

SAIYED SHABIH ALI MOHIB

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004 - Present Senior Economist Bangkok, Thailand

World Bank Group – East Asia and the Pacific PREM

Focus Areas: Working on economic policy and public sector management issues for the Lao PDR, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar programs. Specific tasks included:

- Sector Coordinator for Thailand Public Sector Management Program (2009 – Present)
- Sector Coordinator for Lao PDR Public Sector Management Program – TTL (2007 – 2012)
- Public Expenditure Review for Thailand (Improving Service Delivery) – TTL (2010 – 12)
- Tax Policy and Incidence Review in Thailand – TTL (2010 – 12)
- Nam Theun-2 Revenue Management Arrangements in Lao PDR – TTL (2007 – 2012)
- Myanmar Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment (Co-TTL, 2012 - FBS)
- Malaysia Public Expenditure Review (Medium Term Fiscal Framework and Outcomes Based Budgeting (FBS)
- Fifth Poverty Reduction Support Operation in Lao PDR (DPL) – TTL (2008 - 09)
- Thailand Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment – TTL (2009)
- Thailand Development Policy Loan – Responsible for Public Sector Policy Actions (2009 – 2010)
- Lao PDR Financial Management Capacity Building Project TTL (2007 – 2011)
- Mongolia Fiscal TA and Governance Assistance Project – TTL (2005 – 2007)
- Mongolia Economic Capacity Technical Assistance Project (2004 – 2007)
- Public Expenditure Review (Mongolia 2007)
- Public Expenditure and Rationalization Review Papua New Guinea (2004 – 2005)

2003 - 2004 Young Professional Washington DC

World Bank Group – East Asia and the Pacific PREM

Focus Areas: Working on privatization, poverty and social impact issues for the Tajikistan team and regional study on remittances and growth in ECA. Specific tasks included:

- Cotton Farmland Privatization in Tajikistan – A Poverty and Social Impact Analysis
- Remittances and Growth: ECA Poverty Flagship Study

1999 - 2003 Senior Economist (ODI Fellow) Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Macro-Fiscal Policy, Ministry of Finance, Government of Tanzania

Focus Areas: Macro economics and Fiscal Policy. Responsible for macroeconomic policy formulation and forecasting in collaboration with the Bank of Tanzania and the Planning Commission. This responsibility extended into formulating the financial programming model for the IMF PRGF and monitoring the quarterly performance criteria and structural benchmarks. Specific tasks included:

- Developed the Financial Program for the Tanzania Poverty Reduction Growth Facility and managed the fiscal benchmarks and structural performance criteria for the IMF - Tanzania Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility
- Prepared a comprehensive Tanzania specific manual on macroeconomic forecasting and preparing General Government Operations Information
- Formulating comprehensive medium term Budget Frame and financing strategy 2002-03 – 2004/05
- Authored the Cross Sector Medium Term Expenditure Framework 2002/03 – 2004/05 Paper for the Tanzania Public Expenditure Review 2002/03 – 2004/05
- Core Member of the Tanzania Heavily Indebted Poor County (HIPC) debt relief initiative implementation team
- Managed budget execution and monitoring

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- Formulated comprehensive strategy on rationalizing local government taxes and levies
- Carrying out sensitivity analysis on broad fiscal aggregates
- Member of the Task Force on Tax Reform and devising revenue measures for the national budget
- Providing policy advice on fiscal implications for inter-ministerial projects and programmes – the integrated transport sector development plan, capital market developments, the National Debt Strategy, the National Website, Private Sector Development Initiative

EDUCATION

1997 – 1999 June University of Oxford Oxford, England
M. Sc. Economics for Development

- Stabilisation and structural adjustment: theory and the Pakistan experience.
- Extended essay topic – Fundamental causes of currency crisis and devising an early warning system: Korea, Mexico and the Czech Republic.
- Applied econometrics – model specifications and design, limited and full information models, discrete variable models – Logit, Probit and Tobit, times series data and co-integration.
- Advance macroeconomics and microeconomics: agency theory, information economics, macro and micro linkages, new trade theories, fiscal sustainability, and dynamics of financing budget deficits, among others.
- Development modules: stabilisation and structural adjustment – fiscal policy, monetary policy, the external sector, exchange rate policy, poverty and adjustment, issues of credibility and time consistency in reforms.

1994 – 1997 University College London London, England
B. Sc. (hons) Economics (specialist) Obtained (2.i) Upper Second Degree

- Macroeconomics: IS-LM models, Salter Swan model, exchange rates and the balance of payments, dynamics of the labour market and the adjustment lag.
- Microeconomics: information dynamics, dynamics of competition models – perfect competition, monopoly, duopoly and imperfect competition, privatisation and regulation, intermediate agency theory.
- International trade: models of perfect and imperfect competition, economics of regional trade agreements and analysis of gains from trade.
- Monetary international economics: capital mobility issues, capital market issues, exchange rate overshooting models, banking supervision rules.
- Other courses: accounting and finance, economics of finance, econometrics, public sector economics and comparative economic growth in Asia and Africa.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND COMPUTER SKILLS

- Lead Economists Course (Harvard University, Boston MA – 2010)
- Elements of Financial Programming Course (Bangkok, Thailand 2011)
- Emerging Leadership Program (Bangkok, Thailand – 2011)
- Econometric models using PC-GIVE, PC-FIML, and STATA
- Benefit Incidence Analysis

LANGUAGES

- English: fluent written and spoken
- Urdu: fluent written and spoken
- Swahili: functional written and spoken
- Thai: basic

REFERENCES

Available upon request