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SUMMARY OF SKILLS

Over 40 years of extensive Management and leadership experience in Government, International organizations, and private Sector, covering a wide range of expertise that includes; strategy, policy and project development and implementation, development finance, banking, partnership and resource mobilization, international negotiations, rural development and disaster risk management.

EXPERIENCE

June. 2023 - to date: Special Envoy for the IFAD 13 Replenishment, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Jan. 2023 – to date: Independent Senior policy advisor.

Oct. 2021 - Aug. 2022: Primer Minister, Head of Government.

Location: Conakry, Guinea

Key Achievements:

- Stabilized the country's entry into transition by harnessing a structure for the government.
- Formed a transitional government.
- Stabilized the economy including drastic improvement of Macro economic indicators.
- Led the design and launched a strategy and an action plan for the transitional period.
- Initiated inclusive national dialogue for the return to constitutional order.

Sept. 2020 - Oct. 2021: Board Chairman.

Employer: United Bank of Africa (UBA)

Location: Conakry, Guinea

Key achievements:

- Led with the board the stabilization of the bank operations and drove a major revenue increase.

Sept. 2020 - Oct. 2021: Chairman and Managing Partner.

Employer: SIAF GROUP

Location: Conakry, Guinea

Key achievements:

- Full study and launching of the construction of three industries (flower mill, mango processing plant, iron rod production).

Sep. 2015 - Sept. 2020: United Nations Assistant Secretary General (ASG) and Director General?

Employer: African Risk Capacity (ARC)

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Key Achievements

- Established the institution formally on the ground with an organizational and governance framework, a corporate strategy, internal procedures and staffing.
- 33 African States have signed the ARC treaty, 19 of which are already benefiting the capacity building program in planning, financing and managing climate disaster risks (drought, floods, cyclones and epidemics).

- Negotiated and mobilized resources from several donors covering the institutions expenses.
- Launched the disaster risk sovereign insurance program that provided coverage to several African countries and disbursed payout to those affected by drought.
- Designed disaster risks contingency plans for 15 African countries improving their preparedness and response to climate disasters.
- Strengthened the climate prediction research program.

Feb. 2011 - Aug. 2015: Senior Director Partnership and Resource Mobilization and Senior Advisor to the President.

Employer: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Location: Rome, Italy

Key Achievements

- Established the first Partnership and Resource Mobilization Department with Regional Offices for the Arab and Gulf Countries, Asia and the Pacific and, North America.
- Designed and implemented the corporate partnership strategy.
- Led two replenishments of IFAD core resources.
- Led the launching of the first sovereign loan of the institution.
- Conducted three major sovereign debt negotiations on behalf of the institution.
- Successfully conducted negotiations for several trust funds.

Feb. 2001 - Oct. 2011: REGIONAL DIRECTOR WEST AFRICA AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Employer: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Location: Rome, Italy

Key Achievements

- Successfully increased the regional investment portfolio in rural finance, agriculture, irrigation, rural infrastructure, health, education, etc...
- Revived IFAD programs in several post-crisis countries.
- Piloted and launch the first decentralized full fledged field offices.
- Lead the preparation of the first corporate strategy on Innovation and Knowledge Management.
- Conducted the Internal Capacity Building Program in project management and supervision.
- Lead the development of partnerships with several international and bilateral institutions.

Jul. 1998 - Jan. 2001: Regional Director West and Central Africa.

Employer: United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Location: New York, USA with duty station in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Key Achievements

- Established the first UNOPS regional office in Africa.
- Transferred the management and substantially increased the regional portfolio of projects covering infrastructure, health, education, agriculture, governance, including assistance to post-crisis transition countries and election organizations
- Built partnerships with several private sector entities to provide goods and services for development activities.
- Organized the office to spearhead the supervision of and the support to the implementation of IFAD's overall rural Development portfolio in the sub-region.
- Led the resource mobilizing program.

Apr 1995 - Jul 1998: Senior Program Coordinator

Employer: United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Location: New York, USA.

Key Achievements

- Actively contributed to the improvement of the quality of the supervision.

- Successfully increased the disbursement of the regional portfolio.
- Improved efficiency through cost savings and streamlined operations.
- Reopened IFAD programs in several crisis countries, including Angola and Sierra Leone.
- Designed a new supervision SOP and managed the development of a new computerized monitoring & evaluation system.

Mar. 1994 - Feb. 1995: Program Officer

Employer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Location: Rome, Italy.

Key Achievements

- Improved quality of project implementation and disbursement in the portfolio.
- Participated with the FAO Investment Center in several investment project formulation missions as a Small and Medium Enterprise Specialist in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Jun. 1987 - Mar. 1994: Chief Technical Advisor

Employer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Location: Rome, Italy; with a duty station in Bujumbura, Burundi.

Key Achievements

- Successfully led the FAO funded program to reduce post-harvest losses and promote small-scale agricultural processing industries, including the establishment of the National Center for Food Technology
- Actively conducted the experiment and the selection of the best-performing rice mills and flour grinders that are best adapted to local conditions.
- Successfully established partnership with the Development Bank on a financing mechanism for small and medium-sized food processing companies.
- Lead the introduction of parboiled rice production in the Ruzizi Valley.
- Lead the creation of the National Center for Food Technology.
- Successfully conducted the training and capacity building of nationals' experts in business planning, analysis, food technology, small scale food processing machine manufacturing and maintenance.

Oct. 1982 - Jun. 1987: Head of Design Department.

Employer: African Regional Center for Design and Manufacturing (ARCEDEM), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Location: Ibadan, Nigeria

Key Achievements

- Actively contributed to the creation of the center (design, infrastructure and equipment of the offices, workshop and training center).
- Contributed to the launch of the Center's activities (design and manufacture of machinery and spare parts).
- Actively contributed to the development of the training curriculum.
- Conducted several studies on the promotion of design and local manufacture of machines in several countries.
- Conducted studies on maintenance systems in several African countries.

Jan. 1980 - Sep. 1982: Technical Director

Employer: Ministry of Industry, Industrial Technology Pilot Center

Location: Conakry, Guinea.

Key Achievements

- Successfully established the center.
- Successfully launched the operation of the center.

EDUCATION

Oct. 1977 - Dec. 1979: Polytechnic Saint Petersburg, St. Petersburg / Russia
Master in Engineering Science, specializing in Machine Design

Sep. 1972 - Jun 1976: Polytechnic Institute Gamal Abdel Nasser, Conakry/Guinea
Bachelor's Mechanical Engineering

TRAINING COURSES

May 2010 " Executive Management, Leadership ", Harvard University, Kennedy School, USA
Oct. 2008 " Executive Management; Environment and Climate Change" Cambridge University, UK
Mar. 2008 " Communicating Effectively - Individual Training (Program for Senior UN Officials)", Rome, Italy
2004-2005 " Strategic Management " United Nations Personnel Development Center
Jun. 2005 " Strategic Management - Training for United Nations Senior Staff ", New York, USA

SEVERAL AWARDS AND HONORS from Governments and Institutions

COMPUTER SKILLS

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| | | Level |
| • | MS office package (word, Excel, Access, Power point, Outlook) | Advanced |

LANGUAGES

Ability to	Read	Write	Speak
French	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Russian	Fluent	Fluent	Fair
Italian	Fair	Fair	Fair