleni Environment and Waste Management Department.*
- *Project manager for the Biodiversity Finance Initiative.*
- *Review of Environmental Management Plan for Dinokeng Game Reserve.*
- *Part of the team compiling the 3rd generation National Waste Management Strategy.*

Advisor City Sustainability
City of Johannesburg,
Gauteng South Africa

05/2015- 04/ 2017

Main responsibilities

- *Supported the Executive Mayor in international advocacy and diplomacy and his candidacy for United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) Presidency.*
- *Enhancing international profile in climate change and city sustainability leadership.*
- *Supported implementation of the Growth and development Strategy 2040 in relation to climate change and sustainability aspect including monitoring and review.*
- *Supported stakeholder engagement on implementation of GDS especially with corporates and other stakeholders.*
- *Corporate engagement and advocacy on city sustainability project.*
- *Represented the Private Office in governance structures and meetings as delegated.*
- *Participate as local government in UNFCCC COPs.*

Outcome Facilitator Environment
The Presidency Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
Pretoria, Gauteng South Africa

09/2012- 04/ 2015

Main responsibilities

- *Completed the environmental sector plan development (Medium Term Strategic Development Framework) with outputs and indicators to align with the National Development Plan.*
- *Annual analysis of environmental sector departments' Annual Performance Plan.*
- *Drafted performance agreements for the Executive (Ministers).*
- *Conducted government-wide environmental performance monitoring and evaluation in relation to Outcome 10.*
- *Coordinated performance of contributing departments in relation to the Outcome 10.*
- *Quarterly briefing reports to Cabinet in relation performance.*
- *Identify and recommend opportunities for improving performance on the Outcome.*

Executive Director Environmental Management
City of Johannesburg
Gauteng South Africa

01/2007- 08/ 2012

Main responsibilities

- *Established the new department, defining mandate, resourcing, systems and operations.*

- *Contributed to building corporate climate change and sustainability profile of the city through global and local advocacy and diplomacy.*
- *Focal Point for the C40 Cities in the Steering Committee and participate as local government delegation in UNFCCC COPs.*
- *Completed a suite of sectoral strategies and policies in water, waste, air quality, biodiversity and energy and climate change and related information systems.*
- *Business planning, budgeting and risk management.*
- *Supported political head in oversight responsibilities on service delivery of PIKITUP SOC (waste utility) and Johannesburg Water SOC (water utility) City Power SOC (electricity utility) and Johannesburg Parks and Zoo (conservation, parks and recreation).*
- *Program and project management of environmental projects.*
- *Preparation of management and executive reports.*

**Director Environmental Planning and Management
City of Johannesburg
Gauteng South Africa**

05/2002- 12/ 2006

Main responsibilities

- *Consolidated State of Environment Reporting and Environmental Management Framework.*
- *Developed various environmental policies, strategies, and tools to monitor and track environmental change.*
- *Completed environmental rehabilitation projects of wetland restoration, open space and trees planting projects.*
- *Established air quality monitoring network and open space system for spatial restructuring.*
- *Coordinated city's participation on content in the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).*
- *Policy support to political principals.*

**Director Environmental Conservation Development
Johannesburg City Parks
Gauteng South Africa**

02/2001- 04/ 2002

Main responsibilities

- *Leading biodiversity conservation management efforts in an urban environment, through implementation of strategy, consolidation and integration of conservation areas.*
- *Conservation management and promotion of recreation.*

**Deputy Director Environmental Regulation
Department of Environmental Affairs
Pretoria, Gauteng South Africa**

02/2000- 03/ 2001

Main responsibilities

- *Driving the law reform programme on development of new environmental impact assessment regulations.*
- *Providing policy analysis of other sectoral policies and legislation in urban planning, mining and water.*
- *Liaison with other departments such as Mineral Resources and Water Affairs on integration of environmental assessment mechanisms.*
- *Review of large scale environmental impact assessment applications from state owned enterprises*

- *Coordinate strategic environmental assessments.*

**Deputy Director Integrated Planning
Office of the Premier Limpopo
South Africa**

09/1999- 01/ 2000

Main responsibilities

- *Integrating environmental issues into various plans of the provincial government into a consolidated provincial growth and development strategy.*

**Assistant Director Environmental Authorisation
Limpopo Environmental Affairs
South Africa**

02/1996- 08/ 1998

Main responsibilities

- *Assessment and review of development applications and mining environmental management programme.*
- *Contributing and guiding the development of first generation environmental impact assessment regulations.*
- *Development of tools and systems for evaluation of development applications.*

**Junior Lecturer Natural Sciences
Limpopo Provincial Government Education
South Africa**

02/1995- 12/ 1996

Main responsibilities

- *Independent preparation and delivery of natural sciences lectures and laboratory practical*
- *Building environmental awareness through environmental calendar*

OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS

Leader of South African delegation of various biodiversity related multilateral environmental agreements and Chair of Working Groups were appropriate on behalf of South Africa. **2021-2022**

- Chair of Environment Working Group of the African Ministerial Environmental Conference (AMCEN 2018)
- Chair of AEWA Meeting of Parties 2022
- Chair of Africa Group of Expert of World Heritage 2023 and Vice Chair of 45th Session 2023

Policy and content support for Executive Mayor Parks Tau of the City of Johannesburg in global multilateral organisations such as the UN, UNFCCC, UN Habitat, UN Environment. **2015-2016**

Global advocacy and diplomacy in organised local government and city government interest associations and institutions for Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Agenda and Paris Climate Agreement. **2015-2017**

Alternate Member of World Resources Institute Cities Advisory Panel. **2015-2016**

Focal point for C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and Member of the Steering Committee. **2005-2012**

Designated Waste Management Officer and Air Quality Officer respectively. **2011-2012**

Global advocacy and diplomacy in organised local government and city government interest associations and institutions for World Summit on Sustainable Development and UN Commission on Sustainable Development. **2001-2012**

RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND AWARDS

Negotiated further allocation for BIOFIN Project USD 2,5m up to 2025

Coordination of Global Environment Programme funding for the biodiversity window

Secured R10m Energy Efficiency Demand Side Management for retrofitting municipal building in 2015/2016

Securing technical support funding for waste management from DANCED in 2002- 2003

Secured funding for technical support initiation of climate change programme from 2003 from USAID and Clinton Foundation

Secured funding for Cosmo City Climate Proofing project R15m from DANIDA in 2006

Public Service Innovation Award in Air Quality 2007-2008

FIDUCIARY DUTIES

Wildlands Environment Trust, Trustee Member

2017-Present

Shareholder representative on the Board of Council for Geoscience

2000-2001

REFERENCES

Available on request