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Job Title

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### KEY EXPERIENCE

- *A respected authority on international development. 300+ publications.*
- *Wide-ranging international experience with governments, aid agencies and international organisations on five continents, including living in three developing countries.*
- *An experienced leader and change manager. Responsible for transforming the Overseas Development Institute into Europe's largest and best-known think-tank on international development and humanitarian policy.*
- *An exceptional communicator. Extensive public policy experience and public affairs experience across all media and in political and parliamentary environments.*

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 1973      **MA Development Economics, University of Sussex.**  
Specialised in rural development.
- 1970      **BA Philosophy, Politics, Economics, University of Oxford.**  
Specialised in development economics.

### CAREER

- 2009 -      **Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK; and Simon Maxwell Ltd**

Wide-ranging interests and projects, including: European Development Cooperation Support Programme; Chair, Climate Change and Development Knowledge Network ([www.cdkn.org](http://www.cdkn.org)); Specialist Adviser, International Development Select Committee; Board Member: IFPRI; FRIDE; Fair Trade Foundation. Advisory Board: IPPR; Business Fights Poverty; Trade Out of Poverty. Member: EU Scientific Advisory Board; World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Poverty and Sustainable Development.

- 1997- 2009      **Director, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK.**

Eleven years at the head of Britain's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues - shaping

strategy, leading change, managing growth, and increasing impact. ODI tripled in size, to a turnover of £13m, a staff of 130, and a global leadership position in the field, recognised by international and national awards. Own research and policy interests included development policy, aid, poverty, food security, global governance, and bridging research and policy.

**1981-1997**    **Fellow, Head, Food Security Unit (1989 - 1997), and Programme Manager, Poverty Reduction, Sustainable Development and the Rural Sector (1991 - 1997), Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, Sussex, UK.**

Responsible for leading up to 20 IDS Fellows carrying out research on rural poverty, food security and the environment in developing countries. Responsibility for funding, managing and seeing through to publication many large, multi-disciplinary research projects and commissioned studies, especially on poverty, food security and aid. Extensive post-graduate and professional teaching experience in UK and overseas. Consultancy and advisory experience with over a dozen multilateral and bilateral agencies.

**1978-1981**    **Agricultural Economist (farm systems), Centro de Investigacion Agricola Tropical (CIAT), Santa Cruz, Bolivia (ODA, British Tropical Agricultural Mission).**

Responsible for setting up an economics unit and introducing a multi-disciplinary farm systems approach in the agricultural research centre covering the Eastern lowlands of Bolivia.

**1977-1978**    **Temporary Research Officer, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, Sussex, UK.**

Research on food aid for Professor Hans Singer. Publications included a survey article and studies of public works and supplementary feeding programmes in developing countries.

**1973-1977**    **Assistant Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, New Delhi, India.**

Headed a group responsible for negotiating, implementing and evaluating technical co-operation projects worth \$3-5m a year, mostly in rural development. Principal interests included command area development, extension programmes, and the application of mass media to rural development.

**1970-1972**    **Junior Professional Officer, United Nations Development Programme, Nairobi, Kenya.**

As a UK/UNA Volunteer, involved in administrative and development tasks. Managed a programme of scholarships to over 100 Southern African refugees, responsible for all public information activities, prepared office budgets and salary surveys, drafted reviews of Kenyan economy, and evaluated projects.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Member, Independent Group on British Aid (1982 onwards)
- Member, UN Advisory Group on Nutrition (1990 - 96)
- External Examiner, Wye College, University of London (1995 - 98)
- Governor, Institute of Development Studies (1996 - 97)
- Trustee, Action for Conservation through Tourism (ACT) (1998 - 2002)
- Member, Program Advisory Panel of the Foundation for Development Cooperation, (1997 -2009)
- Member of Council, Development Studies Association (DSA) (1998 - 2005 ), President (2001-5)
- Patron, The One World Broadcasting Trust (1998 - 2009 )
- Honorary Fellow, Foreign Policy Association, New York (2003 - )
- Forum Fellow, World Economic Forum (2003 -9); Chair, Humanitarian Global Agenda Council (2008-9); Member GAC Poverty and Sustainable Development (2011-)
- Board Member, Fair Trade Foundation (2008-)
- Member, IPPR Advisory Committee (2009-)
- Board Member, FRIDE (2011-)
- Board Member, IFPRI (2013-)
- Awarded CBE January 2007

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

See attached CV and [www.simonmaxwell.eu](http://www.simonmaxwell.eu)