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KEY EXPERIENCE

Country Experience:

Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Chad, Namibia, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique, USA, Nicaragua, Sweden, Norway, Vietnam

Languages:

Swedish (native), English (fluent), French (good), Spanish (basic), German (basic)

QUALIFICATIONS

1992 - 1999

Ph.D. in Economics

Stockholm School of Economics – Stockholm, Sweden

Thesis: "Governance and structural adjustment programs - Effects on investment, growth, and income distribution"

1990 - 1992

Master of International Affairs

Columbia University – New York, NY

1984 - 1989

Bachelor of Science in Economics

University of Lund – Lund, Sweden

CAREER

April 2013 -

African Bioenergy and Biofuels Business Assessment (ABBBA), Stockholm, Sweden - Project Manager

Part-time assignment to develop the newly established ABBBA, coordinate activities, and manage the ABBBA team. ABBBA aims to bring about investments in African forestry, biomass, and bioenergy sector that meet high sustainability standards.

- November 2011**
- **Overseas Development Institute, Monrovia, Liberia and Stockholm, Sweden - Country Program Manager for the Budget Strengthening Initiative (BSI) in Liberia**
Part-time assignment to develop and administer the country program, coordinate activities, provide technical support, and manage the BSI team. BSI provides contacts with international experts, demand-led policy advice, and technical assistance; and access to peer learning and networks. Requests for advisory support in Liberia currently focus on improving revenue capture and management, particularly from the natural resource sector; developing a medium-term expenditure framework; aid strategies; public investment project management; and developing a Citizen's Guide to the Budget.
- July – August 2012** **ITAD (for GIZ), Stockholm, Sweden and Monrovia, Liberia - Consultant**
Developed and piloted a Results Framework to measure the impact of the EITI at country level in Liberia.
- March 2012** **ITAD (for DFID), Stockholm, Sweden - Consultant**
Drafted the 2012 Annual Review of the DFID EITI Support Programme. The Review covers DFID support to the EITI Secretariat and the Multi-donor trust fund managed by the World Bank between March 2011 and March 2012.
- December 2011 – February 2012** **EITI International Secretariat, Stockholm, Sweden - Consultant**
Developing a proposal for a rating scheme for the EITI standard. The rating scheme will maintain the EITI core requirements as the minimum EITI standard, but reward high quality EITI processes and reports, and complementary actions agreed by implementing countries to realize the broader EITI Principles.
- August – November, 2011** **IBI (for USAID), Monrovia, Liberia and Stockholm, Sweden – Consultant**
Prepared a project appraisal report for a four-year multi-donor trust fund (MDTF), including the World Bank, African Development Bank, Sida, and USAID. Represented USAID in field missions to Monrovia and held discussions related to PFM reform with various government agencies. The MDTF will support PFM reform implementation in Liberia until 2016 and includes support to expand and strengthen the foundation of public financial management (PFM) by: (i) establishing tangible improvements in transaction processing, reconciliation, and fiscal and financial reporting procedures; and (ii) improving budget management and resource allocation and administrative capacity to develop Liberia's own institutional, organizational, informational, and human resource capacities.
- November – December, 2010, July 2011** **EU, Monrovia, Liberia and Stockholm, Sweden – Consultant**
Prepared a PFM Annual Monitoring Report, including a comprehensive analysis on Liberia's eligibility to receive further budget support from the EU. Led field mission to Monrovia and held discussions related to PFM performance with various government agencies. Analysed the relevance of the current PFM reform strategy, progress in PFM performance and in the PFM reform program since the latest review, publication and findings of the latest supreme audit institutions reports, and efforts to tackle corruption. An update of the report was prepared in July 2011 before the budget support tranche disbursement.

February –
March, 2011,
February 2012

LEITI/GIZ, Monrovia, Liberia and Stockholm, Sweden – Consultant

Prepared a report on Incentivizing EITI Compliant Countries: The case of Liberia, including a critical assessment of the efforts necessary for Liberia to remain EITI compliant until next EITI validation in 2014. Completed a field mission to Monrovia and held discussions related to EITI implementation with various government agencies, civil society groups, private companies, and other stakeholders. Developed options for ensuring that compliant countries have incentives for continuing, mainstreaming, and improving EITI implementation. This involved preparing a generic three-year post-validation work program for the LEITI. Presented the report at an LEITI stakeholder workshop in February 2012. A summary of the report findings were also presented at the Fifth EITI Global Conference in Paris in March 2011.

March –
October, 2010

Oxford Policy Management, Oslo, Norway - Team Leader

Led an EITI validation for Norway. Provided an independent assessment of progress achieved by Norway in implementing the EITI, measuring progress against agreed targets and timetable. Met with the EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group, the organisation contracted to reconcile the figures disclosed by companies and the government, and other key stakeholders. Prepared a validation report, which contains lessons learned, concerns by stakeholders, and recommendations for future implementation.

February, 2010
– May, 2011

SIPU (for Sida), Monrovia, Liberia and Stockholm, Sweden – Consultant

Prepared a project proposal for support to PFM reform in Liberia for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). Led field missions to Monrovia and held discussions related to PFM reform with various government agencies. The proposal included support to further strengthening the appropriate tax framework, notably in the area of natural resources and agricultural concessions.

2006 - 2009

African Development Bank (AfDB), Tunis, Tunisia - Principal Financial Governance Expert – Governance, Economic & Financial Management Department

Served as Team Leader of multi-person teams and played key leadership role in forming AfDB's support instrument for EITI, providing EITI implementation support to African countries.

- Supported AfDB's policy work on extractive industries governance and development, including preparing the Staff Guidance Note for Sound and Sustainable Management of the Extractive Industries and serving as Secretary for the Task Force regarding Bank Engagement in the Extractive Industries.
- Responsible for preparation and design of the Bank's support for EITI implementation in Liberia. Oversight of EITI work of task managers for individual countries including Madagascar, CAR, Botswana, Guinea, Chad, Tanzania, and Guinea.
- Represented the AfDB in EITI Board meetings, where the AfDB is an observer.
- Acted as AfDB's counterpart to the International EITI Secretariat and the World Bank's Oil, Gas and Mining Policy Division. Participated in the dialogue on methodological and policy issues regarding the evolving EITI framework and communications strategy.
- Crafted speeches and briefings for AfDB President and VP, and prepared reports for Board of Directors on extractive industries governance.
- Responsible for AfDB's outreach and knowledge sharing with regards

to extractive industries governance:

- Arranged AfDB training seminars in the area of extractive industries governance, such as EITI training for Bank staff and, in collaboration with the IMF, assisted with arrangements of an annual training seminar for regional member country officials on Fiscal Transparency and Natural Resources.
- Directed preparation of a chapter on “Mining sector lending practices” as AfDB contribution to EITI publication “EITI and the Mining Sector”.
- Organized AfDB side event at 4th Global EITI Conference in Doha on African Legal Support Facility with former President of Botswana, Festus Mogae.
- Arranged a number of conferences, such as “Energy and Natural Resources in the Mediterranean – Investing in our Shared Future” (co-hosted with the International EITI Secretariat) in Tunis, Tunisia; “Seminaire sur la gestion des contrats petroliers et gaziers” in Libreville, Gabon (co-hosted with the World Bank, IMF, and UNDP); and “National Seminar on Managing Oil Revenue in Uganda” in Kampala, Uganda (co-hosted with the Government of Uganda and Oil for Development).
- Arranged high-level presentations by EITI Chairman Peter Eigen for all AfDB staff and Executive Directors in Tunis.
- Represented AfDB in numerous conferences, including the 4th EITI Global Conference in Doha (2009), the EITI week for National Coordinators arranged by the World Bank in Washington DC (2009), the Ghana National Forum on Oil and Gas Development in Accra (2008), the conference on Taxing Natural Resources arranged by the IMF in Washington DC (2008), and the conference on Transparency in the Extractive Sector in Berlin arranged by GTZ (2007). In these conferences and seminars, made either personal presentations or prepared presentations for the President and Vice-President of the AfDB.

Served as Team Leader of multi-person teams with responsibility for design and oversight of institutional and budget support programs promoting effective public financial management in fragile states.

- Developed Liberia’s first substantive budget support operation (US\$18 million) in 2008 and supplementary support (US\$5 million) in 2009.
- Developed Sierra Leone’s first AfDB budget support operation (US\$15 million) in 2009.
- Managed Liberia’s and Sierra Leone’s institutional capacity building projects.
- Prepared the Project Completion Report for Liberia’s budget support operation in 2009 and Sierra Leone’s balance of payments operation in 2008.

2001 – 2006

International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington, D.C., USA - Economist, African Department (Kenya, Namibia, Chad, Ethiopia)

Performed detailed analysis for several Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) arrangements in Africa, analyzing in detail the evolution of real, fiscal, external, and monetary sectors as well as public debt sectors.

- Actively participated in high-level PRGF policy discussions and

negotiations with African authorities, World Bank, and IMF headquarters departments, including the design, sequencing, and implementation of PFM reforms in Africa.

- Authored Selected Issues Paper for Chad on dimensions of poverty and distribution of oil revenue, and played key role in advancing implementation and management of Chad's oil revenue management system.

Assessed economic growth and financial impacts of major drought in Kenya, guiding authorities in using appropriate fiscal and monetary policies to counteract impact.

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1995-1996

The World Bank, Washington, D.C – Consultant, Policy Research Department

Aided in developing methodological framework for empirical study of foreign aid impact on savings, investment, and growth; constructed comprehensive panel database on aid flows for working paper "Measuring Aid Flows: A New Approach", WP 2050, World Bank.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Sharma, Natasha and Tove Strauss; "Special Fiscal Institutions for Resource Rich Developing Economies: State of the Debate and Implications for Policy and Practice", ODI Research Report (2013)

Strauss, Tove; "Dimensions of Poverty and Distribution of Oil Revenue," Chad Selected Issues Paper, IMF (2007)

Strauss, Tove; "Dimensions of Poverty and Social Policy Toward the Poor," Namibia Selected Issues Paper, IMF (2006)

Kende-Robb, Caroline and Strauss, Tove; "Drought and Famine in Africa - Can the African Department Be More Effective?" Informal Discussion Notes No. 1, African Department, IMF (2004)

Strauss, Tove; "Growth and government: Is there a difference between developed and developing countries?" *Economics of Governance* 2:135-157. Accepted at European Economic Association Congress and Econometrics Society European Meeting (1997)

Strauss, Tove; "Economic Reforms and the Poor," FIEF Working Paper 164, Stockholm: Trade Union Institute for Economic Research (2000)

Strauss, Tove; "Structural Reforms, Uncertainty, and Private Investment," FIEF Working Paper 165, Stockholm: Trade Union Institute for Economic Research (2000)

White, Howard and Edstrand, Tove; "Zambia," *Aid and Macroeconomic Performance: Theory, Empirical Evidence, and Four Country Cases* (Howard White, Ed.), The Hague: Institute of Social Studies (1998)

White, Howard and Edstrand, Tove; "Aid in a Debt Distressed Economy: The Case of Zambia," *The Macroeconomics of Aid: Case Studies of Four Countries*, (Howard White, Ed.), Stockholm: SASDA (1994)