

## **CURRICULUM VITAE FOR Ms FYDESS MKOMBA (NEE KHUNDI)**

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### **PERSONAL DATA**

**Surname:** Mkomba (nee Khundi)  
**Given Names:** Fydess  
**Marital status:** Married  
**Sex:** Female  
**Nationality:** Malawian

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**2007-2009** Collaborative Master's Degree in Development & Natural Resource Economics  
**Institutions:** Norwegian University of Life Sciences in Norway, Makerere University in Uganda and University of Malawi (Bunda College)

**2001 – 2005** Bachelor of Science majoring in Agricultural Economics  
**Institution:** University of Malawi, Bunda College of Agriculture

**2012 (May)** Certificate in Project Monitoring & Evaluation  
**Institution:** Eastern & Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI)

**2011 (July)** Certificate in Policy Influence (CIPPEC)

**2008 (June)** Certificate in Social research and Ethics  
**Institution:** Purdue University, United States of America (USA)

### **Published Journal and International research papers**

FAO. 2015. Analysis of price incentives for tea in Malawi. Technical notes series, MAFAP, by Cameron, A., Mkomba, F., Rome

FAO. 2014. Analysis of price incentives for groundnuts in Malawi. Technical notes series, MAFAP, by Gourichon, H., Mkomba, F., Rome.

Khundi, F., Jagger, P., Shively, G. & Sserunkuuma, D. 2011. Income, poverty and charcoal production in Uganda, Forest Policy and Economics, 13(3), 199-205.

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Five years experience with the national agricultural research system (Ministry of Agriculture), in the area of planning, programming and management of agribusiness programmes at both local and district level , priority setting farmer mobilization of funds for small scale farming to enhance natural resources conservation and environment management;
- Experience with the BASIS Assets and Market Access Collaborative Research Support Program (AMA CRSP) that is a virtual institute comprised of researchers from around the globe that operates in support of USAID's Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade enhanced my capacity and aptitude to bridge knowledge and policy for effective design and implementation of evidence based policies and strategies in Natural Resources and Environmental Economics;
- Broad spectrum of institutional experience ranging from working for both Academic, legislative and executive arms of national government, non-governmental organizations and consultancy local institutions such as Centre for Human Rights and Rehabilitation (CHRR);
- My work with the Malawi National Assembly, Irrigation Rural Livelihood and Agricultural Development Programme (IRLADP), enabled me to improve interpersonal skills to build partnerships and the network of key stakeholders in the African agricultural policy domain. These include policy makers of national governments (with their vertical partners – private sector, civil society and farmer's organizations), Parliamentarians, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), international institutions/agencies and development partners;
- My work at Centre For Social Concern enabled me to acquire the following specific skills:- Managing research data collection teams; Household data analysis and desk research on real household economic issues in both urban & rural areas ; Initiating and implementing lobbying and advocacy strategies on public policies such as minimum wage using basic needs basket to influence specifically the market & trade policies, agricultural policies and other social welfare policies ); Networking with other organization in promoting social economic justice on issues that require joint effort; Analyzing and contributing to local & international economic topical issues through writing press releases, statements, articles etc.

#### **EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

<b>December, 2012 - to date:</b>	Lecturer in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)
<b>September, 2011 - 2012:</b>	Policy and Planning Officer at Malawi National Assembly
<b>July, 2010 to August, 2011:</b>	Social Conditions Programme Officer at Centre for Social Concern
<b>May, 2006 to May, 2010:</b>	Agribusiness Officer with Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Zomba District Agriculture Office and Lilongwe District Agriculture
<b>March, 2006 to May 2006:</b>	Project officer with Association for Community and Rural Development
<b>June 2005 to February 2006:</b>	Secondary School Teacher with Ministry of Education, Mulanje Secondary School

**OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Worked as District Desk Officer for the Institution Development across the Agric-Food Sector (IDAF) Project at Zomba district agriculture office (2007)
2. Worked as District Community Sensitization Mobilization staff member for Irrigation Rural Livelihood & Agricultural Development Project (IRLADP) for Zomba district (2006-2007)
3. Vice president of Bunda Economists Association (B.E.A) and executive committee member of University of Malawi Economists Association (UMEA) from 2003-2004

**COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**

Highly proficient in STATA, SPSS, MS Word, MS Excel, MS power point, MS Access and Internet Explorer

**REFEREES**

Available upon Request.