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KEY EXPERIENCE

- Present research position investigating international environmental policy; aid architecture; climate finance; national budgetary processes; forest sector policies; institutional development and forest governance.
- Over twenty five years experience working in international development, as a technical adviser to governments on forest management, and research manager of natural resource management programmes.
- Project planning, management and evaluation, working as both team leader and as a member of multi-disciplinary teams (both short-term and long-term).
- Broad geographical experience, including: South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, Guyana, Brazil, Belize, Papua New Guinea.

QUALIFICATIONS

1985 **MSc. in Forestry and its relation to Land Use**
University of Oxford, UK

1983 **BSc. (Hons) Forestry**
1st Class Honours
University of Aberdeen, UK

CAREER

May 2002 to
date

**Research Fellow,
Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, ODI, London, UK**

- Co-researcher of a study on sector approaches in the environment and natural resources sector. Study contributed to the preparation of a European Commission Reference Document (for DG AIDCO, European Commission).
- Lead researcher of an environmental public expenditure study in Kenya that examined sector strategies, institutional structures and current financing level of the environment sector (for DANIDA).
- Project leader of a four-country study that examined the public policy and public spending implications of environmental issues, in contexts where a significant proportion of development assistance is delivered through budget support. Co-author of the Ghana country case study (for DFID, CIDA & UNEP).

- Project leader of a five-country study on experience with multi-year budgetary frameworks, with a view to identifying the opportunities for and limits to financing environmental management through general budget support (for OECD).
- Project leader of ODI's research team that examined the impact of different aid instruments, and in particular general budget support, on donor assistance for national environmental programmes (for DFID – Policy Division).
- Member of ODI's research team on the VERIFOR project that examined institutional options for verifying legality in the forest sector. Lead author of the Ghana country case study (for the Tropical Forest Budget Line, European Commission).
- Member of a multi-institutional research team that examined the profile of forestry in national policies for poverty reduction. International coordinator for the Ghana case study (for PROFOR/World Bank).
- Managed the development of a website that is tracking a number of international funding initiatives in support of climate change (for the Heinrich Boll Foundation). Website: <http://www.climatefundsupdate.org>
- Project leader of ODI's research team that analysed recent developments and trends in global climate finance, describing the existing architecture with regard to new international funding (for WWF International).
- Coordinated the preparation of four reports on EC implementation measures concerning the Convention on Biological Diversity, forest biodiversity and Protected Areas (for DG Environment, European Commission).
- Author of a briefing paper on the characteristics of a new climate funding initiative: the Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (for the European Parliament Policy Department on Budgetary Affairs).
- Prepared two policy briefing papers and two conference papers on forestry coverage in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), based on a global review of PRSPs in forest-rich countries (for DFID – Forestry Research Programme).
- Coordinated the preparation of three reports on forestry development in Papua New Guinea, exploring the theme of how forestry can provide a sustainable and economic source of income and livelihood for all participants in the forest sector – landowners, loggers, traders and government (for the EC Delegation to PNG).
- Lead Author on natural forest management for the Policy Responses volume of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.
- Managed the development of a website and electronic resource base containing grey literature that describes the development of people-orientated, rural development forestry (for the Ford Foundation). Website: <http://www.odifpeg.org.uk/publications/greyliterature/index.html>
- Advised on the development of South Africa's national forest programme. Coordinated inputs to a national review of the contribution that forests make to poverty reduction. Supported the institutional transformation programme within the national forest service (for HTSPE Ltd and DFID).
- Member of a four-person review team of the DFID-assisted Forest Sector Development Project. Made recommendations on forest management and institutional issues concerning the Ghana Forestry Commission (for DFID – Ghana).

- Provided forestry advice to the UK development programmes in Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria. Advised on institutional change of the national forest services and supported policy analyses associated with pro-poor forest sector reform (for DFID).
- Deputy Programme Manager of the DFID Forestry Research Programme, with responsibility for the technical management of projects, administration of research proposals, and collaboration with research networks. Provided input into policy-level interaction. (for DFID – Forestry Research Programme).

Aug 2001 to
April 2002

Technical Cooperation Officer

Department for International Development (DFID), London, UK.

- Forest resources management adviser in Guyana. Contributed to national policy development relating to forest management systems. Supported Forest Authority staff in the compilation of national standards for forest management and contributed to the development of a national forest certification scheme. Introduced participatory planning methods in the development of a national mangrove management plan.

Jun 1989 to Jul
2001

Tropical High Forest Manager

Natural Resources Institute (NRI), Chatham Maritime, UK.

Natural forest management specialist in Brazil, Belize, Zimbabwe and Ghana. Contributed to the development of sustainable forest management systems, national forest policy and legislative reform.

In Brazil (1999): Participated as the forest management specialist on a four-person appraisal mission of two UK-funded DFID forestry and rural development projects.

In Belize (1992-1998): Advised the Belize Forest Department on the development of sustainable forest management systems, working in close collaboration with both the forest industry and environmental NGOs. Developed, and implemented, a new sustainable timber harvesting system for the broadleaf forests of Belize. As team leader (from 1995), responsible for coordinating the work of a four-person team of long-term advisers (a forest management specialist, social forester, forest economist and biodiversity specialist), together with a number of short-term consultants.

In Zimbabwe (1992): Advised on the development of a national forest inventory system within the Zimbabwe Forestry Commission, with emphasis on the country's natural woodlands.

In Ghana (1989-1991): Advised on all aspects of forest inventory and provided back-up support to the forest management unit within the Planning Branch, Ghana Forestry Department.

Nov 1983 to May
1989

Technical Cooperation Officer

Overseas Development Administration (ODA), London, UK

Forest inventory officer in Somalia and Lesotho.

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Life member of the Commonwealth Forestry Association
Affiliate member of the UK institute of Chartered Foresters
Member of the Royal Scottish Forestry Society

SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

- Buhl-Nielsen, E. and Bird, N.M. (in prep.) Sector Approaches in Environment and Natural Resources. EuropeAid, European Commission.
- Bird, N.M. (2010) 'A transparency agreement for international climate finance – addressing the trust deficit', ODI Opinion 112. London: ODI. Available at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/download/4798.pdf>
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- Lawson, A. and Bird, N.M. (2008). Government institutions, public expenditure and the role of development partners: meeting the new environmental challenges of the developing world. Final report to DFOD/CIDA/UNEP. 79 pp. Available at: http://www.odi.org.uk/fecc/resources/reports/s0166_final_report.pdf
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- Brown, D. and Bird, N.M. (2007). Convergence between certification and verification in the drive to legality assurance: assessing the pros and cons. VERIFOR Briefing Paper no. 6. London: ODI. Available at: <http://www.verifor.org/publications/Briefings/VeriforBP6.pdf>
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