

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Brief Biosketch

I am a Professor of Economics with the Department of Economics, currently on leave to Veritas University, Abuja. I am a Development Micro-economist with specialization in Health Economics. I have had intensive and diverse range of experience in the last 20 years teaching, researching, publishing, and consulting on public finance and health sector specific financing issues in Nigeria as evidenced in the details below. My academic training started with degrees in philosophy and Divinity in 1984 and 1988, respectively. But since obtaining my first degree in Economics in 1998 I have focused mainly on economics special interest in applied development microeconomics and Health Economics in which I obtained a Masters and Ph.D degrees from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 2000 and 2006, respectively. I have taught and published widely in top international journals in the field of health economics and development microeconomics. I have also won several research grants from national and international organizations including the

Poverty and Policy Research Network, Supported by IDRC Canada, Nigerian Communication Commission, African Economic Research Consortium, World Health Organization – Geneva, WHO-AFRO – Brazaville, National Research Foundation – South Africa, among others. My academic training has had interface with intensive consulting experience with several international organizations including the World Bank, USAID, DFID, EU, WHO-AFRO, IDRC, Results for Development (USA), among others.

The consultancy services have covered issues ranging from Public Expenditure Reviews, Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) to Medium Terms Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Health Sector Strategic Planning. These activities have involved close interaction and partnerships with public finance managers, ministries of finance, health, budget offices, Boards of internal revenue, and planning and research departments among others. A philosophy that underlies my academic and practical work is that academic research should influence public finance practice and practice in turn should inform my academic work. I aim to bring my academic and research experiences to influence public decision-making through the collection, rigorous analysis and clear presentation of reliable information for evidence-based policy