

CURRICULUM VITAE

BIRGITTA SEVEBORG FARRINGTON

BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME MANAGER

PERSONAL PROFILE



I am a dedicated biodiversity, climate and sustainable development professional with over 25 years' experience of project development, management, monitoring and evaluation. I have worked with grassroots, private sector, governments, academia and international donors, mainly in Africa, to promote sustainable development biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation.

I am result driven and enjoy working in a multinational setting with creative teams.

KEY SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- [] **Project design, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation**
 - Project proposal development
 - Logical frameworks and theory of change
 - Project Cycle Management (PCM)
 - Project evaluations
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation**
 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation capacity development
 - Disaster Risk Reduction
- Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management**
 - Biodiversity and environmental planning, policy and strategy development
 - *Ex situ* and *in situ* biodiversity conservation
 - Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM)
- Project and programme management and administration**
 - Project planning and reporting
 - Project finance and procurement
 - Project implementation
- Advocacy, outreach and stakeholder engagement**
 - Coordination, planning and facilitation of national consultations and meetings

- Design of web pages, PowerPoint presentations and multi media materials (Pamphlets, scripts for animated films etc.)

Environmental and food security monitoring

- Earth observations for monitoring of agriculture and environment
- State of the Environment (SOER) reporting
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Crop assessment

Capacity development, training and mentoring

- Capacity needs assessments,
- Delivery of training courses and on the job training
- Mentoring

OTHER SKILLS

Team-leading and management skills from leading various projects, consultancy teams, seed collecting expeditions and meetings

Computer and Internet skills including proficiency in MS Office and various GIS software and applications

Reporting editing skills (layout and language) in both English and Swedish

Familiar with various international donor procedures, especially Sida and EU (EDF and grants) from courses and through work on Sida and EU funded projects

Analytical writing and presentation skills

Familiar with the flora and fauna of Southern African,

In depth knowledge of the Convention on Biological Diversity and many other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

EDUCATION

M.Sc in Agronomy (plant sciences and rural development)
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala. 1986

COURSES

10th EDF procedures. SADC-EU, Gaborone (2012)

Introduction to Arc GIS, FFM Ltd. Gaborone, Botswana (2006)

Environmental economics and financial and economic analysis of programmes and projects (Ecofin). *European Union (EU), Gaborone, Botswana. (2005)*

Participatory Rural Appraisal. Institute for Development Studies (IDS), Brighton, UK. (1992)

Project Appraisal and Preparation (Logical Framework Approach). United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Rome, Italy (1990)

Remote Sensing in Early Warning for Food Security. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (1990)

Micro economics – half a term. Uppsala University, Sweden (1988)

**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

*Further details on
specific assignments
on request.*

International Project Manager at Swedish Meteorology and Hydrology Institute (SMHI) (2018-ongoing)

Team Leader for Strategic Environmental Assessment of National Deep Sea Fishing Policy, Act and Regulations in United Republic of Tanzania, NFDS Africa (2018)

Project Manager for Flood forecasting project. Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI), Sweden and Botswana (2017)

Technical Assistant on the EU funded Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (MESA) programme, for the SADC region. Botswana Department of Meteorology Services (2013-2017)

Self employed short term Consultant. GIZ, Botswana Wildlife Producers Association, WWF Uganda, EU Delegation Botswana. Details of assignments on request – (2011-2013)

Senior Advisor – Africa with responsibility for various projects in East and Southern Africa. WWF-Norway (2008-2010)

Self employed short term Consultant. SwedeSurvey in Rwanda, Kalahari Conservation Society, NFDS Ltd, Conservation International. Details of assignments on request – (2006-2008)

Senior Biodiversity consultant (part time 50%). Ecosurv Pty Ltd (2001-2008)

National Project Coordinator (part time 50%) of Millennium Seed Bank Project, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Project Officer, Millennium Seed Bank Project. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK (1998-2000)

Self employed short term Consultant. Various employers – UN FAO, ITAD Ltd (1991-1998)

Programme Officer. UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Ethiopia (1988-1991)

Research Assistant. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences/International Potato Centre (CIP), Sweden and Bhutan (1986-1988)

**VOLUNTARY
WORK**

Newsletter editor - Maruapula Neighbourhood watch committee – Newsletter editor (2014-2017)

Commodore - Gaborone Yacht Club, Botswana, managing 10 staff, club activities and premises (2011 – 2014)

Secretary and Vice Commodore - Gaborone Yacht Club, Botswana (2003 - 2010)

Scout leader - Thornhill Sunbeams (Scouts), Botswana (2002-2004)

Admissions officer - Southdowns Pre-school Playgroup, UK –Admissions officer (1996-1998)

Chairperson - Plumpton Mother and Toddler Group, UK (1995)

Secretary - Red Cross Newick, Chailey and Plumpton Branch, UK –Secretary (1994-1998)

Information Officer and editor of IAAS News and Views - International Association of Agricultural Students (1981-1986)

LANGUAGES

Swedish - Mother tongue

English - Fluent

French -Working knowledge

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Long term assignments

Australia, Bhutan, Botswana (SADC region), Ethiopia, Sweden, UK

Short term assignments

Angola, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, New Caledonia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: Mrs

Nationality: Swedish

Date of Birth: 21 August 1960

Family status: Married with two daughters born 1992 and 1994

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