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## SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

A financial economist, with nine years post graduate experience, I worked as an economic strategy analyst with Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) and KPMG Development Advisory Services in Cameroon, Nigeria and Ghana and Cameroon serving clients in several industries, particularly financial services. I joined the African Development as an analyst in the Evaluation Department, drafting economic outlooks on private sector evaluations and Country Strategy and Program Evaluations (CSPEs). Later, I joined the Office of the President as an Economist, serving both the President and the Senior Vice President. I prepare economic briefs for the President and Senior Vice President and draft Flash reports of meetings of the Senior Management Coordination Committee (SMCC). I regularly publish thought pieces on African economic issues in global African economics magazines such as African Banker, New African, African Business and at the World Economic Forum. I am a native speaker of English and French.

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**Jan 2012 - Feb 2013:** *Masters in Development Finance (MDevF), University of Cape Town (South Africa)*

**Oct. 2009 – Sept 2010:** *MSc in Finance and Investment, University of Durham (United Kingdom)*

**Oct. 2006 – June 2009:** *BSc in Economics, University of Buea (Cameroon)*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

***African Development Bank (AfDB): January 2016 – Present: Economic and Policy Officer, Office of the President and Senior Vice-President***

**Brief description of duties:** Advise on economic and operational issues; draft speeches and economic briefing notes, review policy and project documents prepared for discussions by the Operations Committee (Opscom) and the Senior Management Coordination Committee (SMCC); coordinate the Bank's partnership with the World Bank, IFC, AFD and KfW, World Economic Forum; contribute to the preparation of major Bank Documents such as the Quarterly Budgets and Work Program Performance Report and the Retrospective Review Report on Bank Group Budgets and Work Program Performance; Quality assurance of Country Strategy Papers (CSPs) and Regional Integration Strategy Papers (RISPs).

### ***Key Achievements***

- ***Operational policy review and dissemination:*** Peer-reviewed and suggested changes to the country economic notes and results based management frameworks in certain financial sector projects. These include the USD 300 million-trade finance line of credit to ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ECOBANK), the USD 30 million equity investment by the AfDB in the African Domestic Bond Fund, USD 300 and USD 200 million financial sector reform projects in Tunisia and Morocco, respectively. My contribution to the changes in the country economic analysis and results based management frameworks led to significant improvements in the quality of the projects and eventually, board approval in June and July 2016. I edited the proposal to extend the current Bank Group Private Sector Development Strategy (2013- 2017). I wrote the section on Domestic Resource Mobilisation in the issues paper for the Seventh

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General Capital Increase (GCI-VII). I drafted the Senior Vice President's keynote speech for the 2017 Africa Venture Capital Association (AVCA) Annual meeting.

- ***Operations support to Management and Coordination:*** Drafted the President's keynote speech for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Montreal in June 2016. The interview increased the Bank's visibility in North America and several global CEOs such as the CEO of the Caisse de Dépôts et Placement de Québec (with USD 270 billion worth of assets under management) met the Bank to discuss the possibility of a Memorandum Of Understanding. I drafted the President's keynote speeches for the 4<sup>th</sup> Africa CEO Forum held in 2016, the 2016 Africa Investment Conference in Sharm El Sheikh and the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on International Development (TICAD VI). These high-level events all highlighted the Bank's strong private sector focus, and resulted in requests for partnerships by several companies.
- ***Monitoring of political, macroeconomic, financial and sector developments in African countries:*** Drafted a thematic paper on African Eurobonds, analysing the history, value/volume, biggest issuers and provided recommendations for future borrowing for African countries. The article was published in the January 2016 edition of the well-acclaimed African Banker Magazine (with a monthly readership of over 2 million) and it informed the update of AfDB Regional Member Countries' debt profiles. I also conducted a 2015 African economic review - analysing the biggest growth drivers, the macroeconomic challenges and provided lessons to boost growth. This informed the country notes in the AfDB 2016 edition of the flagship African Economic Outlook.
- ***Coordination and Engagement:*** I am the focal point in the Senior Vice President's Office for the Bank's engagement with the World Economic Forum, KfW, IFC, World Bank and Agence Française de Développement (AFD). In addition, I coordinated the Bank-wide response and feedback to Germany's Marshall Plan with Africa, which is the thrust of Germany's G20 Presidency. The quality of the feedback earned the Bank an invitation as a strategic partner to the G20 Compact with Africa Conference in Berlin, Germany in June 2017.
- ***Contribution to the finalization of Budget documents for Board Discussion:*** Worked on the Bank Group's main budget documents from 2016-2018 as part of the core editorial team. These include the Retrospective Review Reports on Bank Group Budgets and Work Program Performance, the Quarterly Budgets and Work Program Performance Reports and the mid-year Budgets and Work Program Performance Reports. In addition, I drafted the President's foreword for the 2017-2019 Policy and Budget Document. The Board of Directors commended the quality of the documents.

***April 2014-December 2015: Economic Analyst, Evaluation Department- African Development Bank***

***Brief description of duties:*** Drafted economic outlooks for Country Strategy and Program Evaluations (CSPEs) and for Regional Integration Strategy Paper Evaluations (RISPEs).

### ***Key Achievements***

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- Drafted the country economic outlooks in the evaluation of the Bank's 2011- 2015 Regional Integration Strategy Papers (RISPs) for Southern and Eastern Africa. This was the most comprehensive regional integration evaluation in the Bank's history.

***March 2013 – March 2014: Economic Strategy Analyst (KPMG International Development Advisory Services, Ghana)***

**Brief description of duties:** *Worked as an economic strategy analyst in the Strategy teams of KPMG DAS in the West Africa sub-region covering Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo and Benin.*

***Key Achievements***

- Drafted country economic outlooks for all ECOWAS countries that enabled the firm win the bid for the providing capacity strengthening services for the establishment and management of the ECOWAS Fund for Agriculture and Food (ECOWADF), hosted by the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).

***April 2012- July 2012: Economic Strategy Analyst (Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Nigeria)***

**Brief description of duties:** *Drafted country economic outlooks for consulting bids and reports.*

***Key Achievements***

- Drafted the country economic outlooks for Nigeria, DRC, Liberia and Ghana that enabled the firm to win bids for the restructuring of RawBank in the DRC and Orabank in several West African countries.

***January 2012- March 2013: Research Assistant (University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business & Africagrowth Institute)***

Was a research assistant to Professor Nicholas Biekpe, the Development Finance Program Director at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business and President of the Africagrowth Institute.

***Key Achievements***

- Produced a key study on the causal relationships between financial sector development, savings and capital flows in South Africa, used as a reference for undergraduate students.

***Sept. 2010- Sept 2011: Economic Strategy Analyst (Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Cameroon)***

**Brief description of duties:** *Worked as an economic strategy analyst in the Strategy teams of Pricewaterhouse Coopers in the Central Africa sub-region, covering Cameroon, Chad, Central Africa Republic, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.*

***Key Achievements***

- Drafted the country economic outlooks for Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Chad for assignments in MTN Cameroon, Standard Chartered Bank Cameroon, ECOBANK Chad, Exxonmobil Cameroon and Exxonmobil Chad. These economic outlooks improved the quality of management reports and enabled the firm to win bids for advisory services to the Ministries of Health in Cameroon and Central African Republic.

## ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ANALYSES

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