

Lizah Makombore

Short Biography

Lizah Makombore is a Ph.D. Candidate in Sustainable Development, Public Policy, Economics, and Governance at the University of Vermont. Guided by Ubuntu, a Southern African philosophy of interconnectedness and collective wellbeing, her work emphasizes relational, ecological, and community-centered approaches to food systems transformation. She brings over a decade of experience across NGOs, development finance institutions, climate policy, and higher education. Her research examines how ecological economics, agroecology, and public policy can address social dilemmas in food and farming systems, with particular attention to financing agrarian transitions, rural livelihoods, and climate resilience.