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**Bryn Welham** is a Research Fellow within CAPE working particularly on the politics of the budget process and expenditure management; decentralisation and its impact on service delivery; the role and capabilities of central finance agencies; and the impact of climate finance. He has published research covering a wide range of work, including the links between budget reform and development outcomes, decentralisation in low-income Africa, and the handling of climate finance at country level. He has substantial experience of working in the budgeting sections of the Ministry of Finance of the UK and of Malawi. He also brings experience of working with and for major institutional donors as a Governance Adviser. He holds Masters degrees in Public Policy and Development Studies.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- 2006-2008** MSc Development Studies  
University of London, Birkbeck College
- 2001-2002** MSc Public Policy  
University College London
- 1998-2001** BSc Politics and International Studies (First Class honours)  
University of Warwick, UK

## Languages

English (fluent), French (intermediate)

## CAREER

- 2012 - present** **Research Fellow – Centre for Aid Public Expenditure**
- Public finance and public sector budgeting expert working on a number of projects funded by the World Bank, DFID, AusAid and Gates Foundation
  - Decentralisation and service delivery in Liberia: project leader for report to Sida on options for shaping development assistance to support local service delivery.
  - Decentralised service delivery in Malawi: co-author and financing lead on a report to DFID Malawi reviewing the prospects for, and impacts of, reforms to decentralised government in relation to service delivery
  - Development Progress project: financing lead for a review of sustainable

energy development in Brazil, analysing the financing of progress made over the past twenty years

- Ministries of Finance and central finance agencies: co-author on a multi-country case study project into what makes a successful and capable Ministry of Finance
- National Climate Finance Analysis: public financial management analysis lead reviewing public expenditure in Uganda and Ethiopia to assess the quantity of climate relevant spending, and review the robustness of the systems it flows through
- Contributing to a number of smaller projects reviewing budget credibility in sub-Saharan Africa, the impact of climate-related Fast Start Financing on aid flows and the links between budget reforms and development outcomes.

**2010 – 2012**

**Governance Adviser, DFID Sierra Leone**

- Policy lead on a number of governance projects covering support to democratic elections, reform of tax administration, strengthening of civil society and reviewing the future of decentralised governance and service delivery.
- Lead interlocutor and negotiator with government and civil society on several of these projects, and significant responsibility for leading DFID's interest in multi-donor projects.

**2008-2010**

**Technical Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Malawi**

- Developed a menu of policy reform options for the Budget Director and Finance Minister to improve value for money and effectiveness of key budget processes.
- Implementation and evaluation of these systems over two successive budget cycles, working as part of the national staff team in the Budget Section
- Informal advisory work for DFID Malawi on how best to engage with government and the budgeting process

**2002-2008**

**Senior Policy Analyst and Policy Analyst, HM Treasury, UK**

- Advising Ministers and senior officials on new policy options to deliver £30bn of efficiency savings through public spending frameworks as part of the 2007 spending review process
- Overseeing the public face of the government's efficiency programme and presenting information to Ministers, press and Parliament
- Protecting HM Treasury's interest in cross-government reform of education and youth policy.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- With Zewdu, E. et al *'Ethiopia National Climate Finance Analysis'* ODI, 2014
- With O'Neil, T. and Cammack, D. *'Fragmented Governance and Service Delivery in Malawi'* ODI 2014
- With Tumushabe, G. et al *'Uganda National Climate Finance Analysis'* ODI, 2013
- With Nakhooda, S. et al *'Mobilising international climate finance: lessons from Fast Start*

*Finance for climate change'*

- With Krause, P. '*Linking public financial management dimensions to development priorities*' ODI, 2013
- With Bird, N. et al '*Measuring the effectiveness of public climate finance delivery at the national level*' ODI, 2013

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Welham, B. '*HM Treasury – The capabilities of a Ministries of Finance*', Budget Strengthening Initiative research programme
- Welham B. and Hadley, S. '*Sierra Leone – The capabilities of a Ministry of Finance*' Budget Strengthening Initiative research programme
- Newborne, P. and Welham, B. '*Development Progress – Sustainable Energy in Brazil*', Development Progress Research Report