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CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME **DAVID WOOD**

DATE OF BIRTH 16 November 1949

NATIONALITY British

LANGUAGES English (mother tongue)

EXPERTISE

- International development and governance specialist with over 30 years working experience in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe
- Senior roles in UK Department for International Development (DFID), World Bank (WB) and United Nations (UN).
- Exceptional track record and proven personal impact in:
 - Top level policy influencing and reform;
 - Transforming government-donor relations
 - Political economy analysis for development impact;
- Innovative analysis, program design, and real development impact in:
 - Governance; public sector management; and anti corruption;
 - Development in conflict; security and development; peace building
 - Safety, Security, and Access to Justice (SSAJ).
- South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa specialist; DFID and WB HQ experience; plus WB in Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1971 MA Econ, University of Edinburgh

1973 MA Econ, London School of Economics

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

Current **Associate, The Policy Practice Ltd**

2008 **Special Adviser on Peace Support. United Nations Mission in Nepal.**

Nepal. Achievements include the formulation of a peace and development framework 2008-2010 for the Government of Nepal and donors, the Donor Consultation Meeting February 2008 on Peace and Development, the Nepal Peace Trust Funds Needs Assessment 2008, and mobilization of support to the 2008 Nepal Priority Plan for Peace Support, including from the UN Peace Building Fund.

2001 – 2007 **DFID Country Representative in Nepal and Bangladesh**

Bangladesh: Achievements include the successful staff downsizing, and doubling of DFID portfolio; transforming Government/donor relations; introduction of common country strategy by DFID, World Bank, ADB and Japan and political economy analysis in program appraisal; support for strategic civil society programs with government policy impact; new results-based anti-corruption program using sector budget support to incentivise reform; first donor program aimed at increasing remittance flows; and new programs to address extreme rural poverty through asset transfers.

Nepal: Achievements include the expansion and safe delivery of DFID development programs during Maoist insurgency; influencing the international response to the Maoist conflict; introduced programmatic conflict assessments, a Risk Management Office and new basic operating guidelines for donor programs in conflict; introduced annual priority action plans as a new framework for managing Government donor relations; and the successful implementation of decentralized community support development programs across Nepal during the conflict.

1998 – 2001 **DFID Deputy Chief Governance Adviser**

East Africa: Designed and delivered DFID support to civil service reform in East Africa including financial aid for civil service downsizing. New programs for executive agencies, and the institutional reform of central management ministries in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. First-ever sector program for justice reform in Uganda.

Formulated new DFID policy on safety, security and access to justice. Developed (with others) new DFID Governance policy based around governance capabilities. Professional management of Governance cadre in Asia.

1995 – 1998 **World Bank Senior Public Management Specialist**

Public Administration and civil service reform in Ukraine, Albania and Tanzania. Design and delivery of major reform programs in Ukraine and Tanzania. 1998 President's Medal for Excellence in Project Delivery.

1975 – 1995 **DFID Senior Governance Adviser and Economist**

KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Policy and Analysis

Proven policy influence at ministerial and senior donor level, and across regional and international organisations. Leadership of country and sector strategy analysis, planning and evaluation.

Development in Conflict, and Peace Building. Safe and effective implementation of development programmes in fragile situations including conflict. Design of peace building strategies and mobilization of support for peace building.

Governance

Wide ranging experience of public sector management and civil service reform, institutional strengthening, and anti-corruption programs in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Global policy and program leadership in SSAJ.

Sector and program design, development, delivery and evaluation

Wide experience across all major sectors. Highlights include

- Bangladesh: anti-corruption, extreme poverty, and remittance flows
- Nepal: development and conflict resolution
- Former Soviet Union and East Africa: civil service reform
- Sub-Saharan Africa: justice sector reform

Management

Strategic leadership – giving purpose and direction to governance and country program teams. Risk management. Office and program change management for results. Consensus building around governance reform, donor policy and government-donor relations, recruitment and development of national professional staff, staff productivity improvements, pay reform and promotion of positive work environments.

Development assistance

Detailed experience of DFID, World Bank, and working across Whitehall. Also of financial aid, sector aid, program and project aid, and technical assistance approaches.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

DFID Nepal Country Policy, 2003 – 2007

DFID Bangladesh Country Policy, 2006 – 2010

The Internationalisation of Public Management: reinventing the Third World State. McCourt W. and Minogue M. (Eds). New Horizons in Public Policy, 2001

Justice and Poverty Reduction, DFID 2000

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