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PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS

- Robust experience in addressing issues of poverty and developing sustainable programs in South Asia, East Asia, the Pacific and Africa. resource economics, development economics, and public economics.
- Proven track record as a Development Economist in multilateral financial institutions including the UN, Asian Development Bank, and the Government of Sri Lanka.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Strategy Advisor 2015-present

Developing and advising on strategy, programs, and projects for sustainable development in the Northern Province, Sri Lanka.

Collaborating with the Northern Provincial Council, the Jaffna District Government and civil society.

South Asia Regional Manager, Advisory Services

International Finance Corporation, The World Bank, New Delhi India 2011- 2015

Managed and developed business with companies to adopt sound environmental, social and governance practices and technologies that create a competitive edge and to transform markets. Ensured the implemented programs promoted good corporate governance.

Guided women's advancement in business

Improved productivity of small-scale farmers

Engaged the private sector in climate-change solutions.

Managed 25 staff across 5 country offices and over 30 programs.

Sustainable Development Manager for East Asia and Pacific Region

The World Bank, Malaysia, Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Thailand 2009-2011

Managed the World Bank's lending & advisory programs in transport, ICT, energy, agriculture, environment and urban sectors.

Initiated strategic dialogue with client countries, developed sector strategies and executed Projects.

Supervised 35 staff and consultants across country offices in Lao PDR, Cambodia and Thailand.

Sustainable Development Sector Leader, Portfolio Manager and Deputy to Country Director

The World Bank, Africa Region Ethiopia, Sudan and Addis Ababa 2006-2009

Led World Bank's sustainable development activity in Ethiopia and Sudan.

Initiated ministerial and departmental dialogue

Negotiated and executed lending programs.

Executed \$3Bn loan portfolio as the Ethiopia Portfolio manager

Launched Country Portfolio Performance Reviews and Project Management training for the clients and the World Bank staff.

Served as Deputy to the World Bank director

Provided administrative support to Addis Ababa Country Office with nearly 150 staff and consultants.

Southern Africa Region, Sector Leader – ESSD

The World Bank, Washington DC

2002-2006

Directed the World Bank's activity in environment, social and rural sectors in Mozambique, Angola, and South Africa.

Drafted the Mozambique Agriculture Strategy, Task Leader for Regional Agriculture initiatives and Regional Africa Stockpiles project (multi-stakeholder, multi-country initiative), Mozambique smallholder project (includes both IDA and GEF financing).

Agricultural Economist/ Country Officer for India

The World Bank, Washington DC

1997-2002

Executed financial, economic and policy analyses for new projects and programs.

Administered the task management of the public expenditure review for the rural sector in India.

Supervised the India portfolio of over 100 projects and the Country Portfolio Performance Review report.

Manager, Export Finance Corporation,

Australian Trade Commission, Sydney Australia

1989-1990

Managed and disseminated information to Australian firms on multilateral & bilateral aid funded projects in developing countries.

Advised Australian firms on governance, social and environmental issues

Liaised with Trade Commissioners in various capitals on approaches to bidding, winning contracts.

Economist

Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

1984-1989

Conducted economical and financial analyses of projects in irrigation, rural development, dairy and fisheries sectors in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and the Solomon Islands.

Executed country, sector & policy studies for Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

Oversaw the execution of existing projects and drafted ADB's investment strategy for the agriculture sector in Pakistan.

Program Officer

United Nations Development Program, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

1981-1983

Managed the identification and preparation of projects within the agriculture, health and energy sectors.

Directed UNDP's ongoing projects implemented by UN agencies.

Assistant Director, Ministry of Plan Implementation

Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka

1979-1980

Coordinated the activities of the Ministries involved with Food and Nutrition Plans.

Contributed as a team member in conducting the first Food and Nutrition survey and evaluated the food stamp scheme.

EDUCATION

M.Ec. (Agriculture Economics), University of New England, Australia,

1979

Hon. B.Sc. (Economics), London School of Economics, Univ. of London, U.K.

1977

B.A (Hons) Economic Theory and Development, University of Delhi, India,

1975