

## **My Involvement with Climate Change Initiatives- Shepard Zvigadza**

### **Cities and Climate Change**

I have conducted studies on how the city of Harare and its residence, especially the poor and homeless is vulnerable to Climate Change.

In this study, vulnerability maps, and hazard maps were produced for the City's municipal. Also the status of stakeholders in the city of Harare were analysed to assess the preparedness of the stakeholders.

### **Climate Change NGO Forum**

I am involved in the Climate change Awareness raising initiative funded by International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). I am working with NGOs and media on the aspects of awareness raising on Climate Change and also to promote networking among Civil society Organisations so that they are effective in dealing with grassroots people.

### **Regional Coordinator**

I also coordinate other southern African climate change fellows (Mozambique, Zambia and Malawi) within the CLACC network

### **Community Based Adaptation to Climate Change**

Also I am coordinating the Community Based Adaptation project in a horticulture area in Zimbabwe.

I am the lead researcher for the Community Based Adaptation in Africa project, to test the LOCATE methodology in the country. This project is being implemented by ZERO Regional Environment Organisation based in Zimbabwe in Munyawiri's horticulture area.

In this project, a number of adaptation activities are being earmarked to make sure that challenge of water is addressed. Potential projects include Water harvesting, water and forest resource management, Organic farming and livelihood diversification etc

I have been using the LOCATE methodology and other tools on all the aspect of the project formulation (Vulnerability assessments). The area is prone to the primary effects of climate change which is drought and depleting water resources in the area making it the most suitable site to implement adaptation strategies.

In this project we are working with SEI on trying to use climate projects to justify the need for adaptation.

### **Climate Change Global Policy**

Lastly but not least I am the climate change focal point for civil society working closely with Government negotiators at international levels. I am involved in the analysis of climate change negotiation blocks to feed to government Negotiators.