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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

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

LANGUAGES

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