



Mr. Robert K.M. Sunday

BIOGRAPHY

Robert K.M. Sunday, fondly known as Sunday is an Assistant Director of Water Resources (Transboundary Waters). Prior to this post which he assumed in July 2022, he acted in that capacity between July 2020 to June 2022. As well, Mr. Sunday worked as a Senior Hydrologist in Internal Drainage Basin Water Board (2010-2017) and Head of Surface Water Group in the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Water (2017-2022) with responsibilities of coordinating hydrological functions across the country.

Mr. Sunday holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership (202 –2022); and UONGOZI Certificate Programme in Leadership (2020–2021) from UONGOZI Institute (Tanzania) and Aalto University Executive Education (Finland). He is a graduate of Master of Science Degree in Water Management-specialization in Water Resources Management (2011-2023) from UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft- the Netherlands; and Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies with honours (2006-2009) from University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

In his capacity as Assistant Director Water Resources (Transboundary Waters), he manages a number of international portfolios as follows: Co-Chair of the Joint Technical Committee of the Joint Songwe River Basin Commission (SONGWECOM) Tanzania and Malawi; Member of Technical Advisory Committee of Nile Basin Initiative (10 countries); Member of Technical Committee of Zambezi Watercourse Commission (8 countries); Member of Technical Advisory Committee of the African Ministers’ Council on Water (54 countries); and National Focal Point of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) on the 1992 Water Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes among others. At National scale he seats in the Ministry of Water Tender Board; and was a Board Member of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority 2019-2022.

Some of his career successes include: leading publication of Hydrological Year Book 2010-2019 (after 40 years), preparation and coordination of over 30 technical, leadership and managerial learning sessions in the Ministry; chairing international meetings on transboundary waters; participation in sixteen international conferences, and publication of eleven conference abstracts in several local and international water related conferences. He further participated in publication of a report on Benefits and Challenges of Transboundary Water Management and Cooperation in Tanzania 2009/2010-2019/2020.

Meanwhile, under resources mobilization, Mr. Sunday is leading a noble role of preparing a 15 billion United States Dollars Tanzania Water Investment Programme 2024-2030; and a project named “Enhancing Hydromet Services through Regional Monitoring Innovation Hubs in Africa” worthy 5,000,000 USD to be funded by Adaptation Fund and implemented in Tanzania and Gambia in collaboration with World Meteorological Organization and UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology.

With thirteen years’ experience, Mr. Sunday is a seasoned expert in hydrology and water resources management, and passionate with institutional strengthening, capacity building, skills development and professional and organizational leadership.