



Reinforcement of Agricultural and Environmental Research in TFCAs - Zimbabwe

CIRAD 6 Lanark Road Belgravia Harare Tel. +263-4-25 24 26/29

Profile for Kupika Olga Laiza

Contact: okupika@cut.ac.zw;olgal.kupika@gmail.com

Olga Laiza Kupika holds a BSc in Biological Sciences and Geography and an MSc in Tropical Resources Ecology from the University of Zimbabwe. Olga recently (December 2017) graduated with a DPhil in Natural Resources Management from Chinhoyi University of Technology, Zimbabwe. The *Title of her Thesis* is Climate change, Green Economy and Conservation: Implications for livelihoods and wildlife policy in the Middle Zambezi Biosphere Reserve, Zimbabwe (*Advisors*: Prof. Dr. Edson Gandiwa, Prof. Dr. Shakkie Kativu and Prof. Dr. Godwell Nhamo). Her project was funded by the European Union under the Delivering Innovation and technology through the Reinforcement of Agricultural and Multidisciplinary (DREAM) research capacity for the benefits of small-scale farmers in Transfrontier Conservation Areas project. The study is conducted in the framework of the Research Platform **“Production and Conservation in Partnership”**. Olga is currently employed by Chinhoyi University of Technology as a senior lecturer and researcher in the School of Wildlife, Ecology and Conservation at Chinhoyi University of Technology, Zimbabwe. Her career interests are in wildlife management, green economy, climate change & biodiversity, community based natural resources management & wildlife enterprises development. In line with her career interests, she has published 14 articles in the following topics: climate change, local community participation in natural resources management, biodiversity legislation, plant ecology and other related natural resources management issues. Olga has also been awarded a post Masters research fellowship under the Climate Impacts Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement (CIRCLE) Cohort I (2015) Programme in sub-saharan Africa. She was hosted by University of South Africa under the Exxaro Chair in Business and Climate Change.

A project implemented by 4 partners



Cirad
PO Box 13 78
Harare - Zimbabwe
Tel: +263 4 252 426



BIO-HUB TRUST
6 Lanark Rd. Belgravia
Harare - Zimbabwe
Tel: +2634 25 24 26



TREP
Univ. of Zimbabwe
Harare - Zimbabwe
Tel: +263 4 303211



NUST
P.O. Box AC 939 Ascot
Bulawayo - Zimbabwe
Tel: +263 9 282 842

This project is funded par the European Union



Delegation of the European Union to the
Republic of Zimbabwe
1 Norfolk Road, Mt Pleasant Business Park, P.O.
Box MP 620 Mt Pleasant Harare



