

# Yemi Adeyeye

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## Experience

**CITY FORESTER/MANAGER, FORESTRY & NATURAL AREAS** | 2022/07 - Current

**The Corporation of the City of Windsor - Ontario, Canada**

I lead the Department of Forestry & Natural Areas, including the Ojibway Prairie Complex, Peche Island & Spring Garden ANSI. I manage a natural asset portfolio valued at \$400 million. Key responsibilities include

- Directing, planning, & organizing all Departmental activities & engagement across all the Corporation's service areas.
- Overseeing scheduling & management of staff (unionized & non-unionized), contractors & resident relations, & partnerships.
- Providing direction & establishing processes to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the services provided by the department.
- Establishing & administering operating & capital budgets, & business plans for the Department.
- Leading continuous improvement & change management initiatives & projects in the Department.
- Developing, recommending, & implementing City-wide policies, plans, & programs related to ESG initiatives, tree maintenance programs, stewardship opportunities & naturalization projects.
- Providing inputs about urban biodiversity & green spaces at city council meetings, relevant standing committees, & media occasions.

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (ADJ.), INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY** | 2023/06- Current

**The University of Windsor - Ontario, Canada**

I collaborate with Faculty at the Department of Integrative Biology. Key Responsibilities are.

- Participate as an Adjunct Assistant Professor on graduate student committees.
- Research collaborator with members of the department

**GLOBAL COORDINATOR, GLFX – GLOBAL LANDSCAPES FORUM** | 2021/04 – 2022/06

**Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) - Bonn, Germany**

I coordinated the development & implementation of strategies, principles, & priorities for the engagement & mobilization of forest communities & practitioners for contributions to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Key responsibilities include

- Developing strategies for executing innovative approaches & activities for growing networks of local forest practitioners, Indigenous change agents & action-oriented communities of practice.
- Overseeing knowledge sharing & learning, including coordination of technical support from CIFOR-ICRAF & Charter Members.
- Ensuring the success of ESG projects & monitoring the impact of these projects & the growing online GLF stakeholders & community.
- Coordinating processes for monitoring, evaluation & learning for projects to meet Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) criteria

**DIRECTOR, YPARD** | 2018/09 – 2021/04

**The Swiss Centre for Agricultural Advisory & Extension Services (AGRIDEA) - Lausanne, Switzerland** 09/2020 - 04/2021

**The Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Rome, Italy** 09/2018 - 08/2020

- Led the strategic direction for the Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD), including structural & organizational design.
- Oversaw YPARD's regional offices in Ghana, the Czech Republic & China.
- Led the recruitment & management of staff, including remote management of 72 national chapters.
- Led the development & implementation of global programs.
- Engaged in strategic networking with leading agencies & stakeholders in the agricultural development sector.
- Represented YPARD at international, regional & national events.
- Responsible for the overall coordination & fundraising of the network.
- Advised organizations, partners & countries on developing institutional & programmatic Indigenous youth strategies.
- Developed & managed operating procedures, including proposal development, funding receipt, budget management, reporting & monitoring & evaluation.

**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT** | 2015/09 – 2018/10

**The University of British Columbia - Vancouver, British Columbia**

- Provided teaching assistance for undergraduate courses on forestry & rural development.
- Advised students on the development of technical reports.

**RESEARCH FELLOW/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST** | 2017/03 – 2018/04

**Fundación Natura Bolivia - Santa Cruz, Bolivia**

- Developed engagement strategies for Indigenous Peoples for forests & water conservation in the Bolivian Andes.
- Developed research & funding proposals, and partnership management.
- Produced technical, policy & research reports.
- Facilitated audio-visual usage in monitoring & evaluation processes.

**YOUTH LIAISON** | 2014/02 – 2015/08

**The Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Rome, Italy**

- Built relationships with donors, developed proposals & executed the youth programs for the XIV World Forestry Congress.
- Coordinated partnerships between international youth organizations.
- Organized special events & practical issues related to Indigenous youth participation (communications, scholarships & exhibitions).
- Coached youth speakers & facilitators

**VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW** | 2014/03 – 2014/06

**Tribhuvan University - Pokhara, Nepal**

- Developed research & engagement plans with Indigenous Peoples in the Mid-hills of Nepal.
- Conducted fieldwork on issues of participation & knowledge within agroforestry/landscape management schemes.
- Developed research funding proposals.
- Co-wrote publications & technical reports.

**TEACHING ASSOCIATE** | 2012/03 – 2013/12

**The Federal University of Technology - Akure, Nigeria**

- Conducted field work in ecology, data handling & analysis.
- Technical writing & event organization.
- Development of research funding proposals for multi-stakeholder initiatives.
- Liaison with donor organizations & research groups.

**JUNIOR ASSOCIATE** | 2011/03 – 2012/02

**Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources - Akwa-Ibom, Nigeria**

- Co-developed concepts for landscape (majorly forestry & agriculture) management.
- Supervised nurseries & silvicultural operations.
- Assisted with the preparation of meeting notes & report.
- Provided support for administrative duties.

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## Education

**McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business**

**Executive Education (Certificate)** | Leadership Program, 2025

**The University of British Columbia - Vancouver, BC**

**Ph.D.** | International Forestry & Natural Resource Governance, 09/2015 – 04/2020

*Dissertation:* Power, people, places, and spaces: examining the politics of participation across scales of resource governance

*Fellowship & Distinctions:* 4-Year Doctoral Fellowship; Public Scholar Award; Peter N. Affleck Memorial Graduate Scholarship; Mary & David Macaree Fellowship; Sopron Alumni Fellowship; The Bottom Billion Grant

**Sustainable Tropical Forestry (SUTROFOR) – Double Degree MSc Program**

1. **Bangor University - Wales, UK**  
**Master of Science** | Environmental Forestry, 09/2012 – 09/2013  
**Certificate** | Business & Consultancy, 2013
2. **The University of Copenhagen - Copenhagen, Denmark**  
**Master of Science** | Agricultural Development, Forests & Livelihoods, 09/2012 – 09/2014

*Fellowship & Distinctions:* Erasmus Mundus (European Union) MSc Scholarship; Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) Grant; O.H.F & A.J-E Heilmann's fund.

**Federal University of Technology - Akure, Nigeria**

**Bachelor of Agricultural Technology (Honors)**, 09/2006 – 09/2010

*Fellowship & Distinctions:* Best Graduating Student (Dept. & Faculty) Awards; Dean's Prize; Award of Excellence given by the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students