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KEY EXPERIENCE

- Payments for environmental services;
- REDD ('Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation');
- Voluntary carbon markets/CDM policy and poverty reduction;
- Biofuels and the CDM;
- Communicating sustainable development.
- Main geographical experience includes Kenya, Tanzania, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Uganda, Chile.

QUALIFICATIONS

2002

BA (Hons) in Natural Sciences (1st Class)

Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, UK

Specialising in geological sciences and climatology

2003

MSc (Distinction)

Environmental Technology: Global Environmental Change and Policy

Imperial College, UK.

CAREER

2008 -

Research Fellow, Climate Change

Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, ODI, London, UK

Recent work includes:

- Project leader, 'REDD-net' programme – global research and knowledge sharing network on the social dimensions of REDD. £1 million, 3.5 year programme funded by NORAD. (2009 ongoing) www.redd-net.org
- Researcher on DFID study 'Growth in a carbon constrained world'
- Lead analyst on "REDD Options Analysis" report Funded by the Norwegian Government www.redd-oar.org (2009)
- Author of report "International Forest Policy: Integrated climate and forestry policy options", for the European Parliament (2008)
- Project leader for Ford Foundation project 'Carbon Offsets: Opportunities for Small Rural producers', with case studies in India and Uganda (2008 ongoing)
- Researcher on CIFOR-Packard project looking at implications of different international REDD options (2008)
- Project leader, climate change work package for 'European Development Cooperation to 2020' www.edc2020.org (2008 ongoing)

- 2005 – 2008** **Research Officer, Climate Change**
Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, ODI, London, UK
Selected work includes:
- Lead author of report on ‘Making REDD work for the poor’ produced for the Poverty and Environment Partnership (PEP) (2008):
 - Author on ‘The New Global Environmental Funds’, report produced for WWF-US and Heinrich Boll Foundation (2008)
 - Support to the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry on developing a REDD mechanism. (2007)
 - Assessment of the linkages between climate change, agriculture and poverty reduction (2007)
 - Review of current understanding of linkages between biofuels, agriculture and poverty reduction. (2007)
- 2004 – 2006** **Sustainability Consultant**
Futerra Sustainability Communications, London, UK
Consultant conducting policy research on aspects of UK and international climate change and sustainable development policy
- 2004** **Researcher/Assistant Producer**
Screenhouse Productions, Leeds; TV6 Television, London; IBT London.
Researcher and assistant producer for a number of BBC2 programmes on sustainable development issues
- 2003-2004** **Research Assistant**
International Rice Research Institute, Lao PDR
Managed the research stage of a project on the application of Integrated Pest Management to rice farming in Lao PDR.

LANGUAGES

English	Mother tongue
Swahili	Basic

Selection of Reports, Publications, Papers and Presentations

- Brown, D, and Peskett, L. (2008) ‘International Forest Policy: Integrated Climate and Forestry options’, report prepared for the European Parliament. Available at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/studies.do?language=EN>
- Brown, D, Seymour, F and Peskett, L (2008) ‘How do we achieve REDD co-benefits and avoid doing harm?’, in: Angelsen, A (2008) ‘Moving Ahead with REDD’, CIFOR, Bogor Indonesia
- Meridian Institute (2009) “Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD): An Options Assessment Report.” Prepared for the Government of Norway, by Arild Angelsen, Sandra Brown, Cyril Loisel, Leo Peskett, Charlotte Streck, and Daniel Zarin. Available at: <http://www.REDD-OAR.org>
- Peskett, L and Brockhaus, M (2009) ‘When REDD+ goes national: a review of realities, opportunities and challenges’, in: Angelsen, A (ed) *Realising REDD+, national strategy and policy options*, CIFOR: Bogor Indonesia
- Peskett, L, Grist, N, Hedger, M, Lennartz-Walker, T and Scholtz, I (2009) ‘European Development Cooperation to 2020: Emerging Issues’, EDC2020 Working Paper

- Peskett, L, Huberman, D, Bowen-Jones, E, Edwards, G and Brown, J (2008) 'Making REDD Work for the Poor', Draft prepared for the Poverty Environment Partnership. PEP: Geneva http://www.iucn.org/what/issues/issues_resources.cfm?uNewsID=2052
- Peskett, Leo and Mari Iwata 2007, 'Can standards for voluntary carbon offsets ensure development benefits?', ODI Forestry Briefing 13
- Peskett, Leo, Rachel Slater, Chris Stevens and Annie Dufey 2007, 'Biofuels, Agriculture and Poverty Reduction', Natural Resource Perspectives 107
- Porter, G, Bird, N, Kaur, N and Peskett, L (2008) 'New Finance for Climate Change and the Environment', report prepared for WWF and Heinrich Boll Stiftung: US and Germany
- Slater, Rachel, Leo Peskett, Eva Ludi and David Brown 2007, 'Climate change, agricultural policy and poverty reduction – how much do we know?', Natural Resource Perspectives 109