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SUMMARY

Adam Elhiraika is currently on loan from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and serving as Senior Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sudan. From 01 February 2014 to 29 February 2020, he was Director of the Macroeconomics and Governance Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He directly oversees ECA work on development planning, macroeconomic policy analysis and economic governance and public finance. He has a PhD in economics from the University of Glasgow, UK, and over 30 years of experience in private sector, academia, multilateral development finance and international organizations. Before joining the United Nations in 2004, he worked for the Islamic Development Bank and Shell International and taught economics at five Universities in the UK, Africa and the Middle East. His intellectual contributions and policy expertise are focused on issues of economic governance and development planning, macroeconomic policy and development finance with special interest in industrialization, inclusive growth and structural economic transformation.

He led ECA work on key flagship publications and networked extensively with partners, including the African Union Commission, African Development Bank and various UN Organizations. He also made notable contributions to development initiatives, including the African Peer Review Mechanism, the Common African Position on Post-2015 Development Agenda and the work of the High-level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa and initiated several work programmes, covering macroeconomic modelling, forecasting and convergence, finance, natural resource management and transformative industrial policy. He published extensively in internationally refereed journals, books and monographs.

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Economics, University of Glasgow, UK, 1991.** Title of Thesis: Financial Development and Economic Growth in a less Developed Country: Sudan, 1960-1988. Supervisors: Mr. Terry Moody and Prof. David Vines.
- M.A in Economics, University of Kent at Canterbury, Kent, UK (1989).

- B.Sc. (Honours), First Class, University of Gezira, Sudan (1985).
- Diploma in Environmental Economics, United Nations University/WIDER, 1993.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- **Senior Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sudan**, on a one-year loan from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, from 01 March 2020.
- **Director, Macroeconomics and Governance Division**, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Feb 2014 – January 2019, Feb 2019 to 29 February 2020.
- **Director, Macroeconomic Policy Division**, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Feb 2014 – January 2019.
- **Chief, Macroeconomic Analysis Section**, Economic Development and NEPAD, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), June 2008 – January 2014.
- **Economic Affairs Officer**, Trade, Finance and Economic Development Division, September 2004 – May 2008.
- **Economist**, Islamic Development Bank, August 2002 – July 2004.
- **Associate Professor**, Department of Economics, College of Business and Economics, The United Arab Emirates University, September 1999 to August 2002.
- **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Economics, University of Swaziland, February 1997 to August 1999.
- **Senior Lecturer**, Department of Economics, University of Fort Hare, South Africa, from 3 May 1995 to 31 January 1997.
- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, University of Gezira, Sudan, October 1991 to April 1995.
- **Undergraduate Tutor** (part-time), Department of Political Economy (Economics), University of Glasgow, Scotland, 1988-91.
- **International Accounts Officer**, The Shell Company of Sudan, November, 1986-August, 1987.
- **Research Assistant**, Sudan-Ireland Development Co-operation Programme, June 1984 – October 1986.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- Management of divisional work (46 professional and general staff members), including planning and management of substantive work programmes, budgets and planning, staff recruitment, supervision of staff and editing of key outputs.
- Preparation and management of several research and capacity building projects at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Islamic Development Bank, 2002-2008.
- Head, Economic Research Unit, University of Swaziland, 1997-1999.
- Coordinator, Student Advisory Services, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University, 2000-2002.

- Head of the Department of Economics, University of Gezira, and 1993 - 1995.
- Head, International Accounts Office, Shell Company (Sudan), 1987.
- General office and supporting staff supervisor, Sudan-Ireland Development Co-operation Programme, 1986.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

(a) Undergraduate Level:

- Microeconomics I (UAE University, Glasgow University, Gezira University and the University of Swaziland)
- Microeconomics II and III (Gezira University and the University of Fort Hare)
- Macroeconomics I (UAE University, Glasgow University, Gezira University and the University Swaziland)
- Macroeconomics II (Gezira University and the University of Fort Hare)
- Money and Banking (Gezira University and the University of Swaziland, and UAE University)
- Monetary Economics (Gezira University and the University of Swaziland)
- Islamic Banking and Finance (Gezira University, UAE University)
- Econometrics I and II (Gezira University and the University of Fort Hare)
- Mathematical Economics I and II (Gezira University and the University of Fort Hare)
- Project Appraisal and Investment Planning (Gezira University)
- Development Economics I, II and IV (Gezira University)
- Public Finance (UAE University and Gezira University)
- Labour Economics (University of Swaziland and UAE University)
- Transport Economics (Half course taught at the University of Swaziland)
- Engineering Economy (UAE University)

(b) Graduate Level:

- Development Economics (Fort Hare University)
- Financial Economics (Postgraduate Diploma Course taught at Gezira University)
- Advanced Econometrics (M.Sc. course taught at Gezira University)
- Topics in Agricultural Development (Mainly Agricultural Finance and Development, M.Sc. Course taught at Gezira University)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:

Institutional Flagship Reports: Since joining the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, I have regularly contributed chapters and sections or prepared concept notes and/or coordinated key UNECA and other UN flagship publications and non-recurrent policy studies and reports such as the *Economic Report on Africa* (2005-2018), The MDG/SDG Report, 2014-2016, African Governance Report 4 and 5, *World Economic Situation and Prospects* (2006-2017) and the *African Economic Outlook* (2008-2013), jointly prepared by UNECA, the African Development Bank and OECD.

Adam Elhiraika, Gamal Ibrahim and William Davis (eds.) (2019) "Economic Governance

and Africa's Structural Transformation. **Palgrave, McMillan, Hampshire, UK.**

Carlos Lopes, Abdalla Hamdok and Adam Elhiraika (2017) "Macroeconomic policy framework for Africa's structural transformation". **Palgrave, McMillan, Hampshire, UK.**

Adam Elhiraika et al. (2016) 'Resource requirements and financing gap for Africa to meet the SDGs'. **African Development Review**, Vol.29(1), pp.15-26.

Gamal Ibrahim, Adam Elhiraika and Abbi Kedir (2016) "The Role of Institutions and Policy Reforms in Attracting Foreign Direct Investment in Africa". **Tanzanian Economic Review**, Vol. 2 No.2, 2014:1–16.

Adam B. Elhiraika, Gamal Ibrahim, Deresse Degefa and Uzumma Erume (2015) 'Domestic Resource Mobilization for Africa's Development'. In Abdalla hamdok (ed.) "Innovative Financing for the Economic Transformation of Africa". UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Adam B. Elhiraika, Allan C. Mukungu and Wanjuku Nyoike (eds.) (2015) "Regional Integration and Policy Challenges in Africa". **Palgrave, Macmillan. Hampshire, UK.**

Adam Elhiraika and John Sloan (2014) "Can Africa Move from Resource Dependence to Structural Transformation?" In Ernesto Zedillo, Olivier Cattaneo and Haynie Wheeler (Eds.) "AFRICA at a Fork in the Road: Taking off or disappointment once again?" The Yale Center for the Study of Globalization at Yale University in New Haven, USA.

Elhiraika, A., Mahamat, O., and Muhammed. K., (2013) "Promoting manufacturing to accelerate economic growth and reduce growth volatility in Africa". **Journal of Developing Areas, Vol. 48, No. 2, Spring 2014.**

Elhiraika, A. and M. Mbate (2014) "Assessing the Determinants of Export Diversification in Africa". **Applied Econometrics and International Development**. Volume 14 (1), January 2014, pp.147-160.

Elhiraika, A. and C. Bodart (2012) "Development planning and public expenditure effectiveness: Lessons from Botswana and Malaysia" A paper presented at the 50th Anniversary of IDEP, UNECA, held in Dakar, Senegal during 5 – 7 November 2012

"Economic governance and management" (chapter 4), the African Peer Review Country Report: Sierra Leone. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2011.

Gamal Ibrahim, Adam Elhiraika, Abdalla Hamdok, and Abbi Kedir (2011) "Revisiting the Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: the role of Institutions and Policy Reforms" A paper presented at the African Economic Conference organized by African Development Bank, UNECA and UNDP in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 25-28 October 2011

Sudan. The Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa, by Ernest Aryeetey, Shanta Devarajan, Ravi Kanbur and Louis Kasekende (editors). Oxford University Press (2012).

Macroeconomic convergence in Africa: A policy Report. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Co-authored. June 2010).

Macroeconomic Policies, Productive Capacity and Economic Growth in Africa. A policy report. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Co-authored. December 2009).

“Economic governance and management” (chapter 4), the African Peer Review Country Report: Lesotho. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2009.

“Economic governance and management” (chapter 4), the African Peer Review Country Report: Nigeria. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), Johannesburg, South Africa, May 2008.

Promoting manufacturing to accelerate growth and reduce volatility in Africa. A paper presented at the African Economic Conference organized by UNECA and AfDB in Tunis, Tunisia, 12-14 November 2008.

Reserves Accumulation in African Countries: Sources, Motivations, and Effects. Conference Proceedings. African Economic Conference, 2008. UNECA and African Development Bank. Working Paper 2007-12. Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 2007. (with Léonce Ndikumana)

Public Expenditure and Service Delivery in Africa: perspectives on Policy and Institutional Framework. **UNECA Policy Research Report**, October 2007 (with Susanna Wolf, Ralf Kruger and Leonce Ndikumana)

Assessing the Consequences of the Economic Partnership Agreement on the Economy of Sudan. **African Trade Policy Center (ATPC) Paper No. 68.** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: UNECA. 2007 (with Hakim Ben Hammouda, Nassim Oulmane, and Islam Swaleh)

Fiscal Decentralization and services Delivery in South Africa. **African Trade Policy Center (ATPC) working paper No. 58.** ATPC Paper No. 46. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), 2007.

Facilitating Firm Entry, Growth and Survival with Special Attention to SMEs. **ATPC Paper No. 46.** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: UNECA. 2007 (with J. Nkurunziza)

Explaining Growth in an Oil-Dependent Economy: The case of The United Arab Emirates ", In J. Nugent and H. Pesaran (eds.), **Explaining Growth in the Middle East** (North Holland/Elsevier, Contributions to Economic Analysis Series), 2007 (with Annas Hamed).

An Integrated Approach to Africa’s Development Constraints. In Jan Joost Teunissen and Age Akkerman (eds.) “**Africa in the World Economy: The National, Regional and International Challenges**”, FONDAD, The Hague, December 2005.

Financial Sector Policy and Poverty Reduction in Sudan. In UNDP “*Macroeconomic Framework for Poverty Reduction in Sudan*,” June 2006. New York: UNDP.

On the Experience of Islamic Agricultural Finance: Sustainability and Policy Challenges. *IRTI Research Paper No. 63, 2003*. Islamic Development Bank. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

On the Design and Effects of Monetary policy in an Islamic Framework: the case of Sudan. *IRTI Research Paper No.64, 2004*. Islamic Development Bank. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Education and savings in the United Arab Emirates: Evidence from Abu Dhabi Household Survey”, *Middle East Business and Economic Review*, Vol.15, No.2, December 2003, pp.38-50.

“Cultural effects on savings: Evidence from the United Arab Emirates”, *Journal of Development Studies*. Volume 39, No. 5, June 2003, pp.139-151 (with M. Al-Awad).

Gender, skills, nationality and income inequality in UAE (with M. Al-Awad). *Journal of Social Affairs*. Volume 19, No.76, Winter 2002; pp: 314-328.

“Private savings and private Sector Development in the United Arab Emirates”, *DIRASAT, Administrative Sciences*, Volume 29(2): 473-486. July 2002.

“The 1997-98 East Asian Financial Crisis: An Islamic Perspective”, *The Journal of Administrative Sciences, King Saud University*. Vol.14(1):29-49, 2002 (and Working Paper 9936, The Economic Research Forum (ERF) for Arab Countries, Turkey and Iran, 2000).

'Foreign Capital Inflow, Domestic Credit and Private Investment in Swaziland', *Eastern Africa Social Science Research Review*, Volume XVII, No.2, June 2001, pp.69-90.

“Fiscal Decentralisation and Sub-National government finance in relation to infrastructure and services provision in Swaziland,“ The World Bank, Washington, DC., June 2000.(also appeared in CD containing material on fiscal issues in developing countries – available at <http://www1.worldbank.org/wbiep/decentralization/africa/Swaziland%20Annexes.pdf> and www.dec.org/pdf_docs/Pcaaa992.pdf). (In collaboration).

“The Growth and Potential of Savings and Credit Co-operative Societies in Swaziland”, *Development Policy Review*, Volume 17 (1999), pp.293-313.

“Income and savings among large-scale Farm Households in Eastern Sudan: An Empirical Investigation', *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. XX, No.2, 1999: 1-17.

'An Econometric Analysis of Farm Household Participation in the Rural Credit Market in Sudan', *Savings and Development*, XXIII (2), 1999, pp.193-214.

'Monetary Dependence and Demand for Money in Swaziland', *UNISWA Research Journal*. Vol. 13 (1999), pp.1-8.

“Macroeconomic Instability, Financial Repression and Islamic Banking in Sudan”, *Journal of Economics and Management*, International Islamic University of Malaysia, Vo.6 No.2, July, 1998, pp.61-85.

'Agricultural Credit Under Economic Liberalization and Islamisation in Sudan' *Research Paper No.79, The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), March 1998*, Nairobi, Kenya. (With Sayed A. Ahmed).

'High Real Interest Rate Policy and Economic Growth in South Africa: Is There a Conflict of Objectives?', *African Journal of Economic Policy*, Vol.3 (2), 1997, pp. 1-24. (With Kevin Nell).

'Public Policies and Private Investment in SADC Countries', *The Journal of Development Economics for Southern Africa*, 1(1), September 1997, pp. 67-96. (and *Research Paper 33, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire, 1997*) (With K. Mlambo)

'Risk-Sharing and the Supply of Agricultural Credit: A Case Study of Islamic Finance in Sudan', *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 47(3), 1996, pp.390-402.

'Agricultural credit in the Gezira Scheme: Problems and Alternatives', *Economic and Social Research Studies*, S.G.B, Sudan, July, 1995 (in Arabic) (with Ahmed, S., Ismail, A., Mustafa, M., Ismail, M. A. and R. A. Babikir).

RESEARCH CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

- Organized and Participated in more than 140 conferences, seminars and workshops since I joined the United Nations, including academic conferences such as the annual African Economic Research Conference organized by ECA, African Development Bank, annual conference of African Ministers of Finance, World Bank-IMF Spring/Fall meetings, United Nations meetings, policy seminars and training workshops.
- Africa in the Global Economy: External Constraints, Regional Integration, and the Role of the State in Development and Finance. A Conference organized by FONDAD and the South African Reserve Bank in Pretoria, 13-14 June 2005
- Risk Management in Commercial Banks. A conference organized by Saudi Monetary Agency (SAMA), 24-25 February, 2004, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance: Foundations and contemporary Issues. Organized by IDB and University of Brunei Drussalam, Brunei, 5-7 January 2004.
- Workshop on Build Operate and Transfer (BOOT) projects, organized by IDB in Jeddah, May 2003.
- Workshop on Coaching and Mentoring, Organized by IDB in Jeddah, March 2003.
- ERF Annual Workshop, Sharjah, UAE October 2002.
- The Global Research Project: A Conference Organized by the Global Development in Rio De Janeiro, 9-14 December 2001.
- The second University Research Workshop, United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain 16-18 April, 2001.

- Inception Workshop on the Determinants of Growth in Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries, organized by the ERF, 6-7 April, 2001, Cairo, Egypt.
- ERF's 7th Annual Economic Conference in Amman, Jordan, 26-29 October 2000. Annual gathering of economic researchers organized by the Economic Research Forum (ERF) for Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey.
- Fiscal Decentralization and Infrastructure Provision in Swaziland, A Dissemination Workshop organized by The University of Swaziland in Collaboration with the Ministry of Planning and the World Bank, Pigg's peak Hotel, 4-7 December 1999., Swaziland.
- Workshop on household Budget Survey in Abu Dhabi Emirate, Rotana Hotel, Al-Ain, 29-30 November 1999.
- Zimbabwe: Macroeconomic Policy, Management and Performance since Independence, Harare, Zimbabwe, and 18-22 August 1998.
- Entrepreneurship at the Threshold of the 21st Century, Organized by the Southern African Entrepreneurship and Small Business Association, 10-12 May 1998, Sun City, South Africa.
- International Payments System, organized by the Southern African Development Community in Mbabane, Swaziland, September 1997.
- Recent Development in Econometrics, A Conference Organized by the Department of Economics, University of Pretoria, South Africa, July 1997.
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Workshops held in Nairobi, Kenya, May and December 1994, June 1996, December 1996, June 1998 and December 1998.
- Survey Methodology Workshop, organized by the AERC, Nairobi, Kenya, September 1994.
- African Economic Research Consortium' Research Workshop held in Johannesburg, South Africa, December, 1995.
- African Economic Research Consortium' Research Workshop held in Harare, Zimbabwe, December, 1997.
- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Organized by the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics (Sweden) in Arusha, Tanzania, April, 1994.
- Towards Islamisation of Sciences - organized by the Institute of Islamisation of Knowledge, University of Gezira, Friendship Hall, Khartoum, February 1994.
- Environmental Economics, a Workshop organized by the United Nations University, World Institution for Development Economic Research, Malta, July 1993.
- Economics and Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Glasgow, 1990.

SUPERVISION OF THESIS AND DISSERTATION:

- Six partial fulfilment M. A. dissertations, Gezira University.
- Ten partial fulfilment Diploma dissertations (Nine in Economics and one in Business and Finance), Gezira University and University of Fort Hare.
- Fourteen Honour degree dissertations, Fort Hare University.
- Numerous final year students' projects, Swaziland university and numerous at Gezira and Fort Hare Universities.

OTHER UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES:

- Chairman, Technical and Administrative Committee for Conference on Takaful. IDB-Bank Al-Jazira,, to be held in April, 2004.
- Member and/or Chairman of various Seminar Committees at IRTI.
- Member of College Research Committee, UAE University 2001/2002, Academic Committee, 2000/2001.
- Chairman and Member of various other committees (Academic, Research and Community Services) committees at CBE, Economic department 1999-2002.
- Training Supervisor, Department of Economics, UAE University, 2001/2002.
- Research Co-ordinator, M.A. (Economics) programme, Gezira University, 1993-1995.
- Member of the Academic Committee, Faculty of economics and rural development, Gezira University, 1993-1995.
- Academic Advisor (Part time), Wad Medani University College, 1992-1995.
- Faculty Representative, Fort Hare Semesterization Committee, 1996.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Carried out policy research on monetary policy and development financing as part of my duties as Economist with the Islamic Development Bank.
- Contributed to analysis of fiscal policy sustainability in the United Arab Emirates in cooperation with the UAE Federal National Council, 2001.
- Contributed to TV debate on Money Laundering, Sharjah TV 2000, UAE.
- Contributed to TV debate on Economic Growth in Swaziland, 1999.
- Economic advisor and credit consultant, The Gezira Scheme, Sudan, 1992-1995.
- Consultant and trainer for the Sudanese Savings Bank on project appraisal and saving mobilization between 1993 and 1995.
- Economic Expert, Strategic Consultants, Eastern Cape, South Africa, 1996.
- Visiting Scholar at the International Monetary Fund' Research Department, January-February, 1996, Washington, D.C., 20431, USA.
- Research Associate with KNC & Associates, an International economic and educational research and training consultancy firm based in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Country Expert, World Bank's research on fiscal decentralization and infrastructure provision in developing countries, 1999/2000 (see www1.worldbank.org/wbiep/decentralization/africa/Swaziland%20Report.pdf)
- Contributed to **EIGHT** Research and Training Workshops for professional groups in the public and private sectors in Sudan, South Africa and Swaziland.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

- Policy Affiliate Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- Membership of the Money Group, London School of Economics, 1987-1991.
- Membership of the International Association of Agricultural Economists
- Membership of the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), 1993 - to date.
- Membership of the Economic Association of Swaziland
- Associate member, Harvard Islamic Finance Information Program, University of Harvard,

USA, 2002-2004.

ACADEMIC AWARDS:

- The Sudanese Savings Bank Award for best student in Monetary Economics, 1984.
- Best Student in Economics Award, Gezira University, 1985.
- Overseas Research Student Award by the Association of the vice-chancellors of British Universities.

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

- The Economic Research Forum for Arab Countries, Turkey & Iran, Cairo, Egypt, 2001 (On behalf of the Global research Project funded by the World bank and others).
- The UAE Federal National Council, 2001.
- The Economic Research Forum for Arab Countries, Turkey & Iran, Cairo, Egypt, 2000. (Limited fund through competition).
- Staff Research Fund, United Arab Emirates University, 2000.
- The World Bank. Grant administered by the National Association of Local governments in Denmark (NALAD), 1999.
- Staff Research Fund, University of Swaziland, 1998.
- Staff Research Fund, University of Fort Hare, 1996.
- The African Economic Research Consortium, Kenya, Nairobi, 1996.
- The African Economic Research Consortium, Kenya, Nairobi, 1994.
- The Gezira Scheme (Sudan), 1993: A policy study funded by the Gezira Board.
- Overseas Research Student Grant, by the Association of the Vice Chancellors of British Universities, 1988. This grant covered part of my PhD research cost.
- Gezira University Postgraduate Students Grant. This covered my M.A and part of my PhD expenses.

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