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## **WORK HISTORY**

- Economic Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations: Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD); (i) Committee for Development Policy Secretariat (2005-present); (ii) Economic Assessment and Outlook Branch (1999 to 2005); (iii) Macroeconomics Division (1992-1999);
- Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Socio-Economic Research and Planning Division (1987-1991, while on assignment from DESA);
- Economic Affairs Officer, DESA, International Economic Relations Branch (1985-87);
- Associate Statistician: DESA, Statistical Office (1982-85);
- Assistant Research Scientist, Institute for Economic Analysis, New York University (while on academic leave from the United Nations, 1979).

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP)**

- Provide technical and professional support to CDP members in drafting report on procedures for inclusion and graduation of countries from the category of Least Developed Countries;
- Draft Part II of a forthcoming handbook on the least developed countries (LDCs) on methodology and statistical indicators used to evaluate the eligibility of low-income countries for inclusion or graduation from the category of LDCs;
- Draft background paper on guidelines for monitoring countries graduated from LDC category as requested in General Assembly resolution 59/209;
- Provide technical and professional support to CDP members in drafting report on national and international policy environments to generate “full and productive employment and decent work for all,” which served as CDP’s contribution to the theme of 2006 High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

### **Economic dimensions of selected political issues**

- Serve as coordinating author of a chapter on post-conflict economic recovery and development in the forthcoming *World Economic and Social Survey, 2008*;
- Drafted “Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries” (A/62/210, August 2007);
- Drafted DESA’s inputs to “Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions” (A/62/206, prepared by Office of Legal Affairs with inputs from DESA and the Department of Political Affairs, August 2007);
- Drafted a paper on “Economic Management of Post-Conflict Economies” for a Workshop on National Reconstruction and Economic Recovery organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations; delivered a PowerPoint presentation based on the paper and participated in the development of a training curriculum on post-conflict economic management for managers and senior staff of UN peacekeeping operations (Pula, Croatia, October 2006).

### **Other activities and responsibilities**

- Identify new or emerging issues related to the economic dimensions of political issues such as multilateral and unilateral sanctions and post-conflict peace-building and propose activities to address them in DESA/DPAD;
- Formulate draft policy recommendations and proposals for consideration by the CDP Secretariat;
- Organize expert group meetings, seminars and similar consultations that contribute to work assignments and research activities;
- Represent DESA/DPAD at technical meetings within the Secretariat, other international organizations and academic institutions;

- Serve as focal point to prepare DESA's contribution to annual reports of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

## **PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Analysis of global economic issues and impact on African economic development**

- Drafted inputs to the *World Economic and Social Survey* and *World Economic Situation and Prospects*—DESA's flagship publications—on trends in the global economy and their effects on African economic development; drafted inputs to address specific trends, issues and policies in other areas of international trade and development;
- Prepared briefing notes and background papers for the Secretary-General and senior officials on issues related to economic development trends and policies in African countries;
- Updated data base and forecasts of econometric models of several African countries to provide inputs to the Project LINK global econometric modelling system maintained by DESA/DPAD and the University of Toronto.

### **Conflict and economic development**

- Participated in a field mission to Liberia as member of a UN Secretariat team to assess the economic, humanitarian and social impact of United Nations sanctions on Liberia; drafted report on the economic impact of the sanctions as input to a report of the Secretary-General on results of the assessment (document S/2001/939, October 2001);
- Prepared a background briefing paper on economic factors that contributed to the 1998-2000 border war between Ethiopia and Eritrea for OUSG/DPKO (August 2000);
- Represented DESA at Framework Team meetings to contribute to formulation of United Nations policies and responses to conflicts and complex emergencies in Africa;
- Participated in UN electoral observer missions in Angola and Mozambique.

### **Technical assistance and capacity building project**

Served on the DESA management team for the Research Network for Development Policy Analysis (RNDPA) project funded by the Development Account and organized by DESA: Coordinated, monitored and evaluated the technical work of consultants and the University of Pretoria, the implementing agency. The project upgraded econometric skills and policy analysis expertise of participants from 15 low-income African countries. (See [http://web.up.ac.za/sitefiles/File/40/677/Afrinem\\_Cap\\_Building.pdf](http://web.up.ac.za/sitefiles/File/40/677/Afrinem_Cap_Building.pdf), accessed December 2007).

### **Assignment to the Economic Commission for Africa**

Drafted chapters on the external sector of African economies covering merchandise trade, balance of payments, exchange rate policies and financial resource flows for the *Survey of Economic and Social Conditions in Africa* and the *Economic Report on Africa*, flagship publications of the Commission; conducted economic survey missions to several countries in eastern and southern Africa to consult with senior government officials in annual reviews of their economic policies, trends and prospects (1988-1991).

## **EDUCATION**

- PhD/ABD (economics), New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences: completed all coursework and passed required qualifying examinations in economic theory, international economics and economic development (1975-1985).
- MA (economics), New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1981.
- BA (mathematics), magna cum laude, Queens College, City University of New York, 1974.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- *Commodity Price Vulnerability and Risk Management in International Trade*. Published as "Trade Vulnerabilities: commodities" in Chapter II of the *World Economic and Social Survey 2005*.
- *The Liberian Economy under Economic Sanctions*: Input to *Report of the Secretary-General in pursuance of paragraph 13(a) of resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia* (document S/2001/939), (August 2001);
- *Background briefing note on economic factors that contributed to the 1998-2000 Eritrean/Ethiopian Border War* (Prepared for the Office of the USG, DPKO), (August 2000);
- *The Post Lomé Convention Partnership Agreement between the African Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States*; published as Box II in the *World Economic and Social Survey, 2000*.