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Sub-Saharan Africa economist and policymaker with a strong in macroeconomic research, sovereign risk analysis and development finance. I'm currently a Senior Economics Advisor at UNDP Tanzania, where I lead on economic research and policy advice. I have also held leadership positions with Moody's Investor's Service, where I rated sovereign governments and multilateral development banks in developing countries, and the UK's Department for International Development, where I implemented bilateral development programmes across multiple sectors.

Career History

Aug 2021 - Present

Senior Economics Advisor – UNDP Tanzania

- Lead UNDP Tanzania's economic research and strategic intelligence teams to provide substantive analytical and policy advice on economic development and development finance in Tanzania through a monthly newsletter, research reports, regular macroeconomic monitors and budget and public financial management analyses.
- Provide in-house strategic policy advisory services to UNDP core programme teams – namely, SDG finance and investment, inclusive economic growth, governance, and environmental sustainability – on development finance tools such as an SDG investor map for Tanzania, resource mobilisation strategies in the evolving development financing landscape and proposal and project development.
- Lead on supporting the government on implementing its structural economic transformation agenda by producing a diagnostic report on deficiencies in the current strategy, providing policy recommendations to accelerate the pace of transformation and developing interventions that UNDP can support through its country strategy.
- Contribute expertise on the design and roll-out of a new UNDP Africa credit rating initiative aimed at assisting African governments to manage and improve their sovereign credit ratings, lower their borrowing costs in international capital markets and attract more investment and development finance towards the SDGs. This has included designing and delivering technical training workshops for government officials in Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Uganda.
- Succeeded in winning two-year mandates to provide sovereign credit rating advisory services to the governments of Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia for UNDP.
- Part of the senior management team responsible for overseeing the management of the country office and its staff, formulating its strategic direction and representing the Head of Office in dialogues with government and development partners.
- Member of the United Nation's inter-agency governance and management structures including the programme coordination group and the gender equality and human rights coordination mechanism.

Jun 2020 – Jul 2021	<p><i>Economics Advisor & Head, Policy and Research Hub – UNDP Ethiopia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Launched a revamped policy advisory and research hub, whose mission is to transform UNDP Ethiopia into a learning organisation where policy and programmatic decision-making are knowledge-driven and grounded in evidence-based research. ▪ Built and led an office-wide research network to formulate a multi-year research agenda aligned with UNDP's and the government's development agenda, as well as to provide policy advisory and research services to strengthen the impact of UNDP Ethiopia's development interventions. ▪ Led a team of economists and policy advisers to deliver the hub's policy advisory and research programme. ▪ Led engagement and technical advisory and capacity building support to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and the Planning and Development Commission to help formulate, implement and evaluate Ethiopia's multi-year development plans at the federal and regional levels. This included supporting the construction of a national Multi-dimensional Poverty Index for Ethiopia and producing regular National Human Development Reports.
Nov 2019 – May 2020	<p><i>Private Sector Liaison Consultant – UN Women Nigeria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Produced a comprehensive mapping report of the landscape of private sector companies in Nigeria that are making substantial investments in women's economic empowerment and gender equality. ▪ Convened consultative dialogues with the private sector to educate businesses on the importance of investing in gender equality including developing a business case for the sector's involvement. ▪ Supported private sector companies in adopting the Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs). ▪ Designed and delivered gender equality training targeted at private sector companies to improve the gender-responsiveness of their internal policies and CSR programming activities. ▪ Facilitated the establishment of a Private Sector "He for She" platform in Nigeria. ▪ Developed an 'e-directory' of private sector organizations that support women's empowerment in Nigeria.
Apr 2014 – Jun 2020	<p><i>Independent Consultant and Economic Expert, Africa – Oxford Analytica</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Produced expert and bespoke reports on African economic, business and policy developments particularly on Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. I also produced the firm's biannual economic outlooks for the region. ▪ Produced bespoke monthly macroeconomic, political and operational risk outlooks for Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire as part of a long-term consultancy project for Morocco's OCP Group.
Jan 2019 – Apr 2019	<p><i>Innovative Financing for the SDGs Consultant – UNDP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead author responsible for producing an analytical report titled "Innovative Finance and the SDGs: Where are We and What Role" to help advance the global innovative financing agenda in international fora including at the United Nations Financing for Development Forum in April and the June G20 summit in Japan. ▪ Compiled new data on current trends on innovative finance and

compared this to historical data to assess their effectiveness in financing the SDGs.

- Conducted analysis on the range of applications of innovative finance mechanisms including blockchain technologies such as impact tokens, green and SDG bonds, blended finance and social impact bonds, and their contributions towards closing the SDG financing gap.
- Offered reflections and policy recommendations on ways forward in this area.
- Participated in regular conference calls with key stakeholders.

Sept 2017 – Dec 2017 *Financing for Development Consultant – UNDP*

- Produced technical inputs for the UNDP publication ‘Financing the 2030 Agenda: An Introductory Guidebook for UNDP Country Offices’ with emphasis on innovative financing instruments such as green bonds, enterprise challenge funds, impacting investing and Islamic finance.
- Updated and added content to the UNDP website on Financing Solutions for Sustainable Development. Produced concise primers for all the Sustainable Development Goals highlighting predominant and emerging financing tools currently being used to address each goal.

Adviser, Cabinet of the Executive Director – International Trade Centre

Apr 2014 –Apr 2015

- Contributed to the strategic communication goals of the Executive Director by producing speeches, briefings, concept notes, and speaking points for high level speaking engagements, meetings and conferences.
- Worked as the Cabinet’s liaison for its Ethical Fashion Initiative, which seeks to increase the participation of African female artisans in the global fashion industry’s value chains.
- Led ITC’s inputs into the outcome document for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa.
- Contributed to identifying new and innovative sources of funding for small and medium-sized enterprises with a focus on impact investments. Led a session on impact investing at ITC’s flagship conference, which resulted in the signing of a letter of intent between the Dutch Good Growth Fund and Tanzania’s Covenant Bank for Women.
- Provided strategic advice as part of the Cabinet, focusing on private sector development, trade and regional integration policies.
- Conducted strategic research to help with formulating economic and private sector development policies in Africa.

Senior Analyst, Africa – Oxford Analytica

Oct 2013 – Apr 2014

- Headed the sub-Saharan Africa research platform by providing thought leadership and forward-looking analysis to clients with an emphasis on strengthening macroeconomic, financial market and business coverage of the region.
- Worked with leading Africa academics – mainly from the University of Oxford – to identify the most relevant, cutting-edge research topics for clients.
- Expanded and supervised the firm’s network of Africa subject matter experts and provided strategic editing and quality control on their research output.
- Published daily briefs and analysis to very tight deadlines. Specific responsibility for coverage of West, Central and Southern Africa with emphasis on Angola, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.
- Provided bespoke analysis and advice to a wide range of clients on risks and business opportunities in the region, which included writing a weekly newsletter for a group of Africa investors.

- Aug 2010 – Jan 2013 *Vice President, Senior Analyst – Moody's Investor Services*
- Appointed to lead the firm's Africa initiative to increase coverage of African sovereign debt issuers by participating in outreach efforts, developing a research programme and conducting issuer road shows.
 - Led the rating process for several emerging market countries and Multilateral Development Banks including Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Eurasian Development Bank, the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank, Nigeria, Kenya, and Zambia. I also served as back-up analyst on Angola, Ghana and Mauritius.
 - Published initial ratings on Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia (thus increasing Moody's sovereign footprint in Africa by 50%) and established the company's relationships with high profile government officials in these countries from scratch.
 - Attracted business from the African Finance Corporation away from more established competitors like S&P and Fitch.
 - Monitored sovereign risk through regular visits to issuers; published regular credit research reports and rating actions; and fielded questions from investors and the media.
- Feb 2010 – Aug 2010 *Freelance Africa Analyst – Euromonitor International*
- Produced country reports on the economic and business environment in African countries. Reports produced on Nigeria, Kenya and Tunisia.
- Jun 2009 – Dec 2009 *Chief Economist – ARM Investment Managers*
- Led the development of ARM's economic research business.
 - Formulated macroeconomic views across all asset classes for Nigeria and selected global economies through economic and market publications.
 - Worked with portfolio managers to develop investment recommendations by providing forecasts and advice on macroeconomic, political and social developments.
 - Provided key inputs to senior management on a special project to advise the Nigerian government on economic development policies.
- Mar 2006 – Mar 2008 *Economist – Department for International Development (DfID)*
- Produced a bespoke research report on natural resource accounting to help advise senior managers on how to formulate alternative measures of economic growth.
 - Organised seminars for DfID's Economist Group.
 - Edited the organisation's quarterly economist research publications.
- Feb 2005 – Mar 2006 *Emerging Markets Economist – HM Treasury*
- Advised the Chancellor of the Exchequer on macroeconomic and political developments in Latin America and Turkey.
 - Lead Treasury adviser on Turkey's stand-by arrangement with the IMF.
 - Provided regular economic briefings and analysis for international meetings such as the G7 Finance Ministers' meetings, and the IMF Article IV Board discussions.
 - Contributed to the preparation of the UK Budget by providing macroeconomic forecasts for Latin America and Turkey.
 - Managed and supported two junior economic researchers.

Jan 2000 – Feb 2005 *Economist, various roles – DfID*

Economist, Latin America and Caribbean Department (Barbados based)

- Part of a multidisciplinary team responsible for implementing projects under DfID's country assistance strategy for the Caribbean across various sectors such as water and sanitation, public financial management and trade reform.
- Prepared financial sector analysis for Jamaica and the Eastern Caribbean focusing on linkages between macroeconomic performance and financial market activities.
- Responsible for administering the UK's bilateral debt relief programs for Belize, the Eastern Caribbean and Jamaica.
- Identified 8% slippage on programmed fiscal targets in Belize enabling the government to take prompt remedial action and secure annual debt relief funds of £2 million.

Economist, Economic and Social Research Unit

- Conducted empirical research in collaboration with the Chief Economist on macroeconomic topics including inequality and revenue generation in low-income countries.
- Identified, set up, and managed three development research centres at academic institutions with programmes totalling £10 million.

Economist, West and North Africa Department

- Responsible for producing and presenting quarterly economic reports to senior management on Cameroon, Egypt, The Gambia and Nigeria.
- Provided economic advice and management for projects in sectors such as forestry in Cameroon, water and sanitation and finance in Egypt, gender mainstreaming in The Gambia and agriculture in Nigeria.

Dec 1998 – Jun 1999 *Research Assistant – Commonwealth Development Corporation*

- Produced equity analysis on the global seaport industry and the electricity market in Central America.
- Assessed Thai real estate companies after the financial crisis from both credit and equity perspectives. Produced research reports presenting my identified acquisition targets.

Educational History

1997 - 1998 *London School of Economics and Political Science*

- Master of Science in Development Studies.

1993 – 1996 *London School of Economics and Political Science*

- Bachelor of Science in Economics awarded with Upper Second-Class honours.