



# Marrien Bartels

ESG & Sustainability Specialist

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- Languages: Professional in English
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## Summary

Industrious multiskilled professional with a demonstrated dynamism and all-encompassing experience in sustainability & climate change. Skilled in strategy development and reporting to deduce business needs and guide initiatives.

## SKILLS

- ◆ Climate Change Sustainability Integration & Reporting
- ◆ Climate resilience
- ◆ Nature based solution and SDGs.
- ◆ Strategic planning and IDP
- ◆ Policy and regulation development/compliance
- ◆ Project Management
- ◆ Climate mitigation and adaptation
- ◆ Climate Action & Strategy development
- ◆ Climate risk/impact assessment
- ◆ Stakeholder engagement

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Coconstruction - Rotterdam, the Netherlands**

**September 2022 – To Date**

**Climate Change and Sustainability Consultant - Short term Contract**

- ESG/Sustainability advisory and laws interpretation
- Development of the ESG and sustainability initiatives and integrating them into the startup's business strategy in line with the EU Taxonomy, CSRD and GRI framework
- Development of investment and business relationships with stakeholders (potential investors, customers, other key stakeholders)
- Product market research and business development with a focus on sustainability
- Grant and investment proposal writing
- Marketing of the company

**Women in Cleantech and Sustainability (WCS)- Women Sustainability Movement  
Project Manager - European Chapter**

**May 2022 – To Date**

Coordinating WCSs Projects aiming at networking and bringing the sustainability and cleantech professionals together with a focus on women.

- Sustainability promotion and helping member cleantech companies with ESG Strategy development.
- Promote partner companies and help establish customer/investor connections.
- Promotion of diversity and social inclusion (Promoting women in cleantech and sustainability)

**ICLEI - local Governments for Sustainability-World Secretariat Office - Bonn, Germany May 2021 – August 2021  
Climate Change & Energy Action Intern**

- Functioned as a Project assistant/administrative support for the climate change and Energy Action team.
- Participated in the preparation of climate change and sustainability action plans for Rwanda and Bangladesh under the GIZ funded ReCAP 2021 project to increase the cities sustainability performance.
- Managed the ICLEI Sustainability Reporting System (CPD-ICLEI CRTZ tracker) for tracking cities sustainability and NetZero performance.
- Was responsible for the development of the ICLEI sustainability guidelines (Green Climate Cities guidelines)
- R&D-Researched on Cities climate resilience and energy transition topics and produced reports.

**District Planning Officer**

- Headed the development planning departments which entailed coordinating departmental sections and supervising the section heads (8 at Mumbwa, 6 at Chinsali)
- Coordinated sustainable city and communities’ development (real estate, energy, transport, economy).
- Coordinated sustainability impact reporting in line with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement via the UN Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Designed the districts’ sustainability strategies and integrated them into the development plans and produced sustainability reports in line with the Paris Agreement & SDGs i.e Lundazi Strategic Plan 2014-2018, Chinsali Strategic plan 2018-2022, Chinsali Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy 2019, Mumbwa Strategic Plan review 2020.
- Functioned as project manager for various sustainability/decarbonization projects i.e., the World Bank/ADB funded SCRICA project; Finland Government funded DFNFMP; Chinsali-Pitea Municipal partnership ICLD funded project, plant a Million Trees and Keep Zambia Clean and Green campaigns.
- Conducted environmental risk/ impact assessments for various projects to facilitate environmental stewardship, and social safeguard.
- Functioned as a secretariat focal point for the district stakeholders committee (District Development Coordination Committee)- Stakeholder Engagement, organizing meetings, minutes, presentations, and report writing.
- Performed public policy review to facilitate compliance with the laws (land management and environmental regulations)
- Managed the constituency development funds and coordinated project implementation, monitoring and preparation of progress reports.
- Grant Proposal Preparation: Coordinated the preparation of project funding proposals (Prepared a Land Development proposal in 2016 that won K7.4 million (\$330,000 equivalent) funding from Government.
- Policy and Regulations: Public Policy regulation interpretation to foster compliance (urban development, land and environmental policy regulations)

**Other Projects**

- [Research Consultant | Local Governance Impact Project in Zambia | NORC at the University of Chicago, USA | 2020](#)  
Provided research consultancy services on sustainable local government system in Zambia.
  - Prepared data collection tools and collected data via interviews and focus group discussions with the key stakeholders (government, private sector, Civil society, citizens)
  - Produced reports and submitted to NORC which was used in the development of a grant proposal for the multimillion Local Governance Impact Project
  - Participated in proposal development.
- [GIS Intern | Decentralization 4 Development Project \(D4D\) | GIZ-Germany Development Agency\) in Lusaka | 2017](#)  
Coordinated the sustainable cities and communities project activities under the Decentralization for development project which included.
  - Mapping the physical and social urban features such as land use, transportation networks, green spaces, demographics, and socio-economic indicators to identify areas of the city that needed improvements/sustainable development.
  - Prepared data collection questionnaires using kobo toolbox and collected data in informal settlements of Zambia using smart phones/ODK collect software.
  - Processed data in QGIS, analysed it and produced assessment maps.
  - Prepared reports, presentations, and other project deliverables
  - Facilitated capacity building of other interns and town planners in the application of GIS in sustainable city planning, land and environmental management-to promote sustainable development.
- [Research Consultant | Local Government Service Delivery Improvement project | Anchcon | 2017](#)
  - Feasibility study for the establishment of modern sustainable markets in Chinsali and Mansa Towns
  - Conducted interviews and collected data.
  - Produced reports and submitted to Anchcon.

**EDUCATION**

- **Master of Science in Urban Management & Development: Urban Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change**, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 2021
- **Master of Science in Spatial Planning**, The University of Zambia, Zambia, 2019
- **Bachelor of Arts with Education in Geography and Environmental Studies**, University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia, 2012

## PROFESSIONAL Certification

- **Certificate:** Nature Based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience | UNEP/PEDRR | 2023
- **Diploma:** Project Management | International Business Management Institute, Berlin Germany | 2023
- **Certificate:** Risk Management | International Business Management Institute, Berlin Germany | 2023
- **Certificate:** Transitioning to Complex Risk Management and Resilient Urban Futures | World Bank, UNDRR, UNSSC, WHO | 2022
- **Certificate:** Risk reduction planning for resilient and healthy cities in the post-COVID 19 era | World Bank, UNDRR, UNSSC, WHO | 2022
- **Certificate:** Studying Cities: Social Science Methods for Urban Research, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam, NL, 2021
- **Certificate:** Urban Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 2021
- **Certificate:** Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation, University of Zambia, Lusaka, ZM, | 2015
- **Certificate:** Enhancing Public Policy | Vision Africa | 2015

## AFFILIATIONS

- Women in Cleantech and Sustainability, Member