

**CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF ICOMOS  
CANDIDAT AU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION DE L'ICOMOS**

**CHILANGWA CHAIWA**

**ZAMBIA - ZAMBIE**



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**Recent position:**

Conservation Officer, National Heritage Conservation Commission

**Training:**

Master in World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development, Turin University

Bachelor of Architecture, Copperbelt University

Certificate in Strategic Environmental Assessment, NIRAS Sweden

Certificate in the Conservation of Built Heritage, ICCROM

**Positions in ICOMOS:**

Expert member of PRERICO since 2018

Expert member of the Africa Initiative since 2017

Member of Resolutions Committee, 2020

Invited member to the ICOMOS Board since 2022

**PLATFORM / PLATE-FORME / PLATAFORMA**

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As an Architect with an educational and professional background in World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development, I have acquired the required knowledge and experience to contribute to heritage preservation. I am interested in becoming a member of the ICOMOS Board because I am passionate about heritage conservation and therefore firmly believe that ICOMOS has a role to preserve and protect cultural heritage. My diverse work experience and commitment to work makes me a strong candidate for the position.

I have been involved in heritage conservation work for over a decade. I have experience in various aspects of heritage conservation through the development of proposals for the enhancement of heritage sites, carrying out condition assessments of heritage buildings, heritage impact assessments, review of environmental impact assessments for heritage sites, planning and visual impact assessments for heritage where new developments are proposed. Further, I have been engaged in the identification, documentation, interpretation and information dissemination on heritage structures/ sites.

My passion and commitment have been the drive to my being an active expert member of ICOMOS since 2016 and I have piloted the formation of an ICOMOS national committee in my country, Zambia. The ICOMOS Board validated the Zambian National Committee in 2022. I am part of the Africa Working Group which is looking at how to promote Africa's heritage and have a more significant presentation on the World Heritage list. I have also been a member of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Places of Religion and Ritual (PRERICO) since March 2018. I desire to be involved in the conservation and management of our world heritage in whatever way I can and have volunteered for various ICOMOS paper and project reviews.

I am currently a heritage expert representing Africa on the ICOMOS Board as an observer. Outside ICOMOS, I represent Zambia as the cultural heritage expert on the World Heritage Committee and on the Culture and Heritage Commission of the African Union of Architects.

One of my key priorities which for me over the next three years is to actively support the Board's work in exploring new avenues of fundraising for ICOMOS and the work it does through its Secretariat, International Scientific Committees and National Committees. My goal if elected will be to contribute to the identification of conservation needs in our countries and to ensure that our members have the necessary tools to effectively contribute to the work of ICOMOS. As a Board member, I will also promote, over the next three years, heritage documentation. It is a challenge to raise awareness or let alone preserve heritage that is not listed or which we have scanty information on. A lot of countries with ICOMOS presence are already doing a great job on that front but I feel we need more concerted efforts to ensure the comprehensive documentation of all known cultural heritage.

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **PERSONAL PROFILE**

I am a Heritage Conservator, Registered Architect and Project Manager with a Masters degree in World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development and twelve years post-qualification experience. As an expert member of ICOMOS I am part of the Africa Working Group and also the current heritage expert representing Africa on the ICOMOS Board as an observer.

## EDUCATION

- ***Certificate in Strategic Environmental Assessment***  
2018 NIRAS Sweden AB, Stockholm, Sweden
- ***Master in World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development***  
2016 Turin University, Turin, Italy
- ***Certificate in the Conservation of Built Heritage***  
2014 ICCROM, Rome, Italy
- ***Bachelor of Architecture***  
2009 The Copperbelt University, Kitwe, Zambia
- ***Certificate in Project Planning and Management***  
2003 The National College for Management and Development Studies, Kabwe, Zambia

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **2013 - date** Conservation Officer with the National Heritage Conservation Commission, Zambia.
- Involves formulation of project proposals for valorisation of heritage sites; condition assessments of historic buildings; visual and heritage impact assessments; review of environmental impact assessments; planning, designing and supervision of new developments at national monuments and heritage sites; production of development proposals at heritage sites. It also involves identification, documentation, interpretation and information dissemination on heritage structures/ sites.
- **2010 - 2013** Architect for Ndilila Associates, Architects & Project Manager.
- **2004-2006** Architectural Assistant for Kalunga & Cameron-Smith Architects.