



Kenya Plant Health
Inspectorate Service



BIOGRAPHY

Syanda Josiah

Airport Manager - KEPHIS



Syanda is the officer in Charge for KEPHIS operations at Jomokenyatta International Airport which is the Major import and export hub of east and central Africa.

Syanda and the KEPHIS team have made

immense contribution to the development of Phytosanitary systems in Kenya and the African region. Through their contribution Kenya has been recognized as the centre of Phytosanitary excellence and a reference for the region.

Syanda is an Agricultural Information and Communication management and a Phytosanitary expert, with more than 15 years experience in Phytosanitary processes and compliance. This expertise includes setting up Phytosanitary systems, business process analysis, trade facilitation, ICT applications, policy and international trade of plants and plant products.

He has extensively travelled and represented Kenya in technical meetings in Europe, Asia Pacific, North America and Latin America. He was a member of the Expert Working group that developed Appendix 1 of ISPM 12. He currently serves on the ePhyto Working group of the IPPC as the Inter African Phytosanitary Council (IAPSC) representative. Syanda is also the vice chair of the OECD scheme for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Syanda has hands-on field experience in creation and development of National Certification Systems, Single Window systems and Agricultural trade logistic systems. He currently serves as chief manager of Phytosanitary operations for KEPHIS at the Jomokenyattta International Airport as well as a member of the Business Court Users committee in Kenya.