

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Relevant Professional Experience

I am an innovative, high-achieving and multi-skilled professional with advanced intellectual skills and substantial experience in all aspects of organization development, leadership and management. I have a proven ability to translate concepts into action and vice versa. I have well recognized policy expertise in sustainable development and international political economy. Hands-on experience in establishing institutional structures and systems, supervising staff, strategy development, outreach and communication, project management, monitoring and evaluation, gender mainstreaming and community consultation.

My work focuses on energy, environment and sustainable development nexus. I have broad experience in Africa in policy development through a combination of research and analysis, and organizing and leading multi-stakeholder participation. The thematic focus of my work covers conceptual as well as practical issues in sustainable development—including the analysis of energy, climate change, desertification, land degradation, water management, environment, institutions, governance, legal systems, and community development. I have served several national and international public policy institutions.

From May 2013: Special Advisor on Sustainable Development of the South Centre

The South Centre is an Intergovernmental Organization of Developing Countries, based in Geneva in Switzerland, intended to meet the need for analysis of development problems and experience, as well as to provide intellectual and policy support required by developing countries for collective and individual action, particularly in the international arena.

From November 2010 to May 2012: Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre

The Climate Policy Centre is a part of the Climate for Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa) Program, which is a joint initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). ClimDev-Africa Program received its mandate from the African Heads of State and Government, as well as from Africa's Ministers of Finance, Ministers of Planning and Ministers of Environment. ClimDev-Africa through the ACPC is addressing the need for greatly improved climate information for Africa and to also strengthen the use of such information for decision making by improving analytical capacity knowledge management and dissemination activities.

June 2004 – June 2010: Executive Secretary of the Observatory the Sahara and the Sahel

The Observatory of the Sahara and the Sahel (OSS) is an international Organization based in Tunis, Tunisia. OSS regroups 21 African member States, 4 European countries, 4 sub-regional

African organizations as representatives of West Africa (CILSS countries + Côte d'Ivoire), East Africa (IGAD), North Africa (countries of the Union of the Arab Maghreb (UMA) + Egypt), as well as a sub-regional organization operating throughout the circum-Saharan zone (Community of Sahelo-Saharan States CEN-SAD), of Non-governmental Organizations and specialised United Nations such as UNCCD, FAO and UNESCO. The organisation is primarily focusing on land degradation and shared groundwater issues in the circum - Sahara sub-region.

As the top executive authority of OSS, I have to take all the necessary measures for the management of the organisation, the execution of its programmes, the implementation of its policy and the fulfilment of its mission.

1999 - to 2004: Executive Secretary for International Relations

My main duties consist of:

- Coordinating about 50 senior level staff members in the design of a coherent strategy plan with specific concept papers and business plans in a participatory manner to fulfill the mandate of the organization;
- Mobilizing logistic, financial, and human resources to support the implementation of various programs and activities;
- Acting as the focal point for the development of strategic partnerships with regional and international, NGOs and the private sector (CILSS, UEMOA, ECOWAS, SADC, UNDP, RIOD, World Bank, FAO, etc...) to engage in joint ventures and also to mobilize financial resources in support of programs;
- Managing individual and institutional capacity development at various levels of the organization to ensure the effective implementation of business plans paying particular attention to the promotion of North-South and South-South Cooperation;
- Coordination of action oriented research programs and/or projects related to energy, environment and development issues in Africa.

1987 to June 2004: Coordinator of the ENDA-TM Energy Program

The Energy Programme is a multi-disciplinary team of professionals working on energy, development and environment nexus. In my capacity of Coordinator of the Program my duties consisted of:

- Managing various research programmes related to energy and development in Africa, particularly rational use of energy, energy technologies in rural areas, African electricity systems and reforms of utilities, energy planning and policy, climate change and desertification issues, and environment and development issues;
- Conducting training sessions designed for African policy makers in the fields of energy planning, energy policy formulation, and environmental assessment and management;
- Providing leadership to national working groups in the fields of energy and environment; conducting studies and consultancy missions for various bilateral and/or multilateral co-operation agencies including (European Commission, UNDP, World Bank, UNEP, UNITAR, etc...).

1983-1987: Research Co-coordinator at Enda-TM Energy Programme

1981-1983: Professor of hydrology, statistics and hydraulic at the Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Bamako, Mali

1978-1981: Research Assistant and Research fellow at the Centre Informatique

Geologique de l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris

1976-1977: Assistant Professor at the Ecole Nationale d'Ingenieurs de Bamako

Summary of Additional Professional Experience

- In my personal and professional capacities, I participated at many international negotiations and follow-ups of the Rio process and related Conventions including Climate Change, Desertification, and Biodiversity. I am often solicited by various governments in Africa and organizations such as the World Bank, UNDP, etc., to serve as a Steering Committee Member of their programs, to conduct program evaluation missions, to chair sessions in high level conferences, and to contribute scientific papers in the area of energy, environment and poverty. Throughout my career, I also had the privilege to serve in various advisory capacities to many African governments and organizations.

Education

- Civil and Mining Engineer, Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs of Bamako, Mali (1976)
- Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA) option Sciences de la Terre, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris VI, France (1978)
- Doctorat d'Ingénieur, Sciences de la Terre, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris and Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris VI, France (1981)

Languages

French: Excellent speaking, writing and reading.

English: Fluent, speaking, writing and reading.

Field Experience

Extensively in Sub-Saharan Africa and in some other developing countries.

Professional Affiliation

- Co-chair of the IPCC Working Group III for the Fifth Assessment Report
- Member of the Board of the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex
- Visiting Professor, University of Surrey
- Member of the Science Committee of Future Earth
- Special Advisor to the African Energy Leader Group
- Member of the Earth League

Selected Publications

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19. Sokona, Y. and Fatma, D., 2001. Climate Change Impact: Can Africa Cope with the Challenges? In Climate Policy vol.1 Issue 1 pp 117-123, Elsevier
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21. Sokona, Y. et al. 1999. Energy as a Tool for Sustainable Development for African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. EC and UNDP, 134 pages
22. Sokona, Y. et al; 1999. Sustainable Development in West Africa: Beginning of the process. SEI-Boston, 75 pages
23. Sokona, Y et al. 1998. The Clean Development Mechanism: What Prospects for Africa? In The Clean Development Mechanism: Issues & Options. UNDP, pp 109-118
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