



CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME GARETH WILLIAMS
NATIONALITY Swiss - British
LANGUAGES English: Mother tongue
French: Professional fluency
German: Good comprehension

- More than twenty years of experience working on development aid policy and management.
- An expert on political economy and governance in developing countries. Team leader for numerous country and sector level political economy assessments.
- Broad ranging sectoral expertise including governance and civil society development, public financial management, health and education, agriculture and rural development and private sector development.
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning for adaptive management.
- Experienced evaluator of development programmes with a focus on evaluation of social accountability and governance programmes.
- Previous employment with European Commission and World Bank. Consulting experience working with FCDO (UK), EC, OECD, World Bank, WHO, FAO.
- Trainer for The Policy Practice/ ODI course on Political Economy Analysis in Action
- Country experience: Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Uzbekistan, Sierra Leone, DRC, South Sudan, Zambia, Ghana, Yemen, Guyana, Kenya, Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Uganda, Ethiopia, The Gambia.
- Statistical and IT skills, including website development, learning management systems (moodle).

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

- Director of The Policy Practice Ltd (December 2011 to present)
- Principal of The Policy Practice Ltd (July 2004-December 2011)
- Independent consultant (February 2001 – July 2004)

- European Commission, Bangkok Delegation, Junior Expert managing agriculture and rural development programmes (January 1999-January 2001)
- World Bank, Brussels Office, Intern (Feb 1998-Oct 1998)
- European Commission, DGVIII, East and Southern Africa Directorate, Agriculture and Rural Development Unit, Administrative trainee (Oct 1997-Feb 1998)

SELECTED ASSIGNMENTS

- Team leader for study on the political economy of demographic transition in Nigeria (February-August 2022).
- Consultant supporting the Nigeria Partnership for Learning for All (PLANE) on education policy analysis and PEA (September 2021 to present).
- Consultant facilitating a project team led country level political economy analysis on civil society engagement in Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan) for the Effective Governance for Economic Development Project (September 2021 to present).
- Consultant facilitating a project team led country level political economy analysis on Kyrgyzstan. Support to the Jogorku Kenesh (S2JK) programme. UK FCDO (October 2020 to June 2022).
- Consultant/facilitator to the UK/FCDO Tackling Deadly Diseases in Africa Programme (TDDAP) responsible for embedding political economy analysis in country operations (November 2019 to December 2021).
- Research Lead for the Learning, Evidence and Advocacy Pillar, Nigeria Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL) (from June 2019).
- Results and Challenge team member supporting results monitoring of the Tanzania Institutions for Inclusive Development Programme (since November 2016).
- Consultant. Supporting the Programme to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL), a large public sector reform programme in Nigeria, to prepare for its mid term review (January-July 2019).
- Team Leader. Political Economy of the Agriculture Sector in Rwanda. Analysis for Improving Market Systems for Agriculture in Rwanda (IMSAR) project (December 2018 – January 2019)
- Technical Director, Learning, Evidence and Advocacy Pillar, Nigeria Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL), a large public sector reform and accountable governance programme (April 2016-November 2018)
- Technical Advisor to Ikiraro cy'iterambere Programme Rwanda on contextual and sectoral analysis (since November 2016)
- Political Economy Analysis for World Bank Nigeria: State Fiscal Management and Accountability in Nigeria (July – October 2017)
- Trainer for Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) on applied political economy analysis. Harare course September 2016, Tunis course November 2017. Bern workshop September 2018
- Team Leader, Programme Completion Review, State Accountability and Voice Initiative, Nigeria, (March 2016)
- Technical Director for the Rwanda Multi Donor Civil Society Support Programme, Ikiraro cy'iterambere (June 2015-November 2016)
- Member of design team for the DFID Southern Africa Regional Trade Programme. Political Economy Analysis of trade policy in Mozambique (March-October 2015).
- Member of the Programme Development Group for the Nigeria State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability (SPARC) programme (October 2014-February 2016)
- Design work for the DFID Nigeria Public Sector Accountability and Governance Programme (October 2015-March 2015)

- Political Economy and Institutional Assessment for a large agribusiness project in Kogi State, Nigeria. For World Bank. June-September 2014.
- Scoping study for DFID Rwanda on a new multi donor fund to support civil society development and social accountability. March-April 2014.
- Study on the effects on corruption on private sector development in Sierra Leone. For DFID. October 2013-February 2014.
- Team Leader for the Annual Review of the State Accountability and Voice Initiative for DFID Nigeria. December 2013
- Study of the political economy of the Niger Delta for DFID MADE Programme. November 2013
- Development of a monitoring framework for the Joint Governance Assessment in Rwanda. For European Commission. June-October 2013
- Donor Approaches to Risk in Fragile and Conflict Affected States. Study for DFID and OECD/INCAF. Country case studies in DRC, South Sudan, Somalia and Nepal. Team Leader. January-May 2013
- Pilot training courses for European Commission on Political Economy Analysis in Action. Design and delivery of first course in March 2013.
- Political Economy of Monitoring and Evaluation in Nigeria. Study for DFID Nigeria/PDF. November 2012
- Team Leader for 2012 Annual Review of the State Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI) – November 2012
- Political Economy of Education in Democratic Republic of Congo. Literature Review for DFID DRC. July –September 2012
- Political Economy of Public Financial Management in Democratic Republic of Congo. Team leader of World Bank study. June-July 2012
- Rwanda Country Governance Assessment. DFID Rwanda – March 2012
- Political economy of trade policy in Nigeria. Team leader of study for DFID Nigeria/PDF. Jan-March 2012
- Political Economy Advice to GEMS1 Meat and Leather Project, Kano Nigeria. November 2011 and backstopping support
- Team Leader for Mid Term Review of the State Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI) – November-January 2011.
- Political economy of the agricultural sector in Zambia. Study for the EU Zambia Delegation – June 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

- Review of the EU Governance Initiative for the European Commission DG Development – July to November 2008
- Rwanda Joint Governance Assessment. Team coordinator. December 2007 – March 2008
- Yemen Strategic Governance and Corruption Assessment. Client: Royal Netherlands Embassy, Yemen. September-November 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
- 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 – June 2005

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Williams, G. (2022) Thinking and Working Politically on Health Systems Resilience: Learning from the experience of Cameroon, Nepal and South Africa during COVID-19, [TWP-about-health-systems-resilience-reflection-note-final.pdf \(twpcommunity.org\)](https://twpcommunity.org/twp-about-health-systems-resilience-reflection-note-final.pdf)

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Williams, G, Owen, O, Duncan, A, Kingsmill, W, Paterson, A. DFID governance programming in Nigeria: What difference has thinking and working politically made in practice? *Dev Policy Rev.* 2019; 37: O33– O49. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12438>

Neil McCulloch, Andrew Barnett, Alex Duncan, William Kingsmill, Jonathan Kydd, Olly Owen, Gareth Williams (2017) Policy Practice Brief 11, The evolving role of political economy analysis in development practice. <https://thepolicypractice.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/PolicyBrief11.pdf>

Programme Completion Review, State Accountability and Voice initiative (SAVI) Independent Monitoring and Evaluation Project for the State Level Programmes (IMEP) http://iati.dfid.gov.uk/iati_documents/5502454.odt

Mid Term Review 2011 – State Accountability and Voice Initiative (SAVI) The Independent Monitoring and Evaluation Project for the State Level Programmes (IMEP) <http://projects.dfid.gov.uk/iati/Document//3360509>

OECD (2012) International Drivers of Corruption. Report Authors Gareth Williams and Taylor Brown <http://www.oecd.org/development/governanceanddevelopment/49263997.pdf>

Duncan, A. and Williams, G. (2012) Making Development Assistance More Effective Through Using Political-economy Analysis: What Has Been Done and What Have We Learned? *Development Policy Review* 30(2) <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-7679.2012.00568.x/abstract>

Williams, G (2011) The Political Economy of Disaster Risk Reduction, Annex to Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction.

http://www.preventionweb.net/english/hyogo/gar/2011/en/bgdocs/Williams_2011.pdf

SDC (2010), Evaluation of SDC's Research Related Activities. Authors: Barnett, A., Williams, G., and Khakee, A. (2009) <http://www.admin.ch/dokumentation/studien/detail/?lang=en&studienid=19>

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?

<https://thepolicypractice.com/publications/policy-practice-brief-6-what-makes-a-good-governance-indicator/>

Policy Practice Brief 5 - Carrying out a Joint Governance Assessment - Lessons from Rwanda -

<https://thepolicypractice.com/publications/policy-practice-brief-5-carrying-out-a-joint-governance-assessment-lessons-from-rwanda/>

Policy Practice Brief 4 - Politics and Growth - <https://thepolicypractice.com/publications/policy-practice-brief-4-politics-and-growth/>

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

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<https://thepolicypractice.com/publications/nigeria-the-political-economy-of-reform-strengthening-incentives-for-economic-growth-updated/>

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