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PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS

- Robust experience in lecturing, curriculum development, mentoring, career advisory, sustainable environmental management, public economics, and competition policy.
- Proven track record in analytical and advisory services in public policy, macroeconomics, grant/research proposals writing, technical and progress reports development.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant, Department of Economics 2019-present
Bay Atlantic University, Washington DC

Providing academic assistance to Dr. Sebnem Sahin in developing curriculum, teaching courses, preparing examination questions, and awarding grades to students.
Focusing on courses of (i) Sustainable Environmental Management, (ii) Policy Formulation and Implementation, and (iii) Competition Policy.

Regional Economist 2018- present
Socio-Economic Research Applications and Projects LLC

Coordinator, Cross-Border Education Research and Services 2016-present
American Heritage University of Southern California (AHUSC), Ontario, CA

Regional Development Planning Senior Consultant, 10th Tranche Development Account (DA) Project on Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, Kenya, and Zambia 2015-present
United nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Senior Research and Policy Analyst/Consultant June-December 2018
African Development Bank (AfDB)/The Korean Institute of International Economic Policy (KIEP)

Contributed to the project on assessing the role of cooperatives in strengthening rice value chain actors in Senegal. The project also involved sectoral situational analysis of the regional market access, value chain capacities, policies and regulatory trade barriers in the rice economy. Conducted analysis of agricultural research and development, science, innovation, macro-economic policies and trends and their relevant linkages to Africa's economic transformation agenda.

Provided the analysis and formulation of ARD strategies towards supporting African Government and counterparts to identify alternative macro-economic (including ARD) policy options and to enhance the policy impact of national and continental projects and programs.

Senior Researcher Fellow /Consultant, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) January-May 2018

Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM)

Executed a case study on the status of higher education for science, technology and innovation in Ghana and Africa.

Compiled a profile of Higher Education (HE) and Science Technology and Innovation (STI) in Ghana; Maps strategies, approaches and special initiatives undertaken by the Ghanaian Government.

Discussed the efficiency of Ghana's STI system based on best practices, placing special focus on the capacity imperatives and their implications for Ghana's performance.

Identified specific institutional, systems, processes, human capacity arrangements and their challenges with respect to STI agenda in Ghana.

Showcased the challenges, opportunities, and possibilities with respect to deploying STI tools for Ghana's economic development agenda.

Interrogated the capacity development issues, challenges, opportunities and possibilities for STI in Ghana; identifying experiences, best practices and lessons learnt. Presented the policy recommendations and way forward.

Senior Researcher Fellow/Consultant, African, Caribbean and Pacific
2017

June-December

European Union

Managed a project on enhancing agribusiness capacities along selected commodities (horticulture, spices, coffee, avocado) value chain in Zanzibar and Tanzania. The project focused on the Competitiveness, Diversification, Agribusiness and Youth Engagement in the United Republic of Tanzania.

Delivered the expected outputs (technical re-ports and policy briefs).

Trained the client, as well as other stakeholders.

Facilitated the effective diffusion of project knowledge.

Ensured strict alignment with clients' research and policy mandates, and continuity of the research effort going forward in the key strategic areas - private sector development, inclusive development, job creation, enhanced business environment/ecosystem improved economic outlook, and Africa-EU trade / investment relations.

Financial Services Representative

2016- 2017

SunTrust Bank, Fairfax Pan Am Center, VA

Leveraging on my strong customer service experience and analytics skills to analyze financial goals, investment timelines and financial solutions towards guiding clients on their journeys from financial stress to financial confidence.

Adjunct Professor

January 2016- June 2016

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

Developed curriculum on Economics of Money and Banking, taught students, prepared examination questions, and awarded grades to 30 students.

Business and Development Policy Advocacy Expert
Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)

2008-2016

Developed a work plan that responded to the challenges and needs of agribusiness development policy reforms and regulations in Africa.

Secured the approval and budget of the World Bank and initiated the implementation of the following:

2015 - Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa (S3A)

2011 - Standardization compliance for gaining and maintaining market access for agricultural commodities in Africa through the conduction of research, policy brief, and workshops.

2010 - Conducted a research on agricultural inputs and outputs markets initiatives that supported innovation systems and value chain in Africa.

2009 - Regional trade policy and market access: brought policy makers and agricultural stakeholders from West, South and East Africa together. Developed workshops on regional agricultural policy and market access and published as workshops proceeding used as an advocacy tool to influence trade formulation processes in Africa.

Developed well-articulated, comprehensive, concise implementation and progress reports, and analysis on recurring basis reviewed by the World Bank; enabling discussions and successful negotiations concerning annual funding for the regional policy and advocacy program of about US\$2M for 9 years.

2012-2015 - Co-managed the establishment and implementation of the African Food Nutrition and Agricultural Policy Platform (AFAPP) in collaboration with the Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP), University of Minnesota.

2013 - Co-managed the project on renewable energy technology for increased agricultural productivity and sustainable development in Africa.

2012 - Co-identified the priority areas of investment and framework and guidelines for National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARI)'s contribution to Country CAADP Process in Southern, East, Central, and West Africa.

2011 - Co-managed the project “Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Finance in Africa (SARFA)” Deployed trade and market intelligence, google analytics, and thematic-based research methodologies to co-develop and retail innovative market-access products for farmers, agricultural development policy makers, financiers and agripreneurs, thereby helping these clients get the most out of the agribusiness transformation technologies that they love. Ensured that the program met its business development partnerships and advocacy goals in collaboration with the World Bank, USAID, and EU as a result of attracting a cumulative funding of about US\$2M for 9 years. Analyzed the economic impacts of exogenous shocks using valuation techniques and economy-wide analyses for resilience. Drafted papers and book chapters conducted joint research with the U.N., multiple research institutions and universities.

Regional Coordinator 2008-2016
Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD), Accra, Ghana

Led, managed, and guided the successful design and implementation of YPARD’s grants and contracts.

Secured small grants to advocate for youth inclusion in agribusiness and agricultural innovation in Africa.

Identified qualified and motivated young leaders through social media platforms increasing the number of YPARD national leaders from 5 in 2008 to 18 in 2015 and increasing the annual funding from US\$0 to US\$80,000 during the same period.

Adopted social-media tools which resulted in the management, coordination and provision of cutting-edge line of products and services to attract passionate African youth, thereby connecting them to the marketplace as well as the future of agribusinesses that they love. While this program attained its retailing and advocacy goals, it was impactful on wealth creation and youth empowerment because it deployed innovative platforms to identify qualified and motivated young leaders, thereby, increasing the number of functional national leaders from 5 in 2008 to 18 in 2015 and increasing the annual funding from US\$0 to US\$80,000 during the specified period.

Economics and Development Studies Lecturer 2000-2008
Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria; & Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria

Developed curriculum, taught students, prepared examination questions, and evaluate students’ performance.

Directed undergraduates 300 research projects in economic development policy, public sector economics, and international trade; supervised 60 undergraduates’ final thesis.

Provided guidance to 1,200 students on economic development policy, international trade, public sector economics, and awarded grades to 1000 students on an annual basis facilitating their successful admission to graduate schools and economics-related careers.

Reviewed and evaluated 20 articles in economic development policies per year and made the decision to either pass articles to the editorial team or send articles back to authors for further revisions.

Authored a book titled - ‘Introduction to Public Sector Economics and Policy.’

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Development & Health Economics, University of Sunderland, UK	2013
M.Sc., Agricultural Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria	2002
B.Sc., Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria	1999

SKILLS: MS Office, SPSS, E-Views, Micro-Fit, Organization and Analysis of large data-sets, Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis, Budgeting and Capacity building,

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2016/17 Fellow, Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE), funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

2012 Visiting Scholar at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

2011 First IDEP Abdul-Raheem Tajudeen Fellow, United Nations Institute for Development Economic Planning, Dakar, Senegal.
2010/2011 Journal of African Economies (JAE) Visiting Scholar's Program, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
2009 Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)'s Centre for Regional Economic Studies (CRES) Visiting Fellows / Scholars Program.
2008 World Trade Organization (WTO) Doctoral Support Program.
2007 Scholar, Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI) of the Rheinische Friedrich – Wilhelms – University of Bonn Summer Academy on Comparative Regional Integration and Assessing European Union (EU) as a Role Model.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Details of Publications, Policy Briefs, Dialogues/Consultancy Reports, and Workshop Reports are available at:

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Gbadebo_Odularu2; <https://fara-africa.academia.edu/GbadeboOdularu/Papers>
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=yqrqeHwAAAAJ&hl=en>; <https://fara-africa.academia.edu/GODULARU>; LinkedIn webpage: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/gbadebo-odularu-6bba5b2a>

Authored books and co-investigated policy research on the following business and economic development issues:

2019 - 'Understanding the Impact of Strategic Change Management on the Maritime Crude Oil Transportation Industry'. The Review of the Black Political Economy' - <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0034644619850182?journalCode=rbpa>

2019 – Led and co-edited a book entitled ' Trade Facilitation Capacity Needs – Policy Directions for National and Regional Development in West Africa', to be published by Palgrave, USA - <https://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9783030059453>

2018 – Modelling Queuing System with Inverse Gamma Distribution: A Spreadsheet Simulation Approach - <http://anale-informatica.tibiscus.ro/download/lucrari/16-2-08-Adesina.pdf>

2017 - Led and Co-edited a book titled "Negotiating Regional Trade Agreements in Africa" published by Springer International - <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319455686> .

2014 - Co-investigated the 'Use and Adoption of FARA-generated Information and Research: An assessment among its constituents.'

2014 – Enhancing the Policy and Legislative Space for Regional Agricultural Innovation in Africa. www.csae.ox.ac.uk/scholarships/JAE/newsletters/2

2013 Co-authored a book titled – "Essentials of Agricultural Marketing and Trade". <http://eprints.covenantuniversity.edu.ng/3088/#.V17LmvkrK00>

2011 - Co-Investigated the "Role of Infrastructure Development in Facilitating Regional Trade Integration". Funded by ECOWAS-EPAU: Journal of West African Integration (JWAI). (With M. Deen-Swarray –PI & B. Adekunle)

2010 - Authored a book titled: ECOWAS - EU Trade Relations in the Agricultural Sector. <https://www.lap-publishing.com/catalog/details/store/tr/book/978-3-8465-0182-5/an-analysis-of-ecowas-eu-agricultural-trade-flows?search=odularu>

2008 - Authored a book titled: "Nigeria - U.S Trade Relations in the Non-Oil Sector" – Available at: <http://www.universal-publishers.com/book.php?method=ISBN&book=1599427036>