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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

1999 – 2005 Statistical Development and Analysis Section, Office of the Director, UNSD

### ***Special Project on Poverty Statistics (2003-2005)***

Manage the project with the aim to prepare a Handbook on Poverty Statistics. Specific tasks of the project include preparing an annotated outline of the publication, identify and liaise with the authors and reviewers, formulate and steer the project activities such as the conduct to four regional workshops on poverty measurements, a panel meeting on Global poverty and an expert group meeting on the Handbook on poverty statistics, and co-ordinate the finalization of the Handbook. Also co-author of the introduction and of two chapters of the handbook. For more information on the project visit the project website at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/poverty/PortalEGMJune.htm>

### ***Development Account project for the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region (2003 - 2005)***

Manage the project with the goal of strengthening national statistical systems in the ECOWAS region to enable them to meet their statistical needs and to improve the availability and quality of data required to develop and compile the millennium indicator list for the MDGs.

Formulate the project activities with a substantive focus on poverty measurement and analysis, development and follow-up of the MDG indicators, environment and energy statistics and use of ICT.

Assist the ECOWAS Secretariat with regard to the implementation specific project activities and those related to poverty and development indicators in particular.

Provide advisory services to the countries of the ECOWAS Region on an individual and ad-hoc basis in the area of poverty measurements and poverty statistics.

### ***Development Indicators (1999 – 2002)***

Prepared training materials on the compilation and assessment of Common Country Assessments (CCA) and MDG indicators

Acted as UNSD focal point for the inter-agency Expert Group meetings on the CCA indicator framework.

Provided assistance to the Cameroon UN Country Team in the preparation and finalization of the Common Country Assessment (CCA, 2000), through advice and feedback on the selection, quality and rigour of the indicators.

Reviewed the MDG/ International Development Target (IDT) reports for selected countries (2001) to ensure

consistency of statistics/indicators and statistical analysis between the CCA and the MDG/IDT reports and to gain an understanding of the extent to which the implementation of the MDG's are/could be successfully monitored at the country

#### **1997- 1999 Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, UNSD**

Worked on the revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Vital Statistics Systems following the recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting held on the topic (ESA/STAT/AC.64.L3, Nov. 1998)

#### **1989 – 1995 Computer Systems and Services and Technical Cooperation, UNSD**

Developed the United Nations Disability Statistics Database (**ESA/STAT/AC.47/INF.7**)

Developed a program for screening and tabulating the results of the 1983 World Program of Industrial Statistics (**ST/ESA/STAT/SER.P/27**).

Designed a program to generate the annual report to the General Assembly by the Secretary General which centralises statistical data on operational activities for development as carried out by all agencies of the United Nations systems: (**A/46/206/Add.4, Comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for the Development for the year 1991: Note to the Secretary General**).

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of California at Berkeley**

(on a two-year study leave from UNSD-DESA , August 1995 – July 1997)

**Ph. D.** Applied Statistics; August 1999

Dissertation/Thesis: *An Index of Household Material Wealth Based on Principal Components of Discrete Indicators - An Inquiry into Family Support and Human Capital within the Household Dynamics in Cote d'Ivoire.*

*Academic Awards:* The UC Berkeley Department Block Grant Funds Awards (1997), The UC Berkeley Rocca Awards (1998)

#### **Université de Paris Dauphine, Paris - France.**

**DEA;** Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies - Informatique de Gestion, 1988

**Maitrise MASS;** Mathématiques Appliquées aux Sciences Sociales, 1987

**Licence MASS;** Mathématiques Appliquées aux Sciences Sociales, 1986

### **COMPUTER LITERACY AND STATISTICAL TOOLS:**

Experienced in UNIX, C++, Visual Basic, Cobol, PL1, LISP, Perl, SAS, STATA, S-PLUS, SPSS and in the most common database applications such as Access, Excel, DB2, Oracle, and Paradox

**LANGUAGES:** Fluent in French and English

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Columbia University: Statistics Department. (Fall 1999)**

Taught a graduate course in Probability (W4105)

## **PARTICIPATION TO CONFERENCES**

*International Conference on Official Poverty Statistics Methodology and Comparability*; Manila 4-6 October 2004

*Conference on Global Poverty-Initiative for Policy Debate*; New York March 31-April 1, 2003

*Joint Statistical meeting of the American Statistical Association*; New York 11-15 August 2002

*Helsinki Conference on "Insurance Against Poverty"*, Helsinki, 15-16 June 2001

*International Conference on "Statistics, Development and Human Rights"*, Montreux Switzerland ; 4-8 September 2000

*43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Scholars Association*; Nashville, Tennessee, November 16-19, 2000

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLISH WORK**

*"Measuring Vulnerability to Poverty"*; Insurance Against Poverty, Edited by Stefan Dercon, OXFORD University Press; 2005; p155- 175.

*"Bridging the Poverty Measures based on National Accounts and Household Income and Expenditure Survey"*, proceedings of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Statistical Institute Conference; Sydney April 2005.

*"Rationale for International Poverty Assessment based on Official Poverty Statistics – December 2004"*; Proceedings of the IAOS conference on Poverty, Social Exclusion and Development; December 2004

*"Challenges of Official Poverty Statistics in the Present Context of Follow up of the UN Millennium Development Goals"*, proceedings of the International Conference on Official Poverty Statistics Methodology and Comparability; Manila October 2004

*"Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF) for the International System of Official Statistics"*; presented at the Conference on data Quality for International Organizations; Germany May 2004

*"A note on the (mis)use of national accounts for estimation of household final Consumption expenditures for poverty measures"* Proceedings of the IPD conference on Global poverty; New York 2003

*"Combining Development Indicators: Scaling, Weighting and Application of an Iterative Principal Components Analysis"*; Proceedings of the JSM- American Statistical Association; New York, 2002

*Comparison of different scaling methods in Principal Components Analysis*; 2002, (Unpublished)