

# Meet the scientist



**Name:** Dr Steven Utembe

**Place of Birth:** Blantyre, Malawi

**Place of Work:** Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

**Job Title:** Senior Modeller

**Who do you work for?** I work for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Victoria.

**What do you do?** As a modeller, I run EPA's regulatory models to ensure industrial compliance as well as other air quality models to inform policy in matters relating to air pollution. As someone who works for a regulatory authority, I am involved with protecting the environment and people by preventing and reducing harm from pollution and waste.

**What skills do you have to use in your job?** All the skills related to science plus, as I am an atmospheric modeller. I have specialist skills in the use and creation of atmospheric computer models to predict climate change.

**Why do you like your job?** I love people and I love the environment and it gives me joy to be involved in protecting people and the environment from harm from pollution and waste.

**What inspired you to choose a career in science?** I always wanted to be a medical doctor but when I realised that I don't like the sight of blood I thought it was not a great idea! I love sciences and fell in love with atmospheric chemistry.