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## KEY EXPERIENCE

- Quantitative and qualitative research on PFM and development, with a particular focus on the international agenda on domestic resource mobilization (DRM) in developing countries.
- Providing technical assistance on PFM reforms to governments in low income countries.
- Over 8 years of experience of PFM reforms in countries, including Ireland, the UK, Kosovo, Swaziland, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Nepal.

## LANGUAGES

English and Italian

## QUALIFICATIONS

September  
2010 to August  
2011      **MA Economics**  
University College Dublin, Ireland  
Department of Economics  
Dissertation/Thesis: Foreign R&D Location Choice: Implications for Ireland and the “Smart Economy”

September  
2005 to August  
2006      **MEconSc European Economic and Public Affairs**  
University College Dublin, Ireland  
School of Politics and International Relations  
Dissertation/Thesis: Italy in the EMU: A Comparative Analysis of Italy’s Economic Structure pre and post EMU

September  
2000 to June  
2004      **Bsc. Finance**  
University College Cork, Ireland  
Faculty of Commerce

## MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Chartered Management Accountant (ACMA)

## STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

STATA, EVIEWS, Demetra+

## CAREER

September  
2014 to Present

### Research Fellow

ODI, Public Finance & Institutions, London

- My current research areas include; evaluating the various commitments to increasing DRM in developing countries; and investigating the impact of PFM reforms on corruption. I am also currently the country program manager for the BSI South Sudan program.
- Previously I have carried out quantitative and qualitative research and fieldwork focused on: macro-fiscal reforms; fiscal decentralization; domestic resource mobilisation; development finance; and the provision of technical assistance and capacity building in developing contexts.
- I have worked on the BSI South Sudan and Uganda country programs for over three years, advising on, and supporting capacity building efforts, related to PFM reforms.

June 2014 to  
September  
2015

### PFM Consultant

ODI, Budget Strengthening Initiative, South Sudan.

- In June 2014, I joined the BSI South Sudan country program as a budget advisor. I continued in this role upon joining ODI as a researcher.

February 2014  
to May 2014

### Research Consultant

ODI, Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure (CAPE), London

- Prior to joining CAPE I worked on a number of research projects including on: the use of [guarantees for development](#); and [local government fiscal inequities in Tanzania](#).

December 2011  
to November  
2013

### ODI Fellow

Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, Macroeconomic Analysis and Research Division, Swaziland

- Supporting the division to implement improvements to the GDP Forecasting Framework and Medium Term Fiscal Framework.
- Research and report writing in support of the divisions outputs including quarterly economic bulletins, the annual company survey report, the annual economic review and outlook, the budget speech and the national development plan.
- Research related to supporting the work of a number of committees including the Development Approval Order Committee and the SACU Data Reconciliation Committee.

January 2007 to  
November 2011

### Consultant

The HELM Corporation

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- Technical assistance in accounting and audit reform in developing countries.
  - Providing accountancy consultancy services to public sector bodies in Ireland and the UK.
  - Carrying out internal audit assignments on behalf of public sector clients and presenting findings to Audit Committees.
  - Carrying out external audits on behalf of the Irish Comptroller and Auditor General.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

With De Paepe, G & Hart, T., [Domestic resource mobilisation and the transition to sustainable development: synthesis of Asia case studies](#), ODI, 2017.

With Miller, M., [Tax and the Sustainable Development Goals: do good things come to those who tax more?](#), ODI, 2017

With Kelsall, T. et al, [Leaving no-one behind in health: An SDG stocktake in Kenya and Nepal](#), ODI, 2016

With Welham, B., [Organising a Strategic Phase in the Budget Process: A public financial management introductory guide](#), ODI, 2016

With Davies, F. & Wabwire, M., [Age of Choice: Uganda in the new development finance landscape](#), ODI, 2016

With Tilley H., Hadley S. & Clarke J., [Sustaining public sector capability in developing countries](#), ODI, 2015

With Faure R. & Prizzon A., [Do organisational and political models for development cooperation matter for development effectiveness?](#), ODI, 2015

With Tidemand, P. et al, [Local Government Authority \(LGA\) Fiscal Inequities and the Challenges of "Disadvantaged" LGAs](#), ODI, 2014