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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

M.Sc Financial Economics University of London, 1998
B.Sc.(Hons) Economics with Technology City University, London, 1970

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Fellow, Institute of Company Accountants, UK
Member, Development Studies Association
Member, International Consulting Economists Association

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 24 March 1948
Nationality: British
Languages: English (mother tongue); French (limited)

KEY POINTS

Specialist in economic development theory, policy and practice, covering macroeconomic policy formulation, analysis and management, including stabilisation and structural adjustment, strategic/sector planning, performance budgeting and public sector reform, and project planning and appraisal.

Also experienced in poverty analysis/assessments and in the development of poverty reduction strategies. Poverty Analysis/Assessment has been undertaken in Kiribati, Samoa, Republic of Marshall Islands & Vanuatu, and country-specific strategies for equitable growth and hardship alleviation have been formulated for each.

Experienced Team Leader/Project Manager and Development Economist, with over 25 years of developing country experience in more than 15 countries in the Pacific, Africa and Asia. Good communication and inter-personal skills at senior levels, in both multi-cultural and multi-skill environments.

Extensive experience in counterpart training and preparation of training materials, especially for macroeconomic analysis, strategic/sector planning and project planning and appraisal. Specific training/operational manuals have been developed for these activities for use in Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Ethiopia and Somalia.

Extensive experience in carrying-out country macroeconomic reviews and evaluations; including the preparation of ADB Country Economic Reports and Strategy Papers for Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga and Cook Islands. Also responsible for preparation of internal macroeconomic reviews and performance monitoring reports for Somalia, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Samoa and for establishing macroeconomic performance monitoring systems for the Treasury Department, Samoa and the Ministries of Finance in Nepal and Kiribati.

Familiar with systems and procedures of most major donor countries and international finance organisations.