



## BIO DATA

### Objective

To contribute towards promotion and protection of rights of citizens through systems and practices that enhance citizens' participation in governance and decision-making.

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## KEY QUALIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

Certificate in Citizen Led Accountability: Strategies and Practices: Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University Nova Scotia – Canada (August – November 2021).

Master's in Economic Policy Management (**EPM**): University of Zambia (2020)

Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies and Public Administration (**BA Development Studies and Public Administration with a Merit**): University of Zambia (2015)

National Accounting Technician: **ZICA Technician and Licentiate** - 2010

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

December 1999 – 2012 **Financial Expert**, have supported various Civil Society Organizations and public sector entities with the following. Setting up financial systems and building up risk hedging measures against financial loss and fraud. Trained Financial Staff in audit and good practice accounting standards

### MKM AUDIT, TAX AND COMPLIANCE 2008 - 2011

**Audit Manager:** Under MKM audited mainly NGO's and was in charge of the Zambia Army Savings and Credit Union audit processes. Helped organisations set up accounting systems and recommended measures to strengthen financial systems. Trained audit trainees on auditing process and engagements. Developed audit reports and management letters and facilitated audit engagements with audit clients and presented audit financial reports and recommendations.

## **CIVIC FORUM ON HOUSING AND HABITAT ZAMBIA (2014 –to date)**

**Executive Director:** Under this designation, Grace Mwenzi Chikumo has provided strategic leadership to the institution. Facilitated the review of the organisations' strategic plan and aligned it to the national development plans. Initiated strategic partnerships with other institutions both local and regional to enhance the organisations advocacy interventions. Grace Mwenzi Chikumo is the Treasurer of the East and Southern Africa Regional Housing Network (ESARHN) where she provides input and guidance on issues of finance relating to the operations of the network. She also contributes towards development of regional advocacy messages on land and housing rights especially for the marginalised populations in Zambia, Southern Africa and East Africa. Grace is also part of the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research Network that fosters transformation of African countries through Evidence. Owing to this association, pioneered the development of the Zambia Urban planning and Housing Observatory that seeks to enhance citizens' participation in Governance and Accountability. The Observatory will facilitate coordinated planning and development ensuring community development is citizen driven and inclusive.