



## **Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Director of the Law Division, since June 2014. Elizabeth has worked with the UN Environment for almost two decades. Until June 2014, she was the Deputy Director and Coordinator, Operations and Programme Delivery Branch in the Ecosystems Division (formerly, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation - DEPI). Prior to which, she was the Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Acting Executive Secretary of the UNEP/ASCOBANS and Interim Executive Secretary of the UNEP/Gorilla Agreement all based in Bonn, Germany from January 2013 till July 2009.

Previously, Elizabeth's work at the UN Environment had focused on the development, implementation and enforcement environmental laws both at national, regional and international level. She has played different roles in the UN Environment over the years which include being a Coordinator of capacity building and compliance and enforcement projects related to environmental law and the multilateral environmental conventions. She had been a Senior Legal Officer and Chief of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Support and Cooperation Branch in the then Division of Environmental Conventions (DEC). Then a Senior Legal Officer and later Principal Legal Officer and Chief of the Biodiversity/Land Law and Governance Branch in the UN Environment's Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (DELIC).

Before joining UN Environment, Elizabeth worked with the Tanzania Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOF&IC) and left as a Counsellor/Senior Legal Counsel. During her time with the MOF&IC, she was also a lecturer in Public International Law and Conference Diplomacy at Tanzania's Centre for Foreign Relations and Diplomacy. Currently, she is a visiting lecturer at the University of Nairobi - Law School and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO).

A lawyer and career diplomat with LLB (Hons) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada and Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy (Summa Cum Laude) from the Centre of Foreign Relations and Diplomacy in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. She has published several articles related to international environmental law, compliance and enforcement of conventions and developed, among others, a number of multilateral environmental agreements negotiation tools, handbooks and guidelines currently used by UN Environment in its capacity building programmes. Elizabeth is a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL).