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Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

August 2016

Hult International Business School | Boston, Massachusetts

- Former Arthur D. Little School of Management
- Concentration in Finance and Strategy

Big Data Management Certificate Coding with Python

February 2016

Wesleyan University | Coursera.com, Online courses

Master of Sciences in Economics and Statistics with honors

July 2007

National School of Economy and Statistics (ENSEA) | Abidjan, Ivory Coast

- Concentrations in Data Analytics, Finance, Econometrics and Statistics
- Elected by peers as Alumni Club President

Professional Experience

TRANS-NATIONAL RESEARCH CORPORATION —New York City, USA

June - August 2016

Sovereign Debt Intern. Performed sovereign and relative value analysis over a half-dozen African countries including Morocco, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Republic of Congo and Cameroon. Built a quantitative model to identify and assess debt sustainability profiles amongst Sub-Saharan African bond issuers.

FRENCH EMBASSY ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT—Abidjan, Ivory Coast

2009 – 2015

Senior Economist – Deputy Head of Department (2013 – 2015). In charge of analyzing macroeconomic and sovereign debt profile and providing recommendations to the French Ministry of Finance for aid policy orientation in West Africa. Helped organize the French aid strategy. Advised French representatives who participated on the Board of Directors at the IMF, the World Bank, the European Union and the African Development Bank.

- Obtained approval from the French Embassy and Ivorian government for USD1.4bn in programs in support of education, health, transport and agriculture sectors.
- Collaborated with teams to develop financial aid and trade strategies, instrumental in increasing French trade balance with Ivory Coast by 50% between 2013 and 2015.

Country Economist – Sovereign debt analyst (2009 – 2012). Define and follow up the French aid strategy.

- Improved French aid program visibility by planning a USD800mio program focused on improving the health and education sectors.
- Active trade promotion efforts helped increased French exports to Ivory Coast by 20% (between 2010 and 2012) by reopening the credit insurance program for French investors.

CABINET OF IVORIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE —Abidjan, Ivory Coast

2007 – 2009

Financial Analyst. Monitored macroeconomic reforms program signed with the International Monetary Fund and managed the World Bank projects. Advised Director of Cabinet on public finance issues.

- Worked on many aspects of government's debt management programs and IMF-sponsored efforts to reduce public debt ratio by 129% of GDP. Helped identify and implement fiscal savings (of around 0.5% of GDP) by reorganizing tax incomes and improving the disbursement of International Aid resources.

Additional Information

Languages: French (Native), English (Fluent)

Technologies: Python, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Stata, Eviews, R, S, Visual Basic

Extracurricular:

- Bloomberg Aptitude Test: 510 – 74th percentile, January 2016 – Familiar with Bloomberg Platform
- Interviewed by BBC-Africa <http://goo.gl/eoqdNv> January 29th, 2014

Sports Enthusiast: Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Trail Running