

Biography

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Cyrie's career has focused on natural resources management, encompassing both research and development perspectives.

She has previously worked at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi where she was responsible for biodiversity and biotechnology issues in the framework of the programme to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In 1998, she moved to Montreal, Canada, to head the Biosafety Programme at the Secretariat of the CBD. In that capacity, she coordinated the final round of the negotiation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its subsequent implementation. In 2006, Cyrie joined CIFOR (Center for International Forestry Research) as Regional Coordinator for the Central Africa Regional Office based in Yaounde, Cameroon. She joined IUCN in September 2010.

Cyrie is the author and co-author of many publications on environmental issues and she is a Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science. She has also served on a number of prestigious international scientific panels, committees and initiatives.

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