

OSUNA, Eriyo Jesca (Hon.) (Uganda)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Chief Executive Director; AMANI Investments (Radio Amani Ltd – Adjumani; Amani Consultants (U) Ltd – Kampala)

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Hon Jesca Eriyo was a Minister of State for Environment-Uganda 2006 to 2011, where she coordinated the environment programme of the country which is in line with the IUCN programmes.

As Minister she used her position to profile the Union's structure that would support the country in achieving its mandate on the environment. She regularly requested information from the Secretariat and supported the Secretariat to respond to key emerging issues.

She was the representative of an active state member who always drew on the convening power of IUCN to bring Civil Society and NGOs to discuss critical issues in the country such as Bujagali power dam/Mabira and the meetings would come up with amicable solutions to communicate to the public.

She also provided entry points for IUCN in high level policy agendas, such as the Policy Committee on Environment, influencing better budgets for environment, worked with Members and Civil Society Organizations to promote the conservation agenda.

She was also a woman Member of Parliament 2001–2011, served on the Sessional Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development and during this time she worked hard to ensure that environment is recognized as a key sector that needed funding to promote sustainable development

She holds a MA in Development Studies.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Minister of State for Environment-Uganda 2006 to 2011; has been exposed to various high level policy processes that will be useful to capitalize on including her networks. She ably represented Uganda in various international fora such as:

- WSSD 2002
- The International HIV/AIDS Conference in Bangkok 2004; Ministerial Consultations in preparation for the UNFCCC COP12 (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties 12) and the Kyoto Protocol COP/MOP 2 (2nd Conference or Meeting of the Parties) which took place in Nairobi in November 2007; the 12th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Conference of the Parties and Kyoto Protocol COP/MOP 2, Nairobi, November 2007.
- Active Member of the Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for the Environment (Under UNEP-United Nations Environment Programme) 2007 to date.
- Council of Ministers' meetings for East African Community in Kigali, Kampala, Nairobi and Arusha.

Having been the representative of the State Member of IUCN in Uganda and participated in the IUCN Congress 2008 Barcelona, several Regional IUCN Meetings, Nairobi, she understands the objectives, and processes of the Regional Councillor.