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CAREER OBJECTIVE:

To apply my multi-tool kit of skills to Africa's economic transformation and performance, through capacity strengthening, policy research and development that enhances private sector led growth, job creation, poverty reduction and equality, leaving no one behind.

EDUCATION:

No.	Program	Institution	Duration
1.	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Economics and Econometrics	University of Pretoria, South Africa.	04/2012 – 03/2014
2.	PhD Economics	University of Pretoria, South Africa	01/2009 – 04/2012
3.	MSc, Economic Management and Policy	University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.	09/2002 – 11/2004
4.	B.A. Economics and Management	University of Ghana, Legon	09/1998 – 06/2001

SPECIALISED TRAINING: 2006 - 2008

- Capital Market Development and Regulation, International Law Institute, Washington, D.C. U.S.A
- Overview of Financial Sector Issues and Analysis, World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C. U.S.A
- Measuring Financial Inclusion in Africa, Finmark Trust, South Africa

PRIVATE SECTOR WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **Deputy Director Research, The Brenthurst Foundation, Johannesburg (February 2021 till date).** Lead on research into economic transformation, cities and communities, empowerment and jobs, peace, and security on the African continent.
- **Research Director, Peace and Sustainable Development, Developmental, Capable and Ethical State Unit, HSRC, Pretoria (April 2020 – January 2021)**
Conceptualise research projects, raise funding, manage teams and implement projects in sustainable security/development in Africa. The focus is on water, food, climate, economic, health and skills security, and migration.
- **Chief Research Specialist, Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery Unit. HSRC, Pretoria (Jan 2019 – March 2020)**
Involved in several research projects in governance, migration and development, youth development, Skills, 4IR and the future of work, women economic empowerment in IORA member states, poverty, inequality and unemployment.
- **Chief Research Specialist, Africa Institute of South Africa. Pretoria (April 2016 – Jan 2019).**
Served as Head of the Sustainable Development research unit, leading cross programme, multi-year, multi-disciplinary projects on the SDGs, Agenda 2063, AfCFTA and the African integration agenda, in collaboration with scholars in South Africa and across the continent.
- **Acting Executive Director, Africa Institute of South Africa.**
I acted as Executive Director of the Africa Institute of South Africa in the absence of the Executive Director on several occasions
- **Senior Research Specialist, Economic Performance and Development Unit. HSRC Pretoria (April 2014 – March 2016).**

Led/participated in several projects, managed masters interns, designed an interns management policy for the organisation, published peer reviewed journal articles, some with colleagues and interns, mentored PhD and Masters interns.

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA:

Lecturer Intermediate Macroeconomics and Econometrics. (January 2010 – March 2014).

Subject Coordinator and Lecturer for Intermediate macroeconomics, consultations, online support and practicals for students, examination setting and grading. Developed executive/specialised training materials for South Africa's public sector in applied macroeconomics and instructed those training programmes. I serve as training instructor in time series and panel data econometrics for practitioners from various countries and different sectors of the economy through Enterprises@University of Pretoria, and external examiner and thesis supervisor for PhD and Masters students in UNISA. I am also a reviewer for several scientific peer reviewed journals in Economics and Econometrics

PUBLIC SECTOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Technical Officer, Capital Markets and Financial Inclusion (2005-2009), Economic Management Capacity Building Project-Financial Sector Reform (EMCB FSR Cr-4124-GH) Ghana, funded by the World Bank, DfID at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana. (\$35 million dollars, 5 years)

This project involved policy, institutional and market reform of Ghana's financial sector to make it more facilitative of private sector led economic growth. I participated in project design, appraisal processes by funding organisations, funding negotiation and implementation. I played a key role in the design and finalisation of outcome indicators and the monitoring and evaluation framework for this project which was successfully completed within the required timeframe of five years. I was further responsible for writing reports on the project as input into Country Reports to the World Bank, National Budgets and the IMF.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE: ALLEGIANCE CONSULTING LTD:

Business and Economic Analyst (January 1991 – September 2002).

My daily role involved preparation of business plans and project proposals for SMEs soliciting for funding from financial institutions and capacity building in market research, bookkeeping, and branding.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- Sekyere, E., Hussein, A. & Alta, J. (2021) Macroeconomic determinants of currency volatility. An analysis of selected emerging market economies. *International journal of macroeconomics and finance* 14(5): 411 – 426. <https://doi:10.1504/IJMEF.2021.118285>.
- Sekyere, E., Lunga, W., & Kuraihe, S. (2021) The impact of disasters on economic growth in selected SADC countries. *Journal of Disaster Risk Studies* 13(1): 1081 <https://doi:10.4102/jamba.v13i1.1081>
- Chikodzo, C, Sekyere, E, Akangannang, J.A (2021) Youth Empowerment as a Pathway towards attaining the Demographic Dividend in SubSaharan Africa: Evidence from Ghana. *Commonwealth Youth and Development* 18(1): 9208 – 9224. <https://doi.org/10.25159/1727-7140/9208>
- Sekyere, E, Wentzel, M, Viljoen, J, Pophiwa, N & Kanyane, B. (2019) Voices of skilled migrants in South Africa. The case of Gauteng province. *Africa Journal of Public Affairs* 11(3):22 - 40
- Sekyere, E. & Jonas, S. (2017). Does democracy enhance economic growth. A study of Anglophone West African States. *African Journal of Public Affairs*. 9(6): 50-58
- Sekyere, E. (2017). The Impact of Monetary Policy on Household Consumption in South Africa. Evidence from Vector Autoregressive Techniques. *South African Journal of Economics and Management Sciences*. 20(1), a1660. [https://doi.org/10.4102/sajems.v20i1.1660Vol20\(1\)](https://doi.org/10.4102/sajems.v20i1.1660Vol20(1))
- Sekyere, E, van Eyden, R & Kemegue, F. (2017). The impact of Remittances on Development Outcomes. The case of SADC. *International Journal of Economics and Management Research*. Vol 1, No 2.
- Sekyere, E., VanEyden, R. & Kemegue, F. (2014). Remittances and the Dutch Disease in Sub-Saharan

Africa. *Contemporary Economics* 8(3):289-298

- Apergis, N., El-Montasser, G., Sekyere, E., Ajmi, A.N., Gupta, R. (2014). Dutch disease effect of oil rents on agriculture value added in MENA countries. *Energy Economics* 45:485-490
- Kemegue, F., Sekyere, E., & VanEyden, R. (2014). Harnessing Remittances for development finance in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Development Areas* 48(3):321-37.
- Gupta, R., Sekyere, E., & Mwabutwa, C. (2012). Structural Breaks and GARCH Models of Stock Return Volatility. The Case of South Africa. *Economic Modelling* 29(2012):2435-43

PUBLISHED PEER REVIEWED POLICY BRIEFS:

- Sekyere, E & Willis, Alexandra. (2022) Undocumented migrants, the myths, realities, what we know and don't know. The Brenthurst Foundation. Johannesburg. South Africa.
- Sekyere, E, & Nwokollo, M.N. (2021) Understanding and building resilience of Health Systems in Africa. COVID-19 and Beyond..
- Socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 in South Africa. April 2020. Occasional Paper. Wilson Center. Washington D.C.
- Steyn-Kotze, J., Bohler Muller, N., Gordon S. & Sekyere, E. (2019) Women Economic Empowerment in IORA member countries. HSRC Policy brief.
- Sekyere, E. (2019) Africa's demographic dividend, Fact or Farce? Article in *Africa Growth Agenda* Vol 16(1): 10-12 ISSN1811-5187
- Sekyere, E. Behr, C and Ramirez, J (2017). Designing measurements for sustainability in infrastructure development. *Economic Policy Forum*. GIZ Working Paper. April 2017.
- Sekyere, E. Tshitiza, O. & Hart, T. (2016) Leveraging m-governance innovations for active citizenship engagement in South Africa. .
- Sekyere, E., Motala, S., Ngandu, S, Sausi, K & Verryn, A (2015). Strengthening the capacity of civil society to enhance social accountability.
- Chitiga, M., Sekyere, E., Ngepah, N. & Josie, J. (2014). Shifting fiscal responsibilities downstream: fiscal decentralisation and economic growth in South Africa.
- Chitiga, M., Sekyere, E, Tsoanamatsie, N. (2014). Income inequality and limitations of the Gini Index: The case of South Africa.
- Ndokweni, M., Sekyere, E., Nhemachena, C., Mupela, E. (2014). Navigating the government's development path.

PUBLISHED PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS:

- Sekyere, E. & Fynn A. (2021) From Survival to Opportunity through COVID-19 and Beyond. South Africa Future Trust SMME Benchmark Report. Oppenheimer Generations Philantropies.
- Sekyere, E., Gordon, S., Pienaar, G. & Bohler-Muller, N. (2020) Is South Africa winning the war on poverty and inequality?: what do the available statistics tell us?. In: Durojaye, E. & Mirugi-Mukundi, G. (eds).<i>Exploring the link between poverty and human rights in Africa</i>. Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press. 33-54.
- Owusu-Sekyere, E. (2020) The political economy of industrialization in Africa. In: Oloruntoba, S.O. & Falola, T. (eds).<i>The Palgrave handbook of African political economy</i>. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan. 739-756.
- April, Y.F. & Owusu-Sekyere, E. (2019) Developmental state perspectives and the National Development Plan lessons from South Korea. In: April, Y.F. & Owusu-Sekyere, E. (eds).<i>Economic development, the role of a developmental state: South Africa and South Korea</i>. Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa. 1-13.
- April, Y.F. & Owusu-Sekyere, E. (2019) The way forward: fast Tracking the implementation of the NDP in South Africa: lessons from South Korea. In: April, YF & Owusu-Sekyere, E (eds).<i>Economic development, the role of a developmental state: South Africa and South Korea</i>. Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa. 76-80.
- Sekyere, E. (2018) Achieving sustainability in the context of the Blue Economy. In *A Handbook on the Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean Region*. In collaboration with IORA and the University of Mauritius.
- Owusu-Sekyere, E. (2018) Attracting investment for infrastructure development in Africa: the way forward. In: Simelane, T. & Mananga, L. (eds).<i>Belt and road initiative: alternative development path for Africa</i>. Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa. 20-31.

CAPACITY BUILDING CONSULTANCIES IN MACROECONOMIC AND ECONOMETRIC ANALYSIS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

Country	Client	Objectives	Activities
Ghana 2014	GIZ/GOPA, Bank of Ghana, Ministry of Finance, Statistical Service, Accra. 7 Training Packages	Good Governance capacity building programme in Ghana	Training modules were conducted in: Revenue and expenditure modelling and forecasting; Time series econometric analysis; Macroeconomic diagnostics and forecasting; The Economics of Monetary Unions; Panel data econometric analysis; Fiscal Analysis and forecasting
Lesotho 2017	Central Bank of Lesotho, Maseru	Capacity building in macroeconomic policy analysis, and analysis of empirical data	Build capacity in econometric analysis of time series and panel data.
Mozambique 2017, 2019	Ministry of Economy and Finance, Maputo 2 Training packages	Capacity building in macroeconomic policy analysis, and analysis of empirical data	Capacity building in macroeconomic policy analysis; time series and panel data econometrics analysis, revenue and expenditure modelling and forecasting
South Africa Enterprises UP Each year since 2012	Private and Public sector employees from various African countries. May/June; Nov/Dec each year	Build capacity in Econometric Analysis: Econometrics for the Practitioner; Econometric Analysis of Cointegration; Econometric Analysis of Panel data.	Build capacity in econometric analysis of time series and panel data. Practitioners come from academia, central banks, research companies and public sector workers across the African continent
Uganda 2015, 2016	Central Bank of Uganda, Kampala 2 Training packages	Capacity Building in empirical analysis of macroeconomic data	Capacity building in macroeconomic policy analysis; time series and panel data econometrics analysis
Zimbabwe 2019, 2021	Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute (MEFMI)	Supervision of Fellow, Macroeconomic Management Programme	Supervision of thesis by fellows and preparation of Technical Paper for graduation
Zambia April 2022	Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia, MEMFI, IMF.	Capacity building in identifying and managing fiscal risks, developing a fiscal risk management framework for Zambia, fiscal risk statement, for submission to the IMF	Capacity building in macrofundamentals to fiscal policy, overview of fiscal risk analysis and management, identifying and quantifying fiscal risks, sensitivity analysis, preparing a fiscal risk statement and a fiscal risk management framework.

SELECTED RECENT RESEARCH PROJECT MANAGEMENT.

No.	Client	Project	Duration	Total Budget	Research Output
1.	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. SADC Regional Office	Agricultural value chains and economic transformation in southern Africa: opportunities from the African continental free trade area.	3 months 2022	US\$20,000 Private Consultancy/Partner, Team Lead Seth Akweshie.	A framework for leveraging the opportunities in the AfCFTA for SADC countries to transform their economies through agricultural development.
2.	Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and IOM Southern Africa Regional Office, Pretoria.	Guidelines on migration data definitions and mechanisms for exchange of migration data and statistical methods in southern Africa	3 months 2022	US\$20,000 Private Consultancy/ Project Lead	Guidelines for the definition of migration variables, access and exchange mechanisms, Terms of Reference for National and Regional Technical Groups
3.	South Africa Government: National Policy Conference on Migration and Urbanisation in South Africa	No one is safe until everyone is safe. Experiences of Migrants with COVID-19 in South Africa	6 months 2021 Completed.	ZAR1,200,000 Project Lead	Project Report, Journal Articles and policy recommendations to government
4.	IOM Southern Africa Regional Office, Pretoria.	Designing a Roadmap for Harmonising Migration Data Management in SADC. Adaptation of ECOWAS Guidelines	12 months 2020/2021 Completed	US\$15,000. Private Consultancy/ Project Lead	A Framework for the harmonisation of migration data management in SADC.
5.	Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa	Skills Migration Study for South Africa.	6 months 2018 Completed	R1,700,000 Project Lead	Client Report, journal articles published, Key policy recommendations.
6.	Department of Home Affairs, South Africa	MMAZAA: State of Immigration in South Africa: A multi-programme HSRC project.	3 years 2015 – 2017 Completed	R49,998,830 Financial year 2014/15: R2,502,486 Team Member	Client report completed. Publications not allowed by Client from project.
7.	National Development Agency, South Africa	MNAIAA: Effective and Accountable Citizenry Engagement Study	10 months Completed 2016	R1,052,632 Project Lead.	Client report, 2 policy briefs and Book Chapter published.

RECENT CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Presented on Sustaining the environment in the context of the blue economy. Research and Conservation Webinar, 25 February 2022. Organised by Research and Conservation. Oppenheimer Generations.
- Presented on the voices of skilled migrants in South Africa at the National Forum on Migration and Urbanisation. 26 – 30 July 2021. Organised by Statistics South Africa.
- Presented on The Africa Youth Dividend. Fact or Farce? Implications for Peace and Security in Africa. Southern Voices Network for Peacebuilding/Wilson Centre, Washington. U.S.A. 2019 Annual Conference: Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. 15-18 July 2019.
- African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC) Steering Committee meeting, 27-28 February 2019, Libreville, Gabon.
- Chaired and Implemented the African Unity for Renaissance Conference (AURC) 2018, held from 23 – 25 May 2018, Pretoria South Africa, in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa and six other institutional partners.
- Served on an Adhoc Expert Committee for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Walvis Bay Namibia on “Promoting growth and economic development in Southern Africa: The challenges and implications of declining commodity prices”. November 16 – 17, 2017.
- Presented to the Immigration Sub-Committee of the Parliament of South Africa on “The Pre-requisites for integration on the African Continent. A P2P Perspective. A presentation on the movement of people dimension of the African integration agenda. 14 November 2017. E249, Second floor, New Wing, Parliament, Cape town
- Presented at a conference themed “The SADC Regional Integration through Industrialization, the Role of China”. 20 – 21 April, 2017 Sandton, South Africa. My presentation was titled “Southern Africa - China Economic Relations: Trends and Outcomes in Trade and Industry”.
- Served on the Adhoc Expert Committee for UNECA in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, on “Trade Facilitation in Southern Africa: Bridging the Infrastructure Gap”. October 2017
- Presented at a T20 Expert Round Table on Sustainable Infrastructure in Emerging Economies, in Berlin, Germany, on 31st May 2017. My presentation was on “The Role of Efficient Indicators in Measuring Sustainable Infrastructure Development”. A working paper has been published.
- Chaired a conference and presented in Geneva Switzerland on Joint Initiative VI “Designing measurements for sustainability in infrastructure development” organised by the Economic Policy Forum (EPF), GIZ Germany. 6-7 June 2016. I was the Principal investigator for Joint Project VI. The research output is an EPF Working Paper that has been published. This project was in collaboration with researchers from USA, Mexico, Switzerland and South Africa (AISA)

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