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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**DATE OF BIRTH** 4 September 1972

**NATIONALITY** British

**LANGUAGES** English: Mother tongue  
French: Fluent  
German: Good comprehension

### **EXPERTISE**

- An expert on political economy and governance in developing countries. Practitioner of the Drivers of Change approach. Experience in governance assessment work, including the use of governance indicators.
- More than ten years of experience working on development aid policy and management.
- Familiarity with donor organisations, strategic planning, programming and project design work. Previous employment with European Commission and World Bank. Consulting experience working with DFID, EC, World Bank, WHO, FAO.
- Sector specialisms: political economy analysis and good governance, agriculture and rural development, private sector development, growth and poverty reduction strategies.
- Country experience: Rwanda, Nigeria, Yemen, Guyana, Kenya, Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Uganda, Ethiopia, The Gambia.
- Familiarity with methods of quantitative analysis, including statistical skills and financial and economic analysis of development projects.
- Experience of conference/ workshop design and facilitation
- Wide ranging IT skills including website development.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1995 - 1997 MPhil Development Studies, Institute of Development Studies,  
University of Sussex  
Awarded with distinction October 1997

1991 - 1994 BA Geography, Hertford College, Oxford University  
First Class Honours - University prizewinner and Hertford College Scholar

### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Principal of The Policy Practice Ltd (since July 2004)**

- Independent Monitoring and Evaluation Project for DFID's State Level Programmes in Nigeria. Subject Leader for the State Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI) – From March 2011

- Support to the European Commission (DEVCO) on the preparation of Project and Programme Cycle Management Guidelines. Preparation of analytical tools for country and sector level political economy analysis – From November 2010
- Study on the Political Economy of Disaster Risk Reduction (with OPM – July 2010 – March 2011)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist for the Bangladesh Multidonor Country Governance Assessment (March – October 2010)
- Team Leader, International Drivers of Corruption Study, OECD (February 2010 – March 2011)
- Lead author of the Ghana Case Study for the DFID Governance Portfolio Review (March-April 2010)
- Co-author of 2010 OECD Fragile States Principles Monitoring Survey (with Alex Duncan) December 2009.
- Evaluation of the research activities of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC) June – December 2009
- Ghana Strategic Governance and Corruption Assessment. A report for the Royal Netherlands Embassy. January – March 2009
- Drafting of a How-to Note for DFID on Political Economy Analysis – August to December 2008
- Participation in a review of the EU Governance Initiative for the European Commission DG Development – July to November 2008
- Rwanda Joint Governance Assessment, In country team coordinator. The Joint Governance Assessment is a large initiative jointly commissioned by the Government of Rwanda and its development partners with the aim of establishing a common understanding of governance issues backed by indicators and a monitoring framework. December 2007 – March 2008
- Yemen Strategic Governance and Corruption Assessment. An analysis of the root causes of weak governance, local pressures for change and implications for development cooperation strategies. Client: Royal Netherlands Embassy, Yemen. September-November 2007
- Support to DFID retreat for Economic Advisors. Preparation of presentation and role play exercises on the political economy of reform. September 2007
- Paper for DFID entitled “Politics and Growth” discussing the political processes and relationships between interest groups that influence growth. March – September 2007
- Design and management of the Second European Forum on Sustainable Rural Development for the European Commission and GTZ. September 2006 – June 2007 [www.ruralforum.info](http://www.ruralforum.info)
- Evaluation of the Science and Development Network (SciDev.Net) website. Part of a team led by The Policy Practice Ltd. June-September 2006
- World Bank Nigeria Country Economic Memorandum. Drafting of chapter on the political economy of reform entitled “*Strengthening the Incentives for Growth*” – March – May 2006
- Support to the Government of Guyana on the drafting of an Action Plan to mitigate the social and economic impact of the EU sugar price reform. November 2005 – February 2006
- Drafting of a paper for WHO/World Bank Secretariat of the High Level Forum on the health MDGs entitled “*Fiscal space and fiscal sustainability from the perspective of the health sector.*” August-September 2005
- Drafting of a policy paper entitled “*Government and sub-national growth - Uneven growth within low-income countries: Does it matter, and can governments do anything effective?*” - Team Leader – June-July 2005
- Support to DFID Nigeria on the design of a pro-poor economic growth strategy and programme. April 2004 to present
- Literature review for Yemen Drivers of Change and Strategic Conflict Assessment, a study funded by DFID and the Netherlands Embassy. August-September 2004

- Moderator for a DFID sponsored e-forum on “New directions for agriculture in reducing poverty. Joint moderator for the “Growth and Poverty” discussion group. April-June 2004

#### **Independent consultant (February 2001 – July 2004)**

- Report on addressing the impacts of preference erosion in bananas in developing countries. Analysis of the impact of the introduction of an EU tariff-only regime and discussion of mitigation and development assistance strategies. March to May 2004
- Review of DFID’s Target Strategy Papers from a Drivers of Change perspective – February 2004
- DFID Drivers of Pro-Poor Change Study Kenya – Analysis of socio-economic and political change processes. In-country research as part of a three person team – October 2003 – March 2004
- Drafting of country profile on Tajikistan. Input into strategic review of DFID’s assistance to Central Asia, South Caucasus and Moldova – September 2003
- Report on addressing the impact of preference erosion in sugar in developing countries. Analysis of impacts of possible reforms of EU sugar regime on ACP producers, and proposal for an EC assistance package. August – September 2003
- Study on a vision for the future of technical assistance. A review of policies of major suppliers of TA, including the UN system and bilateral donors, and discussion of new modes of provision for technical assistance. May 2003-June 2003
- Review of literature on poverty trends in India. Input into the DFID India Drivers of Pro-Poor Change Study. April 2003
- Review of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and DFID Country Assistance Plans from a food security perspective. January 2003 – March 2003
- Organisation of the European Forum on Rural Development Cooperation, a conference for 200 representatives of the European Commission, EU Member States, multilateral organisations, NGOs and developing country governments taking place in Montpellier, France on 4-6 September 2002. Conference preparation and design, participation in Steering Group meetings, management of website, management of resource people and consultants, budgetary planning and management, practical arrangements, editing of proceedings document, evaluation. June 2001 – December 2002
- Writing of five policy briefings on key issues in agricultural development, agricultural research for development, livestock, fisheries and forestry. Assignment for European Commission, DG DEV/B/4 - January – August 2002
- Consultation exercise on DFID research policy. Analysis of over 40 written submissions from UK development research institutions and writing of a synthesis report. May 2002
- Preparation of a 20 page glossary of development terminology for the government of Vietnam - March 2002
- Review of the international architecture in FAO’s areas of mandate. Participation in a three person team supporting the Food and Agriculture Organisation, and drafting of 3 chapters - December 2001 to March 2002
- Support to European Commission, DG DEV/B/4 on the preparation of a Communication to the Council of Ministers and European Parliament on the European Community’s Rural Development Policy. Writing the draft text - September 2001 to January 2002
- Preparation of two discussion papers for the Department for International Development, Rural Livelihoods Department on the future rural livelihoods research strategy. These are entitled 1) *The Contribution of Knowledge and Research to DFID’s Strategy to Achieve the International Development Targets*, and 2) *Global change processes driving the rural livelihoods research agenda*. - August – September 2001
- Support to European Commission, DG DEV/B/4 on the preparation of a policy paper and public brochure on food security policy. Drafting of a speech for Poul Nielson, European Commissioner

for Development and Humanitarian Aid, delivered at the IFPRI conference on “Sustainable Food Security for all by 2020” held in September 2001 in Bonn, Germany. - May – August 2001

- Moderator for DFID organised e-Forum on Food Security and Poverty Reduction, a four week consultation exercise with around 500 participants - May-June 2001
- Conducting an assessment of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and their relevance to food security problems. Report for the Department for International Development - April 2001
- Support to European Commission, DG DEV/B/4 on the preparation of a Communication to the Council of Ministers and European Parliament on the future orientation of Council Regulation 1292/96 on Food Aid Policy and Food Aid Management and Special Operations in Support of Food Security - February – March 2001

#### **European Commission, Bangkok Delegation, Junior Expert (Jan 1999-Jan 2001)**

- Project preparation, management and monitoring of EC rural development projects in Lao PDR, Cambodia and NE Thailand with frequent visits to the field.
- Responsibility for NGO implemented projects funded under the EU food security budget line in Lao PDR and Cambodia, and direct involvement in the preparation of the food security call for proposals NGO 2000, including the drafting of country guidelines and strategy papers.
- Responsibilities for analysis and reporting of rural development policy and assistance programmes in Lao PDR and Cambodia, including drafting of EC Country Strategy Paper for Lao PDR, preparatory meetings for the 7<sup>th</sup> donor Round Table Meeting in Lao PDR and frequent liaison with EU Member States and multilateral donors.
- Attended training courses and workshops on Project Cycle Management, Economic and Financial Analysis of Projects, EC procurement policy, Sustainable Development in Southeast Asian Mountainous Regions (Hanoi, November 2000).

#### **Centre Technique Agricole, Wageningen, the Netherlands, Consultant (Oct 1998-Jan 1999)**

- Preparation for a workshop on agriculture sector programmes in East and Southern Africa. Presentation of keynote papers and writing of case studies.

#### **World Bank, Brussels Office, Intern (Feb 1998-Oct 1998)**

- Writing briefings on EU external development policy for World Bank use, and organising high level contacts between the European Commission and World Bank.

#### **European Commission, DGVIII, East and Southern Africa Directorate, Agriculture and Rural Development Unit, Administrative trainee (Oct 1997-Feb 1998)**

- Writing of EC policy paper on agriculture sector programmes in East and Southern Africa. Contribution to regular work of the unit.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Williams, G., Duncan, A., Landell-Mills, P. and Unsworth, S. (2009) Politics and Growth, *Development Policy Review* 27(1): 5-31 <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121557141/abstract>

*Policy Practice Brief 6 – What makes a good governance indicator?*  
<http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=17>

*Policy Practice Brief 5 - Carrying out a Joint Governance Assessment - Lessons from Rwanda*  
<http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=15>

*Policy Practice Brief 4 - Politics and Growth*

<http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=14>

*Policy Practice Brief 3 - The political economy of reform: The case of Nigeria 2003-2007*

<http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=12>

*Policy Practice Brief 2 - Making the New Political Economy Perspective more operationally relevant for development agencies* - <http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=9>

*Policy Practice Brief 1 - Tackling the Political Barriers to Development: The New Political Economy Perspective* - <http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=8>

*Nigeria - Strengthening incentives for economic growth: The political economy of reform* - <http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=10>

'Fiscal space and sustainability from the perspective of the health sector,' Gareth Williams and Roger Hay. <http://www.hlfhealthmdgs.org/Documents/FiscalSpacePerspective.pdf>

Government and sub-national growth. Uneven growth within low-income countries: does it matter, and can governments do anything effective? - <http://www.thepolicypractice.com/papersdetails.asp?code=2>

New Directions for Agriculture in Reducing Poverty. Moderator's summaries for the growth and poverty discussion group  
<http://dfid-agriculture-consultation.nri.org/>

Strengthening the Incentives for Pro-Poor Policy Change: An Analysis of Drivers of Change in Kenya  
<http://www.grc-exchange.org/docs/doc24.pdf>

Addressing the Impact of Preference Erosion in Bananas on Caribbean Countries. Report for DFID by OPM/NERA. I was joint author of the OPM part of the study  
<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/pubs/files/impactpreferenceerosion.pdf>

A Vision for the Future of Technical Assistance in the International Development System. Report for DFID  
<http://www.opml.co.uk/docs/ACF5400.pdf>

A Common Language for Managing Official Development Assistance: A Glossary of ODA Terms. Report for the Government of Vietnam :<http://www.opml.co.uk/docs/ACF53F9.pdf>

European Forum on Rural Development Cooperation, Montpellier, France, 4-6 September 2002  
Design and publishing of website: <http://www.ruralforum.info>  
Editing of proceedings document: <http://www.ruralforum.info/proceedings.htm>

Communication from the Commission to the Council and European Parliament on "Fighting Rural Poverty". European Community policy and approach to rural development and sustainable natural resources management in developing countries COM(2002) 429 final  
<http://www.ruralforum.info/papers/COMM429En.pdf>

DFID Research Policy Paper – Annex 5 Synthesis Paper Consultation with UK Research Bodies  
[http://62.189.42.51/DFIDstage/FOI/dc/24oct02\\_research\\_policy\\_paper\\_annexes.pdf](http://62.189.42.51/DFIDstage/FOI/dc/24oct02_research_policy_paper_annexes.pdf)

'Promoting Food Security and Poverty Reduction through Broad-Based Economic Growth: A view from the European Union', Speech delivered by Commissioner Poul Nielson at the occasion of the Conference on "Sustainable Food Security for all by 2020" organised by the International Food Policy Research Institute, Bonn, Germany, 4-6 September 2001  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/commissioners/nielson/speech/20010904\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/commissioners/nielson/speech/20010904_en.htm)

DFID Poverty and Hunger electronic forum  
[http://www.ids.ac.uk/poverty\\_hunger/home.html](http://www.ids.ac.uk/poverty_hunger/home.html)

'Working with ethnic minorities in Lao PDR', EU Today (News from the EC Delegation to Burma/Myanmar, Cambodia, the Lao PDR, Malaysia and Thailand), No 15, January 2001-03-05 also available at: [http://www.deltha.cec.eu.int/en/newsroom/Docs/EU\\_today/15\\_january\\_2001.pdf](http://www.deltha.cec.eu.int/en/newsroom/Docs/EU_today/15_january_2001.pdf)

'Sector approach to agricultural development offers new opportunities for addressing poverty', ACP-EU Courier No 175, May-June 1999 also available at:  
[http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/development/publicat/courier/index\\_175\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/development/publicat/courier/index_175_en.htm)

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