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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Economics

University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2001

UN Leaders Programme

United Nations System Staff College, 2015

UNDP Leadership Development and Management Skills Programme

UNDP, 2014

Virtual Development Academy

Policy Advisory, 2008/9:

UNDP and Columbia University

Postgraduate Diploma Computer Science

Obafemi Awolowo University, 1992

Masters of Science Economics

Obafemi Awolowo University, 1991

Bachelor of Science Economics

Obafemi Awolowo University, 1989

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Resident Representative

United Nations Development Programme, South Africa

Director

Africa Finance Sector Hub

United Nations Development Programme

Chair

SDGs Impact Investor Map Sounding Board, South Africa

Chair

Entrepreneurship Working Group for multilateral institutions working in South Africa

Co-Chair

Technical Steering Committee of the UN Strategic Cooperation in South Africa

Member

Reference Group on Scenario Planning for Africa, "Africa First"

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Chief Economist and Director Strategy and Analysis Team

United Nations Development Programme, Regional Bureau for Africa

UN Headquarters, New York

Chair

UNDP corporate Technical Working Group

Least Developed Countries, Landlocked LDCs and Small Island Developing States

Manager

UNDP Africa Economists Programme (covering 46 African countries)

Member, Technical Lead, and Co-Organizer

Tokyo International Conference on Africa's Development (TICAD)

Member

Governing Council, UNDP Global Policy Center

Member

UN DESA Expert Group on Income Inequality

Member

United Nations Expert Group, on LDCs and LLDCs

Member

University of Oxford Multi-Dimensional Poverty Network

Member

Technical Working Group for the Global Human Development Report

Economic Advisor

United Nations Development Programme, South Africa

Development Policy Advisor and Senior Macro-economist

United Nations Development Programme, Nigeria

Visiting Scholar

International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C.

Associate Professor, Director of Training Senior Research Fellow and Head of Research Presidency, Federal Republic of Nigeria,

The National Centre for Economic Management and Administration

Lecturer

Department of Economics, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

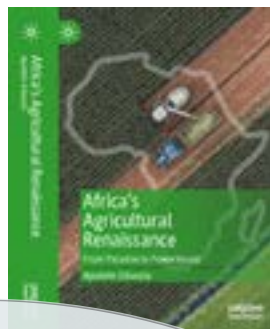
PUBLICATIONS

Over
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PUBLICATIONS
AUTHORSHIP AND
CONTRIBUTIONS

SELECTED SUBJECTS

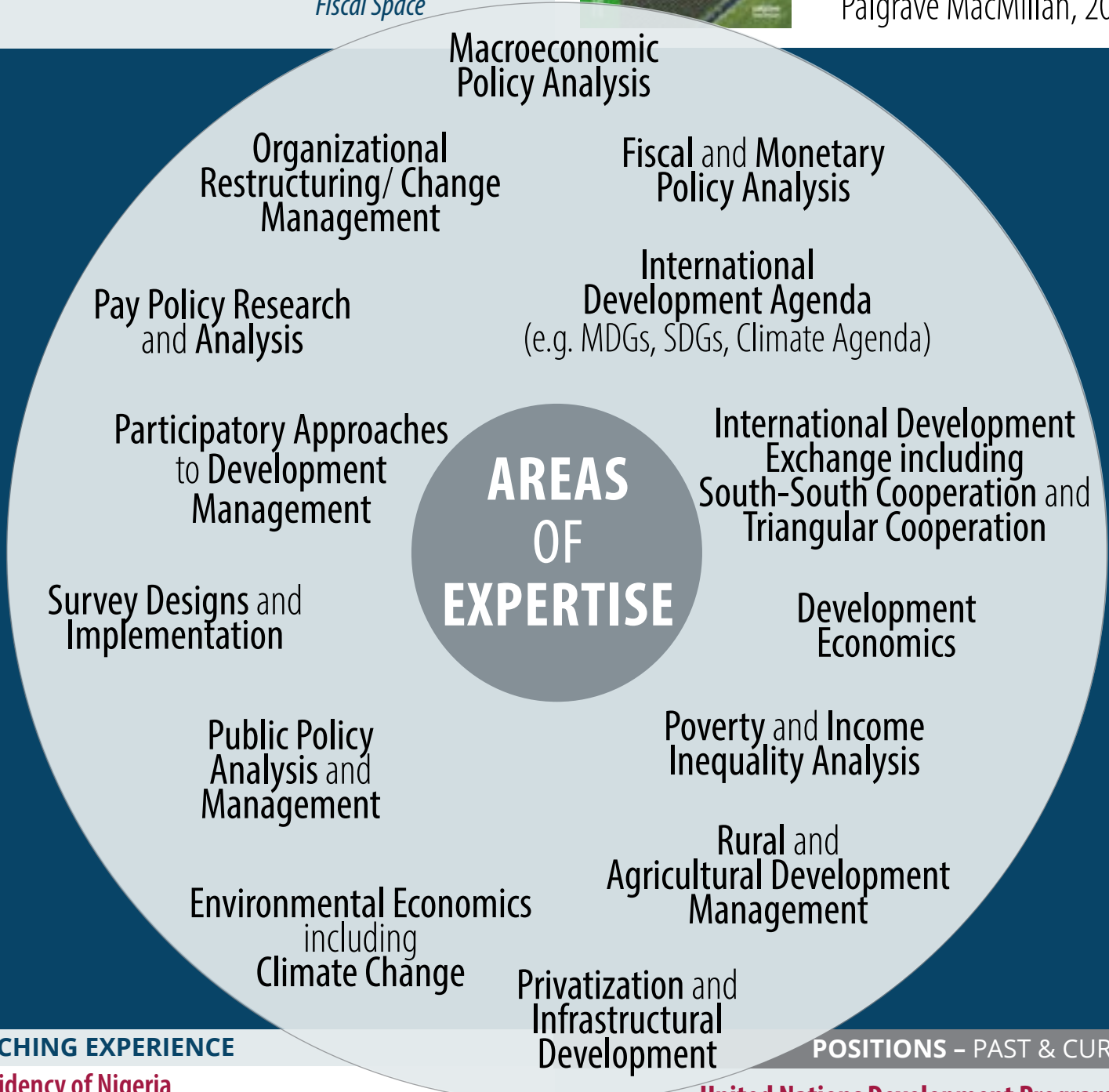
Growth-Poverty-Inequality Nexus
Income Inequality
Structural Economic Transformation
Socio-Economic Impacts
Climate Change and Economic Growth
Fiscal Space

UPCOMING BOOK – SOLE AUTHOR



**Africa's Agricultural Renaissance:
From Paradox to Powerhouse**

Palgrave MacMillan, 2021



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Presidency of Nigeria

- Lecturer and Research Fellow 1991-1998
- Senior Research Fellow and Head of Research 1999-2001
- Associate Professor and Director of Training 2002-2005

Mathematics for social sciences
Industrial economics
Microeconomics
Monetary economics
Public Policy

Government officials:
Directors
Director generals
Public sector managers
Undergraduate students

POSITIONS – PAST & CURRENT

United Nations Development Programme

Resident Representative, South Africa
Director, Africa Finance Sector Hub
Chief Economist, UNDP Africa, UN HQ

Presidency, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Associate Professor
Senior Research Fellow and Head of Research
Director of Training

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Director of Africa Finance Sector Hub

United Nations Development Programme, South Africa, 2019–present

- Guiding African countries to develop proposals for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) financing and develop Innovative Financing Instruments including **SDGs-aligned bonds**.
- **Leading African countries to conduct financing for development needs assessment**, establish how to develop an Integrated National Financial Frameworks (INFF) (which is being undertaken in partnership with the World Bank and the European Union), and institutionalize SDG Finance Dialogue Platforms.
- **Leading top-level advisory services on SDG costing and budgeting** in African countries and leading advocacy in mainstreaming SDGs into national development budgets and plans as well as leading the promotion of forward-looking risk-informed medium-term financing strategies.
- **Providing strategic leadership on in the development of fiscal instruments** including taxation, capital budgets, social protection and debt sustainability instruments that help countries to achieve their national development priorities.
- **Guiding African countries in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic** in a way that allow them to build back better through support to Socio-Economic Impact Assessment, support the development of Rapid Response Facility, support the development of Rapid Financing Facility (RFF) proposals for early recovery.
- **Led the team that developed the UNDP strategic offer for Africa** and the respective implementation plan.
- **Leading regional initiative on private sector development** through partnership with regional institutions to on the establishment of the African Inclusive Market Centre of Excellence, preparation of cross border investment project initiatives, preparation of value chain green training manual and implementation of training of stakeholders.
- **Leading UNDP Africa regional initiative on South-South Cooperation (SSC) and Triangular Cooperation** including efforts to support the establishment of SSC ecosystems, mapping South-South Solutions and Innovative Solutions for Scale-up in Africa, promoting South-South and triangular regional and inter-regional partnerships, building institutional frameworks for SSC, leveraging SSC to boost remittances, and organized South-South technical exchange on INFFs.

Resident Representative

United Nations Development Programme, South Africa, 2019–present

- **Co-Chair of the Technical Steering Committee of all United Nations System agencies operating in South Africa.** Coordinated the development of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2020-2025) and coordinating the development of joint workplan for the partnership between the United Nations Systems and the Government of South Africa.
- **Co-Chair of the Government of South Africa and the United Nations System in South Africa Result Group on Transformative Governance.** Leading the UN strategic Partnership with the Government of South Africa on anticorruption, social cohesion, the support to the Government of South Africa of the international conventions, and the implementation of capable state for policy formulation and service delivery.
- **Co-Chair of the bilateral and multilateral engagement on youth entrepreneurship efforts in South Africa.** Providing integrated strategic support to the works of international organizations including the World Bank, the African Development Bank, European Union, the New Development Bank, European Investment Bank, bilateral agencies like (GIZ, DFID and USAID) on skill development and enterprise development programmes in South Africa.
- **Leading the development of the United Nations coordinated knowledge products** including the coordination of the preparation of: (i) the first Voluntary National Reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals for South Africa; (ii) the Socio-economic impact assessment of COVID-19 in South Africa; (iii) the Rapid Emergency Assessment for the most vulnerable groups in the context COVID-19; and (iv) the social and governance dimensions COVID-19 in South Africa.
- **Leading policy advice on development support to the Government of South Africa** since June 2019 in providing policy advice and substantive development portfolio management to the Government of South Africa in the areas of inclusive growth, transformative governance, and energy, environment and climate change programmes.
- **Managing the United Nations Development Programme Country Office in South Africa** including the management of programme development and implementation and operational support to the Government and people of South Africa and management technical assistance to the Government of South Africa.
- **Establishment of youth entrepreneurship, young professionals and internship programmes** to support the Government of South Africa including the internship programme with Harvard, MIT and Stanford universities to scale up employability initiative; and the Youth Entrepreneurship Action Hub to develop critical mass of young entrepreneurs.
- **Leading efforts to turn COVID-19 crisis into economic opportunities in South Africa** including: (i) supporting early recovery of informal tailors through production of personal protective equipment (PPEs), (ii) supporting 'makerton' challenge competition through technology-based young entrepreneurs on innovating COVID-19 equipment, (iii) Launch of Youth Entrepreneurship Action Hub, (iv) Launch the Technology Access Partnership in South Africa, and (v) the development of the South Africa Impact Investor Map.

Chief Economist and Director of Strategy and Analysis Team

United Nations Development Programme, New York, October 2014 to June 2019

My duties are to lead, coordinate and monitor development initiatives in Africa, strategic direction on the structural economic transformation and sustainable development trajectory for Africa, preparation of top-notch analytical and knowledge products, partnership and networking with pan African institutions and advising African governments and other stakeholders on pertinent development issues in the continent.

- **Served as UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa Senior Management Team and have been participating on Talent Management Review Groups** for the 46 African countries.
- **Managed the recruitment, supervision and monitoring performances of all 45 UNDP Senior International Economists (P5 level)** in all Sub-Saharan African countries and providing oversight on their advisory services across region.
- **Participated in the preparation of UNDP's Strategic Plan (2014-2017 and 2018-2021), UNDP Regional Programme (2018-2021), UNDP Regional SDG Project and UNDP's Annual Working preparation and monitoring.**
- **Served as OIC for the Assistant Secretary General and Regional Director for UNDP Africa** on several occasions when he was on mission or annual leaves to handle corporate issues and strategic issues relating to Africa.
- **Managed and coordinated** the Regional Economists Programme, the MDGs and SDGs Programme in the 46 Programme Countries in Africa and mobilized over \$30 million for the programmes.
- **Served as member of the Governing Boards of the Regional Programme for Africa, UNDP Global Policy Centre and UNDP SDG Project.**
- **Providing economic and development advisory services to the leadership of UNDP and particularly the Assistant Secretary General and the Regional Director for Africa. And the Deputy Secretary General:** Provided technical guidance on strategic documents and reports at the corporate level including:
 - (i) The development of the Common African Position on the Post 2015 Agenda in partnership with the African Union, Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank;
 - (ii) Coordinated the preparation of the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel's Implementation Plan for the 10 Sahelian countries;
 - (iii) The Horn of Africa's Strategy focusing on how to operationalize the humanitarian-security-development nexus in the region;
 - (iv) The Great Lake Regional Strategy focusing economic integration, natural resource management, youth and gender, security and conflict prevention;
 - (v) Coordinated the partnership between the African Group of Senior Officials and the United Nations System.
- **Led and coordinated UNDP Africa research works in the continent;** some of the examples include:
 - (i) **The comprehensive Africa study income inequality in Africa.** This has led to the publication of five Working Paper Series and a book on "Income Inequality Trends in sub-Saharan Africa: Divergence, Determinants and Consequences", which I co-authored and edited.
 - (ii) The preparation of the Policy Brief on "**Transforming lives through renewable energy access in Africa: UNDP's Contributions**", April 2018.
 - (iii) The preparation of an analytical report on the impact of "**Primary commodity booms and busts: Emerging lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa**". The book, which was launched with the African Group of Ambassadors to the UN in March 2016, is shaping policymaking on economic transformation, economic diversification and value chain management in the continent.
 - (iv) The 2016 Africa Human Development on "**Accelerating Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Africa**".
 - (v) The "**Socio-economic impact of Ebola Virus Disease in West African Countries: A call for national and regional containment, recovery and prevention**", 2016
 - (vi) The "**Assessing the socio-economic impact of Ebola Virus Disease in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone: The Road to Recovery**", 2015
 - (vii) Six policy briefs on the socio-economic impact of Ebola in Africa including implications on **poverty reduction, gender equality, employment and livelihoods, social policies, inflation and price dynamics**, as well as factors inhibiting containment. The visibility these gave to the UN resulted into the former Secretary General assigning UNDP the lead role on the UN Ebola Recovery Programme between 2015 and 2016.
- **Coordinated and led the African Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) national dialogues**, on the formulation of the Common African Position on the SDGs between 2011 and 2014; provided technical leadership for the preparation of the **Common African Position on the Post 2015 Development Agenda** and providing capacity building programme for the rollout and implementation of the SDGs in Africa.

Chief Economist and Director of Strategy and Analysis Team

United Nations Development Programme, New York, October 2014 to June 2019

- **Led the development of alignment between the SDGs, African Union Agenda 2063 and the African Development Bank's High Fives** that resulted into a Policy Brief on **"Strengthening Strategic Alignment for Africa's Development: Lessons from the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the AfDB's High Fives"**. Given the policy-orientation of the document, the AfDB President has circulated to many African Heads of State and Government.
- **Led and coordinated the Expert Group Meeting on the MDGs** in Africa between 2010 and 2015 and since 2016 has been leading the expert group on the SDGs in close collaboration with pan African institutions.
- Since 2014 has been leading the Technical Working Group on the organization of the **Tokyo International Conference on Africa's Development (TICAD)** leading the Senior Official Meetings from UNDP's side, leading technical inputs into the Ministerial Meetings. Coordinated UNDP's technical support to the organization the TICAD VI (including the Senior Officials' Meeting, the Ministerial Meeting and the 2016 Conference in Nairobi, Kenya).
- **Leading and coordinating the preparation of the African Economic Outlook** since 2014 and using the report to advocate for pertinent development issues in Africa including structural transformation, global value chains, youth employment, transforming the extractive industry and spatial development, among others.
- **As the Chair of the UNDP corporate Technical Working Group on the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, I led the partnership with the Office of the High Representative of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS in the organization of the Ministerial Meeting on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Cotonou**, Republic of Benin in 2014 – with over 500 participants including 48 Ministers from the 48 LDCs and partnering countries and some Head of States and Governments. I also **led the global monitoring the mid-term national progress reporting on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Actions (IPoA)** and coordinated the UNDP works to the Global Mid Term Review Conference in Turkey in May 2016. I led the UN-wide mission to Angola on the LDC Graduation, which led to the preparation of the first national report on LDC Graduation from the LDC Group.
- **Leading the coordination and organization of the African Economic Conference** on annual basis since 2014. The event is providing platforms for policymakers and researcher to dialogue and advocate on Africa's pertinent development issues
 1. AEC 2014: Knowledge and Innovation for Africa's Transformation
 2. AEC 2015: Addressing Poverty and Inequality in the Post 2015 Development Agenda
 3. AEC 2016: Feed Africa: Towards Agro-Allied Industrialization for Inclusive Growth
 4. AEC 2017: Governance for structural transformation
 5. AEC 2018: Regional and Continental Integration for Africa's Development
- **Led the preparation of the 2016 Africa human Development report on "Accelerating Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Africa"** using a political economy approach that was launched in July 2016 in Nairobi with 14 Heads of State in attendance.
- **Led the coordination and organization of the International Conference on the Emergence of Africa:**
 - (i) Led the technical and coordination of the first International Conference on the Emergence of Africa (in Abidjan from 18-20 March 2015), in collaboration with the Government of Cote d'Ivoire, the African Development Bank and the World. It pooled participants and experts from four continents (Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe), over 40 countries (including two Presidents, three formal heads State, 30 ministers and 300 participants).
 - (ii) Led the technical work on the organization of the Second International Conference on the Emergence of Africa focusing on the **Implementation of the Plan of African Emergence**", 28-30 March 2017, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.
 - (iii) Leading the technical aspect of the third edition of the conference scheduled to hold between 17-19 January 2019, Dakar, Senegal.
- **Monitoring performances of all 45 UNDP Senior International Economists (P5 level) in Sub-Saharan African countries** and providing oversight on their advisory services across region.
- **Leading strategic partnership with organizations within and outside the United Nations Systems.** Among the key strategic partnerships are: partnership with pan African organizations such as the African Union, UNECA and the African Development Bank on the MDGs, SDGs and the African Economic Researchers and Policymakers platforms; partnership with OECD and the African Development Bank on the African Economic Outlook; and partnership with the Office of the Senior Adviser on Africa and the Office of the High Representative on LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (OHRLLS); partnership UNDESA, UNCTAD and OHRLLS on LDCs graduation; Managed partnership with Japan, China, Kazakhstan, among others, to mention a few.

Development and Millennium Development Goals Advisor

United Nations Development Programme, New York, April 2010 to September 2014

I provided strategic and substantive leadership to regional and sub-regional MDGs works in Africa and coordinated regional MDGs advisors and Economic Advisors in the 46 sub-Saharan African countries (all at P5 level) on MDGs interventions, progress monitoring, upstream and development services. Advised the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa on macroeconomic trends and development, provided development policy scanning on Africa, suggested policy options and ensured African development issues are mainstreamed into the corporate agenda and advocated corporate issues integrated into regional development frameworks. I have been coordinating the UNDP corporate engagement on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) activities. Some of the key achievements include:

- **Served as UNDP Africa representative in the corporate strategic plan (2014-2017), a member of the corporate UNDP Agenda for organizational Change (2012-2014).**
- **Served as Chairperson of Change facilitation** between 2010 and 2013 in the Regional Bureau for Africa and a member of the corporate Agenda for Organizational Change that helped to realign the organization with the new strategic plan.
- **Served as the Deputy Head of Strategy and Analysis Unit for UNDP Africa** and OIC for the Regional Bureau for Africa whenever the Director of Regional Bureau for Africa was not around.
- **Jointly managed the Secretariat of the MDG Africa**, headed by the Secretary General (SG) and its Working group by the Deputy SG – which led to the endorsement of the MDG Africa Steering Group Recommendations Implementation Framework by the eight multilateral agencies (the UN, World Bank, IMF, OECD, EU, the African Union, African Development Bank, and Islamic Development Bank) in June 2012. In collaboration with BDP, organized both the Working and Steering Groups Meetings in 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- **Coordinated and monitored the African Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Progress Monitoring and Reporting** on annual basis between 2010 and 2014 and draw relevant lessons for policy and decision making. I also monitored progress reporting and strategic interventions in the 46 Sub-Saharan African countries; supervised Macroeconomic Framework for MDGs Based Planning in at least 10 African countries; led the development of the MDG Acceleration Frameworks (MAF) that guided MDGs implementation in 24 African countries; and led the preparation of the ten countries case studies on MDGs Localization in 2010-11. **I also coordinated the preparation of the case/country report on MDGs Localization** in ten African Countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Zambia, Rwanda, Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique and Mali).
- **Coordinated UNDP Africa's support to the common African positions** on: (i) the MDGs in 2010, (ii) development cooperation effectiveness during the High-Level Meeting on Global Effective Development Cooperation in Mexico in 2014, and (iii) the Common African Position (CAP) on Post 2015 Development Agenda
- **Provided substantive support to the Office of the United Nations Deputy Secretary General** on development issues on Africa, e.g., review of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, UN Support to Africa
- **Coordinated the UNDP corporate technical support** to UN Office of the Senior Special Adviser on Africa (OSSA) **and the Office of the high Representative of LDCs, LLDCs and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**: This includes OSSA's work on UN support to Africa, organizing NEPAD events, CSW side events and United Nations Support to the African Union through the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) as well as the Office of the High Representative on LDC, LLDCs and SIDS on the coordination of the 2011 Istanbul Conference on LDCs; 2014 LDC Ministerial Conference in Cotonou and in Millan in 2015.
- **Built and strengthened UNDP strategic partnership in Africa**: This includes partnership with pan African institutions such as the African Union, UN Economic Commission for Africa, the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and the African Development Bank on the MDGs and post 2015 development agenda as well as the OECD on the African Economic Outlook, the African Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM), African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) and African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) on African Economic Conference.
- **Represented UNDP Africa in many high-level events** including: the Steering Committee of the African High Level Committee (HLC) on post 2015 agenda; the HLM on Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network; Global Compact Private Sector Forum; African Governance, Leadership and Management Convention; the African Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance (CAMEF); and the African Development Bank Annual Meetings;
- **Coordinated UNDP engagement in Africa's strategic events**: The key ones are: the pre-high level meeting on the MDGs in Kigali in August 2010; the African parliament engagement on the post 2015 development agenda in November 2013; the African Inequality conference in Accra Ghana in April 2014; the organization of four African regional Consultations on the post 2015 development agenda between November 2011 and March 2013.
- **Provided substantive support to the coordination of UNDP's corporate participation in global events** such as the **COP 17** in Durban, **Global Effective Development Cooperation** in Mexico, **Financing for Development** in Addis Ababa, etc.
- A member of the Technical Working Team for the 2012 Africa Human Development Report on **Towards a Food Secure Future**.

Economic Advisor

United Nations Development Programme, South Africa, March 2009 to March 2010

Participated in the Management of the Country Office (CO) and providing oversights on operational issues; led the Strategy and Policy Unit and provided substantive and strategic direction to the CO's interventions; aligned the CO's activities along corporate upstream agenda; and coordinated partnership with national economic and statistical institutions in the country. Some of the key achievements include:

- **Served as the head of the Strategy and Policy Unit and the Office-In-Charge of the UNDP Country Office** (on several occasions) where I administered the activities of the office on behalf of the Resident Representative including providing oversights over Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) and supervised 5 staff including four professionals and several consultants.
- **Served as the Chairperson of Country Office Procurement and participated in the recruitment of staff in UNDP and several other UN agencies** including ILO, UN Women and WHO.
- **Served as the Chairperson** of the Country Office Change Facilitation Team and the Board Member of the Social Protection Programme for the Ministry of Social Development on behalf of UNDP.
- **Coordinated the UNDP strategic support to the Government of South Africa** (2008-
- **Coordinated the monitoring of the Global Environmental Facility Project** in South Africa in
- **Coordinated and directed the first MDGs Domestication Programme in South Africa** at the national and the KwaZulu Natal's Provincial Government and initiated the first inclusive national MDGs Report in the country with strong involvement of governments, CSOs, academia and the private sector.
- **Coordinated policy advocacy on MDGs at the national and provincial levels** in the country as well as mainstreamed the MDGs into the South African Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF); and served as the Chair of the UNCT MDGs Cluster for the 2010 FIFA World Cup planning.
- **Coordinated the monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the UNDP Country Office's** support to the Governments of South Africa, including the M&E Capacity Assessment for the KwaZulu Natal Province, and the review of the National M&E Strategy Green Paper.
- **Coordinated the preparation of 2009/2010 National Human Development Report** and two Provincial Human Development Reports on Building Stakeholders' Capacity for better service delivery.
- **Reinvigorated strategic partnership between UNDP and key national institutions** such as the Statistics South Africa, Department of Economic Development, Department of Social Development, Department of Public Service Administration, Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation; the KwaZulu Natal, Limpopo and Eastern Cape Provincial Governments.
- **Facilitated the UNDP Country Office's donor coordinating mechanisms** including the coordination of aid effectiveness support to the National Treasury and donor coordinating frameworks for the Department of Social Development and the donor coordination for the Governance Cluster through Department of Public Administration.
- **Served as the co-chair of the UN Economic Cluster Technical Working Team** to the Government of South Africa and participated in UNCT Multi-sector Technical Task Team on UNDAF.
- **Facilitated the preparation of CO strategic positioning**, policy memo on supporting the establishment of provincial and national planning commissions.
- **Coordinated macroeconomic modeling framework for South Africa** including the UNDP-UNDESA Macroeconomic Project on "Achieving the MDGs through Socially Inclusive Macroeconomic Policies", and the macroeconomic framework for the South African Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF), 2009-2014.

Development Policy Advisor and Senior Macro-economist

United Nations Development Programme, Nigeria: July 2005 to February 2009

I provided strategic direction to UNDP Nigeria's advisory services, development policy analysis, with emphasis on macroeconomic policy analysis, development cooperation and partnership building. I coordinated and monitored UNDP Nigeria's development interventions and knowledge products. I also participated in the operations activities in the office. Some of the key achievements include:

- **Served as the Chairperson of the Change Facilitation Team for the Country Office and the Chairperson of the Committee on Assets and Procurement between 2006-2009.**
- **Served as the Acting Head of the governance and Poverty Reduction Team in**
- **Led the economic policy analysis of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and provided regular macroeconomic policy analysis for the country office.** I also conducted development policy environment scanning, established areas of UNDP interventions and relevance, advised UNDP and UNCT management, from time to time, on national economic and development issues

Development Policy Advisor and Senior Macro-economist

United Nations Development Programme, Nigeria: July 2005 to February 2009

- Coordinated, planned and monitored programme of policy analysis of strategic priority to UNDP and policy areas such as the Socio-economic Implications of Avian Influenza
- Coordinated the UN and UNDP engagement in the national development plans and strategies including in the preparation of National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS), as well as the State and Local Government Counterparts (SEEDS and LEEDS); and the Nigeria Vision 2020 Development Agenda.
- Developed the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (2009-2013) and reviewed the monitoring framework for UNDAF 2005-2008
- Supported the coordination of the Donor Economic Governance Group and management of its Secretariat (comprising the World Bank, DFID, USAID, IMF and UNDP) – where I served as the Secretary of the Group and the Federal Ministry of Finance as the Chair. I also facilitated the preparation of Aid Management and Donor Coordination report in Nigeria.
- Advised UNDP Country Office on capacity and knowledge building based on identified capacity gaps among implementing agencies and relevant stakeholders and regularly undertook review of all policy researches and align them with UNDP mandate areas. This includes the coordination of the national and state governments' capacity on Fiscal Legislation and Procurement Legislation, fiscal capacity building at the state levels, etc.
- Promoted policy advocacy on MDGs across the three tiers of government and provided technical support to the Office of the Special Adviser to the MDGs and the National Planning Commission on MDGs and planning related issues
- Coordinated the preparation of 2005 and 2006 National MDGs Reports, the 2008 MDGs Needs Assessment, the 2008 Mid-Point Assessment and coordinated the preparation 10 States MDG Reports.
- Coordinated the preparation of the Niger Delta Human Development Report, initiated and nurtured to near completion the 2008 National HDR on Achieving Growth with Equity.
- Provided technical support and steered the Fiscal Policy Management Capacity Building Programme to five states through provision of resource materials to consultants, designed workshop modules, refinement of case studies, and served as a facilitator.
- Led the Technical Group that prepared and finalized the Template on Fiscal Responsibility Legislation (FRL) for the 36 States and reparation of logistics for the organization and coordination of the FRL and Public Procurement Legislation Clinics for 36 states of the Federation.
- Led the National Modeling Team and coordinated the Nigerian Generic Macroeconomic Framework for evidence-based MDGs Planning in Nigeria; and served as the interface between the Federal Government and the Macro-economic modeling team.
- Prepared regular Economic Updates on Nigeria including Annual, bi-annual and quarterly economic reports.
- Served as the Chairperson of the Change Facilitation Team in the Nigeria CO Re-engineering Initiative and also acting as Team Leader of Poverty in several occasions.

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

February to April 2002

I was a Visiting Scholar in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under the IMF/African Economic Research Consortium's (AERC) Scholarship Programme. The programme led to some key research studies including Privatization of Public Enterprises in Nigeria and Macroeconomic Effects of Exchange Rate Management in Nigeria, as well as shared experiences on marco modelling with other experts.

Deputy Director and Head of Training (Macroeconomic Programmes)

The National Centre for Economic Management and Administration

The Presidency, Federal Republic of Nigeria

September 1993 – June 2005

I was responsible for the overall steering and coordination of the Macroeconomic Programme Department, where I supervised 18 professional staff and 12 general support staff.

- Chairperson of Total Quality Management and Change Management Team, member of the Office Procurement Committee and participated in the recruitment of staff.
- Coordinated 42 capacity development on macroeconomic policy analysis and management (including Planning and Management of budgets and Plans, Macroeconomic Policy analysis, Agricultural Policies and Management, Project Cycle Management) with over 15,000 public and private sector experts trained during the period.

Deputy Director and Head of Training (Macroeconomic Programmes)

The National Centre for Economic Management and Administration

The Presidency, Federal Republic of Nigeria

September 2002 – June 2005

- Promoted partnership among economic related institutions across the three tiers of government (including the Central Bank of Nigeria) through which the Annual Conference of Planning, Research and Statistics Officers as well as Annual Budget Analysis and Review.
- Undertook proactive engagement with government officials on national economic issues.
- Served as the focal person on poverty reduction initiative and hence served a member of the National Integrated Poverty Reduction Strategy Programme and the Social Protection Group.
- Training Advisor to the Federal Government of Nigeria on the Economic Management
- Editor of the Journal of Economic Management and the Journal of Economic Policy Analysis Series

Senior Research Fellow, Head of Research and Acting Head, Research and Consultancy

The National Centre for Economic Management and Administration

The Presidency, Federal Republic of Nigeria

1999 – 2001

I was responsible for leading and coordinating the activities of the department (formulation, implementation and coordination of research activities) including development of policy briefs, national surveys, capacity assessment and reviews, and served as the Editor for the Journal of Economic management and NCEMA Policy Analysis Series. I supervised 15 staff, including 10 professionals). Key achievements include:

- Coordinated the national Economic Capacity Building Capacity Assessment for the Public Sector of Nigeria.
- Contributed to national economic policymaking process through policy briefs and memoranda on annual budget, communiqués and research findings of the annual Directors of Planning Research and Statistics seminars, and national policy dialogues on development strategies.
- Facilitated the development of the National Centre for Economic Management and Administration's (NCEMA) Strategic Plan (2003-2010).
- Coordinated the international research projects from on the Political Economy of Structural Adjustment Programme in Africa (from Global Development Network, GDN) and participated in the microsimulation and Poverty Reduction Project in Africa (from the World Institute of Development Economic Research, WIDER).
- Undertook the National Capacity Building Assessment and Utilization in the Public Sector across the three tiers of Government in Nigeria.
- Carried out the Training Needs Assessment of Specific Economic and Sectoral Institutions, sponsored by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF, Harare).
- Facilitated the introduction of Total Quality and Change Management into the activities of NCEMA and the Office of the Principal Secretary to the President, State House, Abuja, Nigeria.
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Presidential Committee on the Consolidation of Emoluments in the Public Sector, (Compensation Structure of the Nigerian Public Sector, Facilitation of the interactive Sessions across the country on Consolidation of Pay Emoluments).

SELECTED CONFERENCES ATTENDED

The Policy Dialogue on "Africa-European Union Relations in the Era of COVID-19", School of Hospitality and Tourism, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa, 13 November 2020.

The Professional Online Training Course on Inequalities organized by GIZ, 24 September 2020.

The Colloquium on Zero-Based and Gender Responsive Budgeting organized by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Government of South Africa, August 2020

The COVID19 Pandemic in Africa: Macroeconomic Impacts and policy Responses. A Virtual Conference Organized by IMF's African Training Institute and the African Union Commission (AUC), 19 May – 2 June 2020

The UNDP Africa Cluster Meeting November 2019, "Africa's Money for African Development – A Future Beyond Aid"

The First and Second Editions of the International Conference on the Emergence of Africa, March 2015 and March 2017; and had commenced the preparation for the 3rd edition in Dakar in January 2019.

The African Economic Conferences since 2009 to date, including leading the overall coordination of the Conference especially in 2018, 2015, and 2013.

The African Development Bank Annual Meetings, where I always presented the Human Development Dimension of the African Economic Outlook since 2014 to 2018.

The Tokyo International Conference and Africa Development's (TICAD) Senior Officials Meeting, Ministerial Meetings and the Mains Conferences between 2014 and 2018 – organized, presented papers and provided technical leadership to the process in Tokyo, Nairobi, Maputo, New York, etc.

The Expert Group Meetings on MDGs and SDGs for all African countries since 2009 to date.

The World Bank-Spring Meetings since 2010 to date to organize side events, make presentations and participate in several events.

The African Capacity Building Foundation's (ACBF) High-Level Forums and Annual Meetings since 2015. The edition for 2018 was on "Youth employment in Africa: A Focus on Developing the Critical Skills" in Cameroon organized by the ACBF (19-20 July 2018).

SELECTED CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Participation in the Responsible Business Forum on Sustainable Development, 1-3 September 2017, Johannesburg.

The High-Level Regional Retreat on Migration, Skhirat, Morocco, 28 October – 4 November 2017.

Participation in the High-Level Annual Meeting of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network since 2014 to date including in Berlin, Colombia, Beijing, etc.

Participation in the African Resilience Forum, 8-12 January 2017, Abidjan.

Made presentation and participated in the CEO Agenda Conference, Johannesburg, 17 July 2017.

Made presentation and participated in the High-Level Consultation on Public Tax and Fiscal Rules in Africa, Abuja, 27-28 July 2017.

Led and coordinated the organization of the Development Exchange Symposium on Economic Structural Transformation for African Ministers, Ambassadors and Directors-General, 14 – 17 November 2017; Astana – Kazakhstan.

The organization of the regional consultations on the post 2015 Development Agenda between 2011 and 2014 for all African countries.

The rollout out of the SDGs implementation workshops for African countries in Johannesburg and Dakar, June 2016.

The Mid-term Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs, Antalya, 25-27 May 2016.

Led the organization of the National Dialogue on the Angolan Smooth Graduation from the LDCs to build consensus on the development of the roadmap for the Smooth Transition Strategy for Angola, 24-26 October 2016.

Bi-annual Conference of African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), (as participant), Nairobi, Kenya, December, 1993.

Bi-annual Conference of African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi, (as participant), Kenya, June, 1994.

A Workshop on Export Promotion and Growth organized by NCEMA, National Planning Commission (NPC) and International Centre for Economic Growth (ICEG) at Senate Building, TBS, Lagos, 1994.

Nigerian Economic Society's 1995 Annual Conference, June 1995 (as participant).

Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises August-September 1995, Organized by International Management and Training Institute (CROWN AGENTS), (as participant), Worthing, United Kingdom.

Project Harmonization Workshop Organized by the Nigerian Institute for Social and Economic Research (NISER), (as participant), November, 1995.

Nigerian Economic Society's One -Day Seminal on Revitalizing the Nigerian Economy, N.I.I.A. Lagos, (as participant) January 16, 1996.

National Workshop on Fiscal and Monetary Policies During Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP): organized by Nigerian Economic Society (NES), African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) and Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), March 6-7, 1996, (as a participant and a Rapporteur).

Workshop on Relevance, Quality and Adequacy of Graduate Economics Programme in Nigerian Universities, Organized by the Committed of Heads of Economics Department of Nigerian Universities (COHED) and Facilitated by Foundation for Economics Education (FEE), at TCC, Ogere, Nigeria, March 21, 1996.

Management Information System (MIS)-AID Users' Workshop Organized by UNDP and NPC , April 10-12, 1996, at TCC ,Ogere, Nigeria, and Several Others

Seminar on Interim Appraisal of the Budget: Forecasting the Potentials Organized by Development Policy Centre (DPC), Ibadan; The Gothard-IHLS Consortium (Lagos) and Project Services, Lagos at Federal Palace Hotel, August 27, 1996 (as a Resource Person).

SELECTED CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Logistic Seminar on Poverty Alleviation Policy in Nigeria organized by The World Bank, United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP) and National Planning Commission (NPC) at Gateway Hotel, Ijebu-Ode, September 26, 1996.

Training of Trainers Workshop on: (i) Management of Development, and (ii) Project Formulation, Feasibility Studies and Appraisal

Organized by United Nations for Development Programmes (UNDP) and National Planning Commission (NPC) at Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON), Topo-Badagry between October 7-18, 1996.

Third Biennial Conference on African Economic Issues, February 27-30, 1997, Cotonou, Republic of Benin.

Management Skills for the Commercialised Public Sector, November 17 – 28, 1997, Crown Agents International Training Centre, Worthing, Great Britain, UK.

Sensitization Workshop on People's Vision of Development, Owena Motels, Ado Ekiti, March 19, 1997. Organized by UNDP/NCEMA.

Bi-annual Conference of African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi, (as participant), June, 1998; December, 1998, Kenya.

Bi-annual Conference of African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi, (as participant), June, 1999, Accra, Ghana.

Annual Conference of the Nigerian Economic Society, Sheraton Hotel, Abuja, July 1999

Workshop on Infrastructure Development and Privatization, October 19 - 29, 1999, Accra, Ghana, organized by the West African Institute of Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM).

Workshop on Capacity Building Assessment Survey, Organized by the Federal Ministry Finance, February 22-23, 2000, Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja.

Methodological Workshop on Economics of Criminality in South – Western Nigeria, Organized by CODESRIA/ MacArthur Foundation, April 11 2000, Lady Bank Anthony Hall, Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan.

Project Feasibility Study Workshop, Organized by the Centre for Management Development, Lagos, May 22- 26, 2000.

Productivity and Capacity Building in Nigeria, Ninth Annual Conference of Zonal Research Units. Organized by the Research Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria at Gateway Hotels, June 12–16, 2000.

Economic Growth and Poverty Workshop, Organized by Joint African Institute, Cote d'Ivoire, June 19-30, 2000. Federal Level Public Expenditure Review, Organized by the National Planning Commission at Hamdala Hotel, Kaduna, November 5-8, 2000.

Annual Dialogue of the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation on The Face of Poverty in Nigeria, as a Presenter of Poverty in the Midst of Plenty, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos, 4-5 December 2000.

2001 Budget Implementation Joint Review Forum with the Private Sector, as a Rapporteur. Organized by The Economic Policy Co-ordinating Committee, August 9-10, 2001, Congress Hall, NICON Hilton, Abuja.

National Conference on Law and Poverty as a Presenter of The Economy and Poverty in Nigeria; Organised by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 26-28, June, Kaduna.

State Public Expenditure Review Workshop, November 12 – 13, 2001, Rockview Hotel, Abuja, by the World Bank.

8th Nigerian Economic Summit Group, Congress Hall, Nicon Hilton Hotel, Abuja, 17 – 18 October, 2001.

Collaborative Ph.D. Programme in Economics Workshop. Kakanfo Inn, Ibadan, 24 September 2001, by Foundation for Economics Education and the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC).

Methodological Workshop on Governance and Corruption Survey, Comfort Royal Hotel, Abuja, 4 – 5 July 2001, by Institute of Development Research, Amadu Belo University, Zaria.

Video Conferencing on Governance and Corruption Survey, World Bank Abuja Conference Room, 5 July 2001. Centre for the Study African Economies' (CSAE) Conference on 'Understanding Poverty and Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa' Oxford, 18-19 March 2002.

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Centre for the Study African Economies' (CSAE) Conference on 'Understanding Poverty and Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa' Oxford, 18-19 March 2002.

As a presenter of the paper titled: "Poverty and Fertility Dynamics in Nigeria: A Micro Evidence".

Workshop on Development Policy Modeling, October 16 -25, 2002, Faireview Hotel, Nairobi. Organised by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi, Kenya. Directed by Professor Bernard Decaluwe of the University of Laval, Quebec, Canada.

The 4th Annual Global Development Conference on Globalization and Equity, January 18 - 21, 2003, Conrad Hotels, Cairo, Egypt. Organized by Global Development Network, Washington, DC.

Understanding Reform Workshop, January 15 - 18, 2003, Conrad Hotels, Cairo, Egypt. Organized by Global Development Network, Washington, DC.

The Fourth Global Development Conference, January 19-23, 2003. Conrad Hotels, Cairo, Egypt. Organized by Global Development Network, Washington, DC.

WIDER Research Project Workshop on Structure and Characteristics of Micro-simulation Database, April 19-20, 2003, Holiday Inn Court Garden, Milpark, Johannesburg, South Africa. Organized by the World Institute for Development Economic Research (WIDER). Directed by Dr Asghar Adeladez, UNDP, South Africa.

WIDER Development Conference on Inequality, Poverty and Human Well Being, May 30-31, Helsinki, Finland. Organised by the World Institute for Development Economic Research (WIDER), Helsinki, Finland.

WIDER Research Project Workshop on Building African Capacity for Policy Simulation - Towards Better Poverty Strategies, June 1-3, 2003, Helsinki, Finland. Organised by the World Institute for Development Economic Research (WIDER), Helsinki, Finland.

Advanced Impact Evaluation of Poverty Policies and Programmes for Africa and NEMA Region, Addis Ababa, June 9-12, 2003, Hilton Hotels, Addis Ababa. Organised by the World Bank Institute and the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI).

Microsimulation Data-Base Management and GAUSS Programming, Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Lagos, November 22-25, 2003.

Workshop on Understanding Reforms, Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, India, January 25-26, 2004

The Fifth Annual Development Conference, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India, January 27 - 30, 2004. Organized by Global Development Network, Washington, DC.

Ninth Annual Conference on Econometric Modeling for Africa, School of Economics, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, 30 June to 2 July 2004.

Fifth Workshop on Building Capacity for Microsimulation: Towards Better Poverty Strategies, World Institute for Development Economic Research, Helsinki, Finland, 4-12 August 2004.

National Human Development Reports Workshop for the African Region, Lusaka, Zambia, 18-21 October 2005, organized by the UNDP, Regional Bureau for Africa and the Human Development Report Office of the UNDP, held in Intercontinental Hotels and Resorts, Lusaka

Changing Development Environment and UN Reform in Support of National Responses to HIV in West Africa, Dakar, Senegal, 24-26 January 2007.

Mainstreaming HIV & AIDS in MDG-Consistent Frameworks Seminar, UNDP Regional Service Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa, 8-9 March 2007.

MDG-based Planning Stocktaking Workshop, Kampala, Uganda, Organized by the United Nations Programme's Regional Bureau for Africa, April 18-20, 2007.

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

2014-2020: Member of the Senior Management of UNDP Africa

2019-2020: Chair of the team that drafted and negotiated the United Nations Strategic Cooperation Framework in South Africa.

2019: Member of the drafting committee of the UNDP Africa Strategic Offer.

2014-2018: Member of the team that formulated the UNDP Corporate Strategic Plan (2014-2017 and 2018-2021).

2014-2020: Talent Review Management Board for UNDP Africa.

2014-2019: Board Member of the UNDP Africa Regional Service Center.

2018: UNDP representative in the Board of the Africa Capacity Building Foundation.

2014-2019: UNDP representative in the management of TICAD co-organizing committee.

2013-2014: Member of the UNDP corporate Agenda for Organizational Change.

2010-12: The Chairperson of Change Management UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, New York.

2009: Chairperson of Organizational Repositioning of Pretoria UNDP Country Office, April to October 2019.

2007/2008: Management Services provided to the National Action for the Control of HIV&AIDS (NACA):

- Conduct of Management Retreat on Priority Setting and Organization Structure.
- Organizational Restructuring of the National Action for the Control of HIV&AIDS (NACA); July 2007.
- Design of NACA's Salary Structure; August 2007.
- Development NACA's Scheme of Service; October 2007.
- Personnel Assessment and Staff Placement on National Public Service Schemes; February 2008.

2007: Assessment of Pay and Benefit System in the Federal Public Service; Consultancy Service rendered to the Public Service Reform of DFID; July 2007.

2006/2007: Organizational Restructuring and Repositioning of the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission FOR Effective Service Delivery; April 2007.

2005: Served as the Chair of Change Facilitation Team (CFT) for UNDP, Nigeria. The Team facilitated the process of the first phase of the restructuring of the CO; carried all stakeholders along the restructuring process; intermediated between the Staff and the Management; and doused the post restructuring issues or fallouts from staff.

2001/2: Facilitated the process of institutionalising the implementation of Change Management and the Change Management Team at the State House, the Presidency of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Activities undertaken included the crafting of the Presidency's Vision, Mission Statement and the SWOT analysis. During the period all staff of the State House were taken through the change management and total quality management processes. The implementation process was also piloted and monitored for a period of one year.

2000-2005: Served as the Alternate Chair of the Quality Chain Management Team for the National Centre for Economic Management and Administration (NCEMA). I led the institutionalisation of the Quality Chain Management Process (QCMP) in the organization and anchored its implementation for five years. Served as the coordinator of the Total Quality Management Course for Senior Government Officials for five years at NCEMA.

1996/97: Served as a key facilitator during the preparation of Corporate Strategy (CS) for the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN). I anchored interactions with stakeholders that facilitated the preparation of SWOT analysis for the organization and monitored the implementation of the CS for a period of one year. The CS transformed the agency from a cost to revenue centre from 1998.

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Overview

I have a PhD in Economics with extensive management and professional experience, and strong analytical and managerial skills in economics and social development issues as well as development advisory services and partnership building. My cognate experience in economic and development advisory services, policy modeling and analysis, planning and management, strategic partnership and networking on pertinent development issues at the national, regional, continental and international levels spans about three decades. My experience in socio-economic development advisory services; social and macroeconomic policy analyses; in-depth applied research; deepening national-continental-global policy coherence and serving as interface between UNDP and other UN and non-UN organizations; coupled with my leadership skills and my academic background as a development expert and a macro-economist, with the resounding knowledge of the workings of the United Nations System, international organizations, national governments, academic institutions, and private sector are important assets for this position.

Providing top-level economic advisory services

Over the past three decades, I have been deeply involved in top-level economic advisory services including serving as the Resident Representative of South Africa, Director of the Africa Finance Sector Hub, the Chief Economist and Director of Strategy for the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (covering 46 countries), the MDGs and Development Adviser to UNDP Africa, the Senior Economic Advisor to UNDP South Africa, the Senior Macroeconomic Advisor to UNDP Nigeria, the heads of Macroeconomic Programme and Research in the Economic Think-Tank for the Presidency of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a Visiting Scholar of the IMF-African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), and a lecturer in the Department of Economics, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.

Supervising teams of economists and managing pan-African partnerships

I supervised senior Economists at P5 Level in 46 UNDP Africa countries – with profound results that have profiled UNDP's relevance in Africa. This includes its flagships (the Africa Human Development Reports); strategic partnership with pan African institutions (e.g. on SDGs and Agenda 2063 stock taking); knowledge sharing (e.g. annual expert group meetings on the MDGs/SDGs); innovative platform like the annual African Economic Conference; and strategic thinking and advisory services (e.g. mainstreaming the SDGs into national development plans at the national level). I managed on behalf of UNDP pan-African partnerships with such organizations as:

- Core-Planning Group - Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- The African Capacity Building Foundation
- The African Development Bank
- The UN Economic Commission for Africa
- NEPAD Coordinating Development Agency
- OECD

Creating and coordinating top-level research

I have coordinated and led teams of experts on economic and development analyses, top-level researches, strengthened policy coherence and developed partnerships for more than two decades. This involves:

1. Led and coordinated UN works on COVID-19 in South Africa (e.g. "Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of COVID-19 in South Africa," "Rapid Emergency Needs Assessment for the Most Vulnerable Groups;" "Social and Governance Dimensions of COVID-19 in South Africa").
2. Provided economic development advisory services to 46 sub-Saharan African Governments and to the leadership of UNDP at headquarters and some selected UN Systems at the country level;
3. Serving since 2012 as the Chair of the UNDP corporate Technical Working Group for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and headed the UN Mission on Angola Graduation Process;
4. Coordinated the technical team that developed the Common African Position on the Post 2015 Development Agenda with other pan African institutions;
5. Coordinated the UNDP MDGs work in Africa (2010-2014), led the team that facilitated the implementation of MDGs Acceleration Framework in Africa, and helping to coordinate the rollout and implementation of the SDGs in Africa;
6. Coordinated many top-level research works in Africa including:
 - (a) The comprehensive income inequality study in Africa that led to the book on "Income Inequality Trends in sub-Saharan Africa: Divergence, Determinants and Consequences", which I co-edited and authored,
 - (b) The 2016 Africa Human Development on "Accelerating Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Africa", (c) the book on 'Primary Commodity Booms and Busts: Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa',
 - (d) The "Socio-economic impact of Ebola Virus Disease in West African Countries: A call for national and regional containment, recovery and prevention", and
 - (e) Facilitated the 2012 Africa Human Development Report on Towards a Food Secure Future, among others;

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6. Leading the UNDP team to prepare the annual African Economic Outlook in Africa in partnership with OECD and pan African institutions;
7. Overseeing and supervising UNDP Africa's strategic partnership with pan African institutions including African Union, Economic Commission for Africa, African Development Bank and NEPAD Coordinating Agency, Africa Capacity Building Foundation, etc. on pertinent development issues in Africa;
8. Led the development of many national human development reports in Africa including Niger Delta Human Development Report and the Nigeria's human development report on inclusive growth;
9. Coordinated macroeconomic modeling works in Africa including
 - (a) the UNDP-UNDESA Macroeconomic Project on "Achieving the MDGs through Socially Inclusive Macroeconomic Policies",
 - (b) the Nigerian Generic Macroeconomic Framework for evidence-based MDGs Planning in Nigeria; and
 - (c) modeling the macroeconomic impact of Ebola Virus Disease in West Africa;
10. Supported strategic thinking that led to the preparation of several regional and national development visions including the Common African Position on the Post 2015 Agenda; the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel's Implementation Plan; the Horn of Africa's Strategy; the Great Lake Regional Strategy; Nigeria (where I was involved in the preparation of Vision 2010, the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) and Vision 2020), South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya and Namibia; and
11. Coordinated and monitored the preparation of Fiscal Responsibility Legislations across the 36 States of Nigeria and coordinated the National Economic Capacity building Programme for the Nigerian Public sector (1999-2001).

Working knowledge of the global development context with solid research and training skills

I have excellent analytical capacity, solid research and training skills, resounding knowledge of global development context, solid understanding of the working of the international organizations system (including the United Nations) and building strategic partnership with international organizations. Since 2000, I have been facilitating engagement with international organizations including the African Union, the OECD, Global Development Network, the African Development Bank, the World Bank, IMF, and the United Nations System, to mention a few. My leadership focus on result-orientation, enabling team efforts and motivating others as well as communicating and capturing results made the foregoing achievement possible.

In addition to the corporately coordinated publications, I have over 50 publications in reputable journals, books and conference proceedings across various economic and development areas, including agriculture and food security, poverty and inequality, employment and productivity, fiscal and social policies as well as climate change and environments.

Managing teams for organizational and development impact

Progressive advancement in people-skill management for result orientation and organizational effectiveness is another asset. As the Director of Africa Finance Sector Hub and the Resident Representative in South Africa, I have strong interactions with African leaders in the public and private sector and academic institutions as well as pan African institutions. Serving as the Chief Economist for UNDP Africa created a wide spectrum of networks to national, regional and global institutions and the management of over 40 senior economists and other professionals, and 30 senior staff while working in government provided opportunity for people's skills. The positions I held over the past three decades have deepened my skills and competencies at optimizing organizational cohesion and delivering as a unified entity and translating cooperate strategic plan into concrete results. I have a very strong track record in driving transformational change and goal-oriented results and adept at effectively responding to change management and overseeing all phases of organizational transformation. Serving as the Chairperson of Change Management of the of the National Centre for Economic Management and Administration, 2000-2002 and the Nigerian UNDP Country Office, 2006-2007, the Chairperson of Change Facilitation Team of the South African UNDP Country Office, 2009-2010; and the Chairperson of Change Management UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, New York, 2012-2013 as well as a member of the corporate agenda for organizational change 2013 to 2014 exposed me to complex organizational context and management will serve as priceless asset in the position.