

Dr. GOBIND T. NANKANI

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Citizenship : Ghana

Career Experience

Executive Director, International Growth Center, London, UK, 2009

Responsible for strategic leadership and oversight, with the support of other members of the Executive Group for the overall functioning of the IGC in 15 countries in Africa and South Asia. The IGC promotes sustainable growth in developing countries by providing demand-led policy advice based on frontier research and long term engagements. The IGC is directed and organized from hubs at the LSE and Oxford and comprises country offices across the developing world and a global network of partners including GDN, AERC, BRAC, BREAD, CEPR, EUDN, IGM, J-PAL, MGN, SANEI.

Chairman, Economic Advisory Council, Office of the President, Ghana, 2009 (Operating from London)

Chair of 10 person Economic Advisory Council to the President of the Republic of Ghana, operating from London with periodic visits to Ghana. EAC works closely with key Ministries such as Finance, Energy, Trade and Industry, Agriculture and the Bank of Ghana to provide critical policy options for the consideration of the ministries and the President. The focus is primarily on inter-sectoral policy matters and selected high priority sectoral policies. The EAC reports to the President.

President, Global Development Network (GDN), Delhi, 2007-2009

Responsible for leading GDN's global activities in collaboration with eight Regional partners in developing countries and three in developed countries. GDN works with developing country researchers and policy research institutes to support the generation and sharing of world-class policy-relevant research on development, helping to strengthen capacity in the process. GDN's Global Research projects, Regional Research Competitions, Annual Research Awards and Annual Conferences are among its key activities.

Vice President, Africa Region

World Bank, Washington DC, 2004 to 2006

Responsible for the overall strategy and management of the Bank's program of financial knowledge and client relationships with all 47 Sub-Saharan African countries. Overall themes include: shared growth, governance with capacity building, results focus and working through partnerships. Program includes:

- Oversight of lending program of \$4.8 billion in 2006.
- Over 150 Economic and Sector reports, working through 1500 staff based in Washington and 36 Country Offices.
- Responsible for recently developed World Bank Group Africa Action Plan, to complement Gleneagles commitment, with a first year of implementation recently completed.

***Vice President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network (PREM)
World Bank, Washington DC, 2001-2004***

Responsible for oversight of Bank-wide work on poverty reduction, growth, governance, trade, gender and debt issues, including HIPC program. Also responsible for overall management of learning and career development for all economists in the Banks PREM network (over 1500). Major initiatives included:

- Joint oversight with the Bank's Chief Economist of the trade analytical work undertaken to highlight development tradeoffs in Doha trade round.
- Oversight and direction of work on the "Lessons of Growth from the 1990s" (three volumes.)

Country Director for Brazil 1997-2001 (Brazil-based)

***Country Director for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay & Uruguay, 1994-97
(Washington-based)***

Responsible for managing overall Bank programs at the country level on financial, knowledge and client relationships for above countries.

Chief Economist, South Asia Region

World Bank, Washington DC, 1991-1994

Responsible for guidance and overall quality enhancement of all Economic and Sector work undertaken by the World Bank in the South Asia Region encompassing India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan.

Economic Advisor, Government of Ghana

Accra, Ghana 1981, 1982, 1985

On leave from the World Bank, worked in economic advisory role as part of Economic Management Team. Highlights included:

- Led Government's Technical Team in negotiations with IMF mission (1981);
- Contributed to shaping Governments Economic Recovery Program (1982) and
- Led Technical Team that prepared Government's 1985 Consultative Group Program of Reform.

Education

PhD (Economics), Harvard University, 1976

A.M. (Economics), Harvard University 1975

B. Sc. (Economics), University of Ghana 1970, First Class Honors

Selected Publications

Economic Growth in the 1990's: Learning From a Decade of Reform", 2004. (World Bank Publication). Provided overall direction.

"Acting Strategically and Building Trust: Reflections on Brazil", in I. Gill et al, At the Forefront of Development: Reflections from the World Bank, 2004, (World Bank Publication).

Developmental Problems of Mineral Exporting Countries, 1979. World Bank Background Paper for the 1979 World Development Report. Also Published in *Finance and Development*, March 1980.

The Inter-country Distribution of Foreign Direct Investments in Developing Countries, Garland Publishing, 1978. (*Outstanding Dissertations in Economic Series*)

Selected Awards

Sadowski Award, Department of Economics, University of Ghana, 1970

Order of the Volta, Republic of Ghana, 2008

Other Relevant Information

Languages: English, Portuguese, Twi (Ghanaian dialect), Sindhi, *Fluent*
French, Hindi, Spanish, *conversational*.