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PERSONAL STATEMENT

As an aspiring development economist currently pursuing Ph.D. in development Policy, I am passionate about leveraging economic research to drive positive change in the global community. My research focus is on understanding the dynamics of natural disasters; their impacts on the economy, health, and welfare, and the underlying mechanisms, responses, and recovery efforts to build community resilience and enhance welfare. I also have strong research interest in tax policy and international trade. In addition to my academic pursuits, I have vast experience, from both the private and public sector in trade and investment promotion, project development, appraisal, and management as well as monitoring & evaluation. My personal goal is to add value hence I am seeking opportunities in international organizations, research institutes or postdoctoral positions to contribute expertise in driving evidence-based policies for inclusive and sustainable development.

EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 2023 –
CURRENT

Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, Sejong South Korea

PhD Development Policy (ongoing)

Status: Coursework completion

SEPTEMBER 2021 –
DECEMBER. 2022

Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, Sejong South Korea

Master of Development Policy

AUGUST 2014 – JUNE
2016

University of Zimbabwe, Republic of Zimbabwe

Master of Science Degree in Economics

MARCH 2005 – JULY 2008

University of Zimbabwe, Republic of Zimbabwe

Bachelor of Science Honors Degree in Economics

EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Executive Certificate in Programme and Project Monitoring and Evaluation (UZ - 2020)
- Risk Management Certificate: Institute of Risk Management of South Africa (2020)
- Certificate in market systems development, monitoring, and results measurement (ITCILO - 2018)
- Intermediate Certification - Chartered Institution of Secretaries and Administrators (CIS-2009)
- Certificate in Computer Programming (WORLD LINKS CENTRE – 2000)

WORK EXPERIENCE**APRIL 2020 – FEB 2023** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade**DEPARTMENT** Economic Cooperation, International Trade and Diaspora**POSITION** Principal Economist.**Summary of Functional Responsibilities / Organizational Experience:**

- Facilitated the promotion and strengthening of bilateral economic relations between Zimbabwe and other countries.
- Facilitated the promotion of Zimbabwean exports into other countries.
- Processed trade inquiries and provided advice and assistance in trade-related issues.
- Negotiated contracts on behalf of the government and quasi-government departments.
- Secured trade-related foreign assistance and implemented the intended programs.
- Participated in bilateral and multilateral meetings convened.
- Participated in the formulation of trade-related and export promotion policies.
- Developed the initial draft economic and commercial diplomacy manual other stakeholders and approval by the principal.

MARCH 2018 – MARCH 2020 ZIMBABWE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES AUTHORITY**DEPARTMENT** MONITORING AND EVALUATION**POSITION** SENIOR ECONOMIST**Summary of Functional Responsibilities / Organizational Experience:**

- Designed an M & E Framework to guide monitoring and evaluation activities within the organization
- Periodically reviewed and revise the system so that it was adopted easily
- Ensured relevant and timely provision of M&E information to all users
- Provided training and mentoring for staff.
- Organized and managed monitoring reviews, evaluations, and/or After-Action Reviews (AARs).
- Coordinated all the monitoring activities in line with the SEZ policy e.g., data collection, analysis, and reviews
- Facilitated the promotion of investments in Special Economic Zones
- Appraised the investment application submitted for consideration for SEZ licensing

OCTOBER 2009 – FEBRUARY 2018 Ministry of Youths, Sport, Arts and Recreation**DEPARTMENT** Youth Development and Economic Empowerment Senior Economist.

POSITION Policy Planning and Monitoring Officer

Summary of Functional Responsibilities / Organizational Experience

- Facilitated the formulation, review, and implementation of youth employment creation, development and empowerment policies, strategies, and initiatives.
- Contributed to the development and implementation of the Ministry's developmental projects for youths.
- Appraised youth projects and recommended them for funding.
- Conducted projects feasibility studies and produced the feasibility reports for consideration by principals.
- Collected data and updated the data bank on youth projects supported.
- Monitored and evaluated youth projects.
- provided business development, mentoring, and coaching services to young entrepreneurs.
- Appointed as one of the Ministry's focal persons for AfDB-funded projects for 2 consecutive phases (YTEP & YWEP – 2012-2018).
- Developed several youth empowerments projects which competed and qualified for funding with African Development Bank and implemented by the Ministry under Youth and Tourism and Enhancement & Youth and Women Empowerment Projects (YTEP & YWEP).

OCTOBER 2008 –
SEPTEMBER 2009

Sakala, Saidi & Company

DEPARTMENT

Risk Management

POSITION

Assistant Risk Assessor.

Summary of Functional Responsibilities / Organizational Experience:

- Assisted in maintaining a risk register, laws and regulations, and an inventory of internal controls
- Assisted in tracking the progress of remediation of control weaknesses identified by internal audit
- assisted in the execution of the corporate compliance and risk assessments
- assisted in the development and monitoring of key risk indicators
- assisted in coordinating the collection of risk information from source systems, and departments, and updating the risk profile
- assisted in developing and updating the company's risk policies and procedures

RESEARCH-RELATED WORKS AND INTERSHIPS EXPERIENCE

Master Dissertations

- An Empirical Investigation of Foreign Aid Effectiveness in Reducing Poverty in Southern African Development Community 2005 – 2013 (UZ Library Publication)
- Tax Revenue Performance in Southern African Development Community: An

Assessment using Tax Capacity and Tax Effort 2000 – 2020 (KDI School Library)

Posture Presentations

- An Empirical Investigation of Foreign Aid effectiveness in Improving Human Development in SADC: 2000 – 2019 (Paper No. 94 presented at the VI International Conference of Development Studies - VI CIED)
- Drought Shocks Impacts on Intra-regional Agriculture Trade and Agriculture Production & Profits: Theory and Evidence from Southern African Development Community (1990 – 2020) Posture Presentation at KDIS-World Bank DIME Conference Lighting Session

PhD Ongoing Projects

- Economic Responses to Catastrophic Natural Disasters in Africa: Growth and Fiscal Perspectives
- An Empirical Estimation of Tax Potential, Tax effort and Tax Inefficiency of VAT, CIT, PIT, and TRADE TAXES in SADC

Research Related Internships

- Academic and Professional Writing (Writing Consultant at KDI School Academic Writing Center from 6 September 2021 to date)
- Project/ Program Concept Paper Development (KOICA 2022)
- Professional Research Development, Writing, and Publishing (African Economic Research Consortium July 2021)

Teaching Assistant Experience

- Teaching Assistant for master's students (KDI-2024): Econometrics, Macroeconomics; Analysis of Markets in Public Policy
- Teaching Assistant for undergraduates: (UZ 2014-2016): Econometrics, Microeconomics, International Economics, Environmental Economics

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2016 Masters' Degree in Economics Outstanding Research Project
 - KOICA PCP Development Outstanding Concept Paper
 - Project proposal development grant of \$3000 granted by African Economic Research Consortium
 - Research Grant of \$9000 granted by African Economic Research Consortium
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Research
- Economic investigations
- Data collection, processing management, and analysis
- Project development, appraisal, management, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Forecasting, planning, budget monitoring, and expenditure tracking
- Policy formulation, analysis, and implementation
- Risk management
- Teaching and writing consultancy.
- Business coaching and mentorship

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- Integrity and Inclusion
- Results-oriented
- Excellent communication skills
- Hardworking and very creative
- Highly self-motivated and committed.
- Very flexible and can easily adapt to working in a multi-cultural environment.
- Highly assertive
- A strong team player
- Good time and personal management

SPORT AND HOBBIES

- Playing netball/handball
- Athletics
- Reading and writing
- Travelling and site-seeing