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Current

Director, North Africa Office, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, July 2021 – now

Other Professional Experience

Scope Ratings, Frankfurt, Germany, Feb – May 2021, Director, Sovereign and Public Sector Risk Group

Prague Univ. of Economics & Business, Sep 2019 – Jan 2021, Associate Prof. of Public Finance

Technical University of Ostrava, May 2018 – August 2019, Senior Researcher, Associate Professor

Moody's Investor Service, London, August 2015 – April 2018, Vice President and Senior Analyst, Sovereign Risk Group, Africa and Emerging Europe

African Development Bank, Abidjan, Tunis, Mbabane, September 2009 – July 2015

Advisor to the Chief Economist and Vice President, Feb 2013 – July 2015

Economic Advisor, Swaziland (on leave at UNDP), May 2011 – January 2013

Principal Research Economist, Research Department, September 2009 – April 2011

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, April 2008 - May 2009:

Senior Economist and the Head of the Czech Republic and Estonia Unit, Economics Department

Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, September 2007 – March 2008: Fulbright Scholar

International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, Minsk, Vilnius, October 1996 – August 2007:

Senior Economist, Policy Development and Review Department, Jan 2005 – Aug 2007

Resident Representative in Belarus and Lithuania, Nov 2002 – Dec 2004

Economist, African, European and Middle East Departments, 1997 – 2002

Other Research Affiliations

GLO (Global Labor Organization), June 2017 - now: Research Fellow

University of Cape Town, Southern Africa Labor and Development Research Unit, March 2015 – now.

IZA (Institute of Labor Economics), October 2011 - now: Research Fellow

Selected Journal Articles and Book Chapters

'Assessing gender gaps in employment and earnings in Africa: The case of Eswatini', (2021) Development Southern Africa, 38 (4), 643-663 (with S. Imai, T. Kangoye, N. D. Yameogo)

'Access to Finance and Employment Growth in SMEs in Sub-Saharan Africa', (2020) Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, 55, 177 - 189 (with T. Kangoye and T. U. Yogo)

'Enterprising Women in Southern Africa: When Does Land Ownership Matter?' (2020) Journal of Family and Economic Issues, 41(1), 37-51 (with T. Kangoye and F. Tregenna)

'Training, Human Capital, and Gender Gaps in Entrepreneurial Performance', (2020) Economic

Modelling, 85(C), 367-380 (with T. Kangoye and M. Said)

‘Monetary Unions of Small Currencies and Dominant Member: What Policies Work Best for Benefiting from the CMA?’, 2019, Journal of Development Perspectives (with A. Wörgötter)

‘Networks, Start-up Capital and Women’s Entrepreneurial Performance in Africa: Evidence from Eswatini’, 2019, published in: Programs, Policies, & Practices: Fostering High-Growth Women’s Entrepreneurship, A. Bullough, D. Hechavarría, C. Brush and L. Edelman (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing (with T. Kangoye)

‘Entrepreneurship, Skills and Institutions in Low-Income Countries’, (2017) Economic Modelling, Vol. 67 (C), 381 - 391 (with B. Égert)

‘Can Extreme Poverty in Africa be Eliminated by 2030?’, (2017) Journal of African Development, Vol.19(2), 93 – 110 (with Z. Bicaba and M. Ncube)

‘Infrastructure Deficit and Opportunities in Africa’, (2017) in Infrastructure in Africa: Lessons for Future Development, edited by M. Ncube and C. Lufumpa, Bristol University Policy Press (with A. Mafusire, J. Anyanwu and Q. Meng)

‘Gender and Constraints to Entrepreneurship in Africa: New Evidence from Swaziland’, (2016) Journal of Business Venturing Insights, Vol. 5, 1 - 8 (with T. Kangoye)

‘Skills and Youth Entrepreneurship in Africa: Analysis with Evidence from Swaziland’, (2015) World Development, Vol. 67(C), 11 – 26 (with M. Ncube and Z. Bicaba)

‘Public Debt Sustainability in Africa: Building Resilience and Challenges Ahead’, (2015) Development Policy Review, Vol. 33 (5), 555 – 580 (with M. Ncube)

‘The Real Exchange Rate and Growth in Emerging Markets: The Case of Zimbabwe’, Review of Development Economics, 2015, 19 (3), 564 - 576 (with M. Ncube and Z. Bicaba)

‘Youth Employment in Africa: New Evidence and Policies from Swaziland’, (2014) in Disadvantaged Workers: Empirical Evidence and Labor Policies, edited by M. A. Malo and D. Sciulli, AIEL Series in Labor Economics, Springer (with T. Kangoye)

‘Modeling Productive Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries’, (2013) Small Business Economics, Vol. 41(1), 183 – 194

‘The Global Financial Crisis and Africa: The Effects and Policy Responses’, (2013) in Handbook of the Political Economy of Financial Crises, edited by J. Epstein and M. Wolfson, Oxford University Press, (with L. Ndikumana)

‘Unlocking Productive Entrepreneurship in Africa’s Least Developed Countries’, (2010) African Development Review, Vol. 22 (3), 440 – 451

‘Africa: Africa’s Counter-cyclical Response to the Crisis’, (2010) Journal of Globalization and Development, Vol. 1, Art. 16 (with L. Kasekende and L. Ndikumana)

Other Selected Publications and Reports

‘Low for Longer Commodity Prices to Keep Pressure on African Commodity Exporters’, Into Africa, Capital Markets in Africa, June 2016

‘Ensuring Public Debt Sustainability in Africa: Prospects and Policies’, The European Center for Development Policy Management Great Insights Magazine, 22/09/2014 (with M. Ncube)

‘Closing Africa’s Infrastructure Gap: Innovative Financing and Risks’, (2011) in Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2011 (with E. Mutambatsere, C. Ambert, D. Etienne)

‘Competitiveness, Trade and FDI in Africa’, (2011) in Africa Competitiveness Report 2011, World Econ. Forum, World Bank & African Development Bank (with J. Blanke; U. Dadush; T. Gurcanlar and G. Iarossi)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota (1996)

M.A. (Ing.) in Finance, University of Economics, Prague (1988)