

# Curriculum Vitae

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Engineering Geology/Geotechnical / Geoenvironmental / Environmental Engineering and Artificial Intelligence** – Research Thesis: Development of a Knowledge-Based System Methodology (KBSM) for the Design of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in Arid and Semiarid Environments (Namibia), University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom, 2003
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## Professional Profile

Dr Sindila Mwiya has more than twenty (20) years of practical field-based technical industry experience in Environmental Assessment (SEA, EIA, EMP, EMS), Energy (Renewable and Non-renewable energy sources), onshore and offshore resources (minerals, oil, gas and water) exploration / prospecting, operation and utilisation, covering general and specialist technical exploration and recovery support, Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) permitting for Geophysical Surveys such as 2D, 3D and 4D Seismic, Gravity and Electromagnetic Surveys for mining, energy and petroleum (oil and gas) operations support, through to engineering planning, layout, designing, logistical support, recovery, production / operations, compliance monitoring, rehabilitation, closure and aftercare projects lifecycles. He continues to work internationally in the resources (mining and petroleum) and energy sectors, from permitting through to exploration and production. From the frontier regions (high risk hydrocarbons exploration zones) of South Africa and Namibia, to the prolific oil and gas fields of the Middle East, Angola and the West African Gulf of Guinea, Dr Mwiya has been directly involved in field-based aerial, ground and marine geophysical (gravity, magnetics and seismic) surveys, been onboard exploration drilling rigs, onboard production platforms, conducted public and stakeholder consultations and engagements, and worked with highly technical and well organised and committed clients and third-party teams from emerging and well established global resources and energy companies from many countries such as the UK, France, USA, Russia, Canada, Croatia, Norway, the Netherland, Spain, Brazil, China, South Africa, Equatorial Guinea, Angola and Nigeria. He is fully aware of all the competing interests and niche donation-based business environmental advocacy opportunism that exists in the resources sector from the local, regional, and international perspectives.

Through his companies, Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) and Sivieda Group Namibia (SGN) which he founded, he has undertaken more than 200 projects for Local (Namibian), Continental (Africa) and International (Global) based clients. He has worked and continues to work for Global, Continental and Namibian based reputable resources (petroleum and mining / minerals) and energy companies such as Shell Namibia B. V. Limited (Namibia/ the Netherlands), MEL/Monitor Exploration Limited (Namibia/ UK), Reconnaissance Energy Africa Ltd (REN/ReconAfrica) (UK/Canada/Namibia), Debmarine (DBMN) (Namibia), Osino Resource Corporation (Canada/USA/Namibia), MEL (UK, Namibia), Dundee Precious Metals (Namibia / Canada), Headspring Investment (Namibia/ Russia), EMGS (UK/ Norway), Lepidico (Australia / UK), Best Sheer / Bohale (Namibia / China), CGG Services UK Limited (UK/ France/Namibia), BW Offshore (Norway/Singapore /Namibia), Tullow Oil (UK/Namibia), Petrobras Oil and Gas (Brazil) / BP (UK)/ Namibia, REPSOL (Spain/ Namibia), ACREP (Namibia/Angola), Preview Energy Resources (UK), HRT Africa (Brazil / USA/ Namibia), Chariot Oil and Gas Exploration (UK/ Namibia), NABIRM (USA/ Namibia), Serica Energy (UK/ Namibia), Eco (Atlantic) Oil and Gas (Canada / USA/ Namibia), ION GeoVentures (USA), PGS UK Exploration (UK), TGS-Nopec (UK), Maurel & Prom (France/ Namibia), GeoPartners (UK), PetroSA Equatorial Guinea (South Africa / Equatorial Guinea/ Namibia), Preview Energy Resources (Namibia / UK), Sintezneftegaz Namibia Ltd (Russia/ Namibia), INA Namibia (INA INDUSTRIJA NAFTE d.d) (Croatia/ Namibia), Namibia Underwater Technologies (NUTAM) (South Africa/Namibia), InnoSun Holdings (Pty) Ltd and all its subsidiary renewable energy companies and projects in Namibia (Namibia / France), HopSol (Namibia/Switzerland), Momentous Solar One (Pty) Ltd (Namibia / Canada), OLC Northern Sun Energy (Pty) Ltd (Namibia) and more than 100 local companies. Dr Sindila Mwiya is highly qualified with extensive practical field-based experience in petroleum, mining, renewable energy (Solar, Wind, Biomass, Geothermal and Hydropower), Non-Renewable energy (Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas), applied environmental assessment, management, and monitoring (Scoping, EIA, EMP, EMP, EMS) and overall industry specific HSE, cleaner production programmes, Geoenvironmental, geological and geotechnical engineering specialist fields.

Dr Sindila Mwiya has undertaken and continues to undertake and manage high value projects on behalf of global and local resources and energy companies. Currently, (2020-2023) Dr Sindila Mwiya is responsible for permitting planning through to operational and completion compliance monitoring, HSE and engineering technical support for multiple major upstream onshore and offshore petroleum, minerals, and mining projects, Solar and Wind Energy Projects, manufacturing and environmentally sustainable, automated / smart and Climate Change resilient homes developments in different parts of the World including Namibia. He continues to work as a National Technical Permitting Advisor, International Resources Consultant, national Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) / Environmentally Sustainable, automated / smart and Climate Change resilient homes developer, Engineering / Technical Consultant for RBS / Sivieda Group, Project Manager, Programme Advisor for the Department of Natural and Applied Sciences, Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and has worked as a Lecturer, University of Namibia (UNAM), External Examiner/ Moderator, NUST, National (Namibia) Technical Advisor (Directorate of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism / DANIDA – Cleaner Production Component) and Chief Geologist for Engineering and Environment Division, Geological Survey of Namibia, Ministry of Mines and Energy and a Field-Based Geotechnician (Specialised in Magnetism, Seismic, Gravity and Electromagnetics Exploration and Survey Methods) under the Federal Institute for Geoscience and Natural Resources (BGR) German Mineral Exploration Promotion Project to Namibia, Geophysics Division, Geological Survey of Namibia, Ministry of Mines and Energy.

He has supervised and continues to support several MScs and PhDs research programmes / projects and has been a reviewer on international, national and regional researches, plans, programmes and projects with the objective to ensure substantial local skills development, pivotal to the national socioeconomic development through the promotion of sustainable natural resources coexistence, management, development, recovery, utilisation and for development policies, plans, programmes and projects financed by governments, private investors, and Namibian development partners. Since 2006 until 2017, he has provided extensive technical support to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) through GIZ in the preparation and amendments of the Namibian Environmental Management Act, 2007, (Act No. 7 of 2007), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Regulations, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations as well as the SEA and EIA Guidelines and Procedures all aimed at promoting effective environmental assessment and management practices in Namibia.

Among his academic achievements, Dr Sindila Mwiya is a holder of a PhD within the broader fields of Engineering Geology/Geotechnical / Geoenvironmental / Environmental Engineering and Artificial Intelligence with a research thesis titled Development of a Knowledge-Based System Methodology (KBSM) for the Design of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in Arid and Semiarid Environments, MPhil/PG Cert and BEng (Hons) (Engineering Geology and Geotechnics) qualifications from the University of Portsmouth, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, United Kingdom. During the 2004 Namibia National Science Awards, organised by the Namibian Ministry of Education, and held in Windhoek, Dr Sindila Mwiya was awarded the Geologist of the Year for 2004, in the professional category. Furthermore, as part of his professional career recognition, Dr Sindila Mwiya is a life member of the Geological Society of Namibia, Consulting member of the Hydrogeological Society of Namibia and a Professional Engineer registered with the Engineering Council of Namibia.

### **Skills and Experiences with more than 200 Consulting Projects undertaken 2004-2022**

Multidisciplinary Experienced PhD Degree-Qualified Professional Registered Engineer with the Engineering Council of Namibia specialised in the following:

- ❖ Energy (fossil Fuels and Renewables)
- ❖ Mining (Mineral Exploration and Mining)
- ❖ Petroleum (Oil and gas Exploration and Production)
- ❖ Water Resources Exploration, Recovery and Sustainable Utilisation
- ❖ Development of Environmentally Sustainable, Automated / Smart and Climate Change resilient homes, offices, housing schemes, settlements, towns, and cities
- ❖ Specialist skills in Environmental policy formulation, development and technical support
- ❖ Local, Regional, National, Bilateral and Multilateral Sectoral Projects, from Development to Management, Evaluation and Monitoring
- ❖ Pollution Prevention (P2) and Cleaner Production (CP) Programmes, from Development to Management, Evaluation and Monitoring
- ❖ Municipal and Mine Waste Streams and Systems Analysis
- ❖ Municipal and Mine Landfill / Waste Disposal Sites Development and Management
- ❖ Waste Management Minimum Requirements and Management Strategies
- ❖ Land Use Planning for Rural and Urban Regional and Local Government Developmental Plans, Projects, Programmes and Strategies
- ❖ Geological Technical Support Services to Large and Small Scale, Exploration, Mining and Oil Companies
- ❖ Ground Engineering Site Investigation [Geo-Engineering] for various Local, Regional and National Infrastructure Development Projects
- ❖ Water and Construction Materials Investigation, Evaluations, Development, Management and Monitoring

- ❖ Programmes and Strategies Management and Technical Support Services to Line Ministries, Regional Councils and Local Authorities
- ❖ Strategic Environmental Assessments -SEAs
- ❖ Environmental Impact Assessments - EIAs
- ❖ Environmental Management Plans EMPs
- ❖ Environmental Management Systems -EMSs
- ❖ Training and industry research in Waste Management, Applied Environment and Geo-Engineering fields

## Educational Background

2000 - 2003	University of Portsmouth, UK: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Engineering Geology /Geotechnical / Environmental Engineering (Geoenvironmental Engineering and Artificial Intelligence) - Research Title: "Development of a Knowledge-Based System Model Methodology (KBSMM) for Design of Solid Waste Disposal Sites in Arid and Semiarid Environments" with test sites covering all the Regions of Namibia
1999 - 2000	University of Portsmouth, UK: MPhil /Postgraduate Certificate in Scientific Research Methods (PG Cert)
1996 - 1999	University of Portsmouth, UK: BEng (Hons) Engineering Geology and Geotechnics (2/1, Upper Class) and Neil Duncan Special Award for best final year research project on Design of Kupferberg landfill site investigation (environment, geology, geophysics, and engineering) and design, Windhoek, Namibia
1995 - 1996	University of Portsmouth, UK: Advanced Certificate in Extended BEng (Hons)/ MEng Foundation year. Subjects studied are Mathematics (A+), Design (B), Electrical Science (A+), Engineering Science (A), Engineering Material (A+) and Communication Skills (A).
1991	Sesheke Secondary School: O-Level Certificate - Subjects studied: English language (B), Mathematics (A) Science (B) Geography (B), Biology (B), Silozi Language (B), Commerce (C) and Religious Education (C).

## Employment / Contracts

2004- Present	Risk-Based Solutions (RBS) CC Founder, Technical Permitting & De-Risking Advisor in Natural Resources covering: Minerals Exploration & Mining / Petroleum Exploration & Production / Energy / Water / Environmental Assessments & Management (ESG, SEA, EIA, EMP, EMS) / Automated Property Developer / Programmes and Projects Management / Training / Research
2019-Present	Programme Advisor for the Department of Natural and Applied Sciences a-Namibia University of Science and Technology-NUST.
2000-2014	Part-time Lecturer, Faculty of Science, University of Namibia (UNAM) worked with Prof A. F. Kamona and External Examiner/Moderator-Namibia University of Science and Technology-NUST and worked with Prof Mutjinde Katjiua.
2001- 2004	Chief (4A L1) Professional Deputy Director Level: Division Engineering and Environment, Directorate of Geological Survey, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Namibia.
1999-2001	Senior Engineering and Environmental Geologist, Applied Geosciences, Directorate of Geological Survey, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Namibia.
1992-1995	Geophysics Geotechnician - Field-Based Geotechnician (Specialised in Magnetism, Seismic, Gravity and Electromagnetics Exploration and Survey Methods) under the Federal Institute for Geoscience and Natural Resources (BGR) German Mineral Exploration Promotion Project to Namibia, Geophysics Division, Geological Survey of Namibia, Ministry of Mines and Energy.

## Professional membership

- Registered Professional Engineers with the Engineering Council of Namibia (PE24016).
- Member of the Geological Society of Namibia
- Consulting member of the Hydrogeological Society of Namibia

## Languages

- English –Excellent (Read, write, and speak)
- Silozi and Subiya – mother tongue (Read, write, and speak)

## Selected Publications and Conference Papers

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13. Mwiya, S., 2003. A Knowledge-Based Approach to Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Site Development in the Karstified Dolomitic Terrain around the Town of Tsumeb in North-Central Namibia, Geological Survey of Namibia, Windhoek, *Communication 13*, 9-21.
14. Hahn, L., Solesbury, F., and Mwiya, S., 2004. Assessment of Potential environmental Impacts and Rehabilitation of Abandoned Mine sites in Namibia, Geological Survey of Namibia, Windhoek, *Communication 13*, 85-91.
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