

Prof. Kitila Alexander Mkumbo was appointed by His Excellency Dr. President John Pombe Magufuli into the position of Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water and Irrigation on 4 April 2017, and he was sworn in on 5 April 2017. Prior to serving into this position, Prof. Mkumbo worked at the University of Dar es Salaam initially as Administrative Officer between 1999 and 2003, after which he was re-categorised into the academic cadre.

Prof. Mkumbo rose into the academic ranks from Assistant Lecturer in 2003 to Associate Professor in 2014. As an academic and a notable public intellectual in Tanzania and beyond, Prof. Mkumbo has published numerous journal articles in various areas in psychology and education, and has served as consultant to a number of international and national organisations, as well as Government.

Prof. Mkumbo holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Southampton in the UK (2008) and a Master's Degree in Applied Social Psychology from the University of Dar es Salaam (2002). He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree majoring in Biology and Chemistry as teaching subjects.

Born on 21 June 1971, Prof. Mkumbo attended Primary Education at Mgela Primary School in Iramba District, Singida, between 1981 and 1987 and Secondary Education at Mwenge Secondary School between 1988 and 1991. Between 1992 and 1994, Prof. Mkumbo attended high school at Pugu Secondary School in Dar es Salaam.