



## Curriculum vitae

### Lindiwe Majele Sibanda



Date of birth: 1963  
Nationality: Zimbabwean

#### Career

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| 2018 – present | <b>University of Pretoria, South Africa</b>  |
| 2020 – present | Director and Chairwoman, African Research Universities Alliance<br>Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems (ARUA-SFS)   |
| 2018 – present | Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship (CAS)  |
| 2018 – present | <b>Linds Agricultural Services Pvt Ltd., Harare Zimbabwe</b><br>Founder and Managing Director  |
| 2017 - 2018    | <b>Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Nairobi, Kenya</b><br>Vice President, Country Support, Policy and Partnerships  |
| 2004 – 2017    | <b>Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), South Africa</b><br>Chief Executive Officer and Head of Diplomatic Mission                     |
| 2002-2003      | <b>Initiative for Development and Equity in African Agriculture (IDEAA)</b><br><b>W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Southern Africa</b><br>Coordinator Regional Public Policy Program |
| 1996 – 2002    | <b>Linds Agricultural Services Pvt Ltd., Harare Zimbabwe</b><br>Founder and Managing Director  |
| 1994 – 1996    | <b>Macpherson Consulting Group, Harare Zimbabwe</b><br>Agriculture and Rural Development Specialist  |
| 1992-1994      | <b>University of Zimbabwe, Harare Zimbabwe</b><br>Lecturer, Department of Animal Physiology in the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences  |
| 1989-1991      | Research Fellow, Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture  |

#### Education

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| 1987 | University of Reading, UK  |
| 1988 | PhD. Agriculture (Animal Physiology and Nutrition)   |
| 1987 | Master of Science Degree in Agriculture and Grassland Science                                  |
| 1982 | Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture, Animal Production, University of Alexandria, Egypt. |

## **Awards and Honors**

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| 2015 | Science Diplomacy Award by the Government of the Republic of South Africa.   |
| 2014 | Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) Award for "Exemplary leadership and contributions to the agricultural development agenda in Africa".  |
| 2013 | YARA Prize (now: Africa Food Prize) for contributions to African agriculture specifically on the youth paying attention to innovation and entrepreneurship.  |
| 2013 | Food Tank recognition as one of seven women working to change the food system in honor of International Women's Day.   |
| 2012 | Nominated as a Global citizen and recognized as someone who identifies with being part of an emerging world community, and whose actions contribute to building this community's values and practices. |

## **Mandates**

Chairwoman and Director of the African Research Universities Alliance Center of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems (ARUA-SFS), Pretoria, South Africa.

Co-Chairwoman of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA), Rome, Italy.

Board Member and Chairwoman of the nominations committee, World Vegetable Board.

Advisory Board Member of Infinite Foods.

Serving member, Champions UN-SDG 12.3, accelerating progress towards halving food loss and waste by 2030.

Expert Panel Member of the Cornell University–Nature Sustainability panel on "Innovations to build sustainable, equitable, inclusive food value chains".

International Advisory Panel Member, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM).

Advisory Board Member of the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

Member of the Presidential Advisory Council for agriculture in Zimbabwe.

Deputy Chairwoman of Council for the National University of Science and Technology (NUST).

Deputy Chairwoman of the lam4Byo Fighting Covid-19 Trust responsible for communications, public relations and research coalition.

## **Previous significant mandates**

Consultative Group for International Agriculture Research Centers (CGIAR):

Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees for the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

Board Member of the Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT).

Member of the Independent Science Panel of the Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security Program (CCAFS).

Member of the Research programme on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) Steering Committee, International Water Management Institute (IWMI).

Co-Chairwoman of the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP).

Member of the Australian Policy Advisory Council, (ACIAR).

Member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council Committee for Development Policy.

Commissioner of the EAT LANCET Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food systems.

Member of the African Union Commission Leadership Council representing African CSOs.

Member of the Women's Great Lakes Platform (WGLP) in support of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic of Congo and the Region.

Member of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Advisory Group.

Member of the Global Soil Forum Steering Committee.

Expert Advisory Group Member for the Agricultural Pull Mechanism (AGPM) Initiative hosted by the World Bank (Secretariat) reporting to G20 donors.

Jury Member for the One Million USD Curt Bergfors 2020 Food Planet Prize.

Panel Member of the Nelson Mandela HIV and AIDS Hyper-endemic Pillar of aids2031, South Africa.

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