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Nationality: KKTC

Year of Birth: 1969

Employment

Oct 2014-Present

Lecturer, Eastern Mediterranean University, Economics Department, Famagusta, Cyprus. Lecture on Public Finance, Global Economics, micro and macroeconomics, at the department.

Feb 2018-June 2019

TRNC Prime Ministry, work as an *Undersecretary* of the Prime Minister. Deal with policy and coordination issues of the government and work as a close advisor of the Prime Minister. Coordination of EU policies and EU aid implementation, as well as Turkish aid implementations In North

Jan 2014-Jan 2018

TRNC Prime Ministry, work as a *Director of Investment Development Agency* which is a post at undersecretary level. Deal with development and model of the public and private investment projects in coordination with EU and Turkish aid and find investors to them as well as navigate foreign investors with in the bureaucracy.

June 2010-2014

Cambridge Resource International Inc. (CRI) Development Economics Expert, work as a *Consultant for development agencies World Bank, USAID* and other Institutions and as a lecturer for international executive programs delivered through CRI and Queen's University, Canada.

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Programs & Tasks Delivered

2013/09

World Bank, Bank of Industry Course, Abuja, Nigeria. The four weeks program on the financial and economic appraisal and risk analysis of investments offered to officers of the Bank of Industry African in Lagos. Lecture and train the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2013/07

Lecturer and trainer at John Deutsch International Executive Programs at Queen's University, Kingston Canada. A Four-week program on **Investment Appraisal and Risk Analysis**, which is for professionals working in private and public organizations and USAID staff. This program covers modern techniques of finance, financial

modeling, applied economic analysis, risk analysis and risk management.

2013/06

USAID/South Africa National Treasury Training, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The two-weeks program delivered as two weeks schedule on the financial, economic appraisal and risk analysis of the Public as well as Public Private Partnership investments offered to the staff of the National Treasury Department in Johannesburg. Lecture the theory and facilitate the practical sessions and workshops.

2013/05

USAID/Kenya National School of Government, Nairobi, Kenya. The four-week program delivered as four weeks schedule on the financial, economic appraisal and risk analysis of the Public as well as Public Private Partnership investments offered to the chosen government officials from different ministries and academicians of the Universities in Nairobi. Lecture the theory and facilitate the practical sessions and workshops.

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2012/10

USAID/Rwanda 'Feed The Future Nutrition Investment', Cost Effectiveness Analysis. Field trip to prepare a report if cost effectiveness study can be delivered on social marketing and nutrition projects, which are implemented by USAID through Rwanda Feed The Future initiative.

2012/04

USAID/Uganda 'Feed The Future Nutrition Investment', Cost and Benefit Analysis and Cost Effectiveness Analysis. Cost and Benefit Analysis on the investment of the Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) production in Uganda, which is supported by the USAID/Uganda. Also cost effectiveness analysis to the project that RUTF was going to be used for the health and nutrition interventions on malnourished children. These projects implemented by USAID through Uganda Feed The Future initiative.

2011/11

World Bank, Institute of the Economic Development Course, Baku Azerbaijan.

The four-weeks program on the financial and economic appraisal of investments and risk analysis offered to officers of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Economic Development, AzerEnergy Joint Stock Company, AzerSu Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan Scientific Production Association for Hydrotechnical Facilities, Land Development, and State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan. and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy in Baku. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2011/10

World Bank, African Development Bank Course, Tunis, Tunisia. The eight days program on the financial and economic appraisal of investments offered to officers of the African Development Bank in Tunis. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2011/07

World Bank, Bank of Industry Course, Abuja, Nigeria. The two weeks program on the financial and economic appraisal of investments offered to officers of the Bank of Industry African in Lagos. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2011/05

World Bank, Ministry of Economy and Finance (MINECOFIN) Course Kigali, Rwanda. The two weeks program on the economic appraisal and risk analysis of investments offered to officers of the Ministry of Economics and Finance in Kigali. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2011/03

World Bank, Islamic Development Bank Course II, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The four-weeks program delivered as two weeks, schedule on the financial, economic appraisal and risk analysis of investments offered to officers of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2010/12

World Bank, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Course, Baku Azerbaijan. The two-weeks programs on the financial and economic appraisal of investments offered to officers of the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy in Baku. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2010/11

World Bank, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Course, Baku Azerbaijan. The two-weeks programs on the financial and economic appraisal of investments offered to officers of the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy in Baku. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

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World Bank, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Course, Baku Azerbaijan. The two-weeks programs on the financial and economic appraisal of investments offered to officers of the Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy in Baku. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

2010/10

World Bank, Islamic Development Bank Course I, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The four-weeks program delivered as two weeks, schedule on the financial, economic appraisal and risk analysis of investments offered to officers of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah. Lecture and assist the participants during the practical sessions and workshops.

Sep. 2008-Sep. 2009

Lecturer in Economics, Eastern Mediterranean University, Economics Department, Famagusta, Cyprus. Lectured on micro and macroeconomics, at the department.

Jan. 2008-Oct. 2009

Member and Consultant Advisor of the Project Committee at the British High Commission Cyprus.

The main duty of the Project Committee is to appraise bids to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Strategic Programme Fund. My role was to provide consultancy as an external voice in the Committee, provide local context and information about what EU is doing on in the frame of EU aid on those areas and prevent duplications of projects and review bids.

Jan. 2005-Jan 2008

Task Manager, European Commission DG Enlargement, Brussels. I worked for the Task Force for the Turkish Cypriots, Unit A3 on the implementation of the 259 million Euro financial aid programme. Task manager of the Social and Economic Development Projects. The programmes that I implemented and managed were Sustainable Economic Development and ICT Sector Development Programme and Grant Schemes for the Rural Sector Development Programme. I also followed up, managed and steered Private Sector Development and Upgrading Local and Urban Infrastructure Programmes, which were being implemented by the implementing partner UNDP.

Sep. 2004-Jan. 2006

Manager and Coordinator of the EU Project, 'Public Administration Reform Project', North Cyprus Prime Ministry. I managed the coordination and the implementation of the Public Administration Reform Project together with the experts of EU and Experts of the National School of Government UK, at the Prime Ministry of northern Cyprus. I managed and coordinate the implementation of the Project together with EU commission experts as it was an EU supported project and it was covering 10 ministries, Presidency and other governmental institutions.

Oct. 2003-Sep. 2004

Consultant Advisor at the Ministry of Economics, North Cyprus. I work in an influential policy-making position as a close adviser to the Minister of Economy and Tourism of northern Cyprus. I worked on and coordinate the EU financial aid and technical assistance development programmes, projects and policies such as Micro enterprises and SMEs, Public Administration Reform and Local and International development projects.

Mar. 1998-Sep. 2003

Project Analyst Category I, Development Bank of North Cyprus. Manage and lead teams and unit that work on economic and financial appraisals of the private investment projects. Monitor/follow-up the approved and funded projects by the bank, during the implementation period of the project and further stages until the end of the pay back period. Additionally, assist the new employees in their training programmes.

Oct. 2002-Apr. 2003

Project Manager and Coordinator, British High Commission, Cyprus. Managing and coordinating a project, which aimed to analyse the existing laws, regulations and institutional capacity in relation to some of the sectors in Northern Cyprus, and to provide an assessment of the work needed to harmonise with the EU acquis communautaire. Eight researchers were assigned to analyse and compile data on eight different subjects.

Dec. 2001-May. 2002

Project Manager and Coordinator, British High Commission, Cyprus. Managing and coordinating a research project concerning critical analysis of the agriculture, the environment, and the four freedoms in North Cyprus in relation to the EU acquis. Five researchers were assigned to analyse and compile data.

Sep. 1993-Mar. 1998

Project Analyst Category II, Development Bank of North Cyprus. Work in a team that deals with economic and financial appraisals to the private investment projects and monitoring/following-up the approved projects that have funded by the bank, during the implementation of the project and further stages up until the end of the pay back period.

Mar. 1993-Sep. 1993

Assistant Internal Auditor, Turkish Bank Ltd., North Cyprus. Auditing the different branches and departments of the Bank.

EDUCATION

2021

PhD research, Effectiveness of Foreign Aid

(Development Economics), Department of Economics, EMU University.

Emphasizes on the same subject that was started at the University of Bath, effectiveness of foreign aid, in relation to technical assistance, institutional quality and delivery mechanisms.

2010

Post Graduate Certificate, John Deutsch International Executive Programs at Queen's University, Kingston Canada. A Four-week program on **Investment Appraisal and Risk Analysis**, which is for professionals working in private and public organizations.

This program covers modern techniques of finance, financial modeling, applied Economic analysis, risk analysis and risk management.

2009

PhD research, Effectiveness of foreign aid

(Development Economics), Department of Economics, Bath University.

Emphasizes on the effectiveness of foreign aid, in relation to technical assistance, Institutional quality and delivery mechanisms. Course work completed and thesis was at writing stage. 2011 due to the life conditions needed to be frozen.

2004

Post Graduate Certificate 60 credits in **MA on Politics, Institutions and Public Policies of the European Union**, which can be progressed to MA degree. European Research Institute, **Birmingham University.** Specialized on the regional development

policy of the EU and effective use of the Structural Funds.

2000

MSc. International Development (Economic Development and Project Planning) Centre, Bradford University. Emphasizes on the subject of Project Planning, Management Development, Issues in Development, Institutional Development and Sustainability of the Investments.

1997

MBA, Faculty of Business and Economics, Eastern Mediterranean University. Emphasises on the International business, foreign trade policy, Strategic Planning and Strategic Management.

1991 BA, in Business Administration, Faculty of Business and Economics, Eastern Mediterranean University.

TRAININGS

2007

Certificate, European Administrative School, Brussels. One week training course called **“Key Skills for the EU Commission Staff”** which aims to gain a better understanding of multicultural differences, to handle change effectively, to set personal goals, to cope with stress, to become more assertive, to find creative solutions to problems and to work effectively in teams.

2006

Professional Certificate, Cabinet Office, National School of Government, London. I led and participate to a one-week Human Resource Management study tour among the UK government departments in London, aimed to see and understand, capacity of institutions and management, power sharing and collaboration among the institutions, where T. Cypriot high-level bureaucrats attended.

2006

Professional Certificate, Cabinet Office, National School of Government, London. One week training course, **Seminars and Workshops on Managing Change.** Focus on to develop an enhanced understanding of change and to practise key skills to manage ourselves and others better during a change process. Including change management tools, the role of vision, impact of change, impact of culture, Understanding organisational culture and developing strategies for dealing with resistance, inertia and cynicism.

2005

Certificate, European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht. One week training course and workshops on how to develop institutional capacity.

2005 Conference, Wilton Park Conference, Larnaca. Three days conference with a theme ‘The Way Forward’ and the Cyprus political problem, which has more than 50 years history and remains unsolved discussed by the politicians, diplomats and policy makers from Cyprus including both sides, Greece, Turkey, UK, UN and other international missions.

2001

Certificate, European Union Training Seminars, Cyprus. EU courses held by the British High Commission and British Council Cyprus. Aimed to understand European Union in terms of Institutions and Policies. Courses were in four modules and each one week. 1999 Certificate, Development Bank of Turkey, Ankara. Training course for 6 weeks focuses on the financial analysis from Bankers perspective and partially economic analysis.

Exams, Published Academic Articles & Awards Received

2022

Article 3; “Final Achieving National Food Security in Sub-Saharan African Countries The Role of Foreign Agricultural Aid” (Under Review)

2021

Article 2; “Final The Investment Volatility-Dampening Role of Foreign Aid”

2020

Article 1; “Examining the Interactive Growth Effect of Development Aid and Institutional Quality in Sub-Saharan Africa”

2009

EU Scholarship Award. Full scholarship covered all the tuition expenses and living costs required to complete the first year of the PhD research programme.

2008

International English Language Testing System **IELTS Examination**, Cyprus. Score 8 out of 9.

2004

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Scholar, British Chevening Award. Full scholarship covered all the tuition expenses and living costs required to complete the 3 months course on **EU development policy**.

2000

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Scholar, British Chevening Award. Full scholarship covered all the tuition expenses and living costs required to complete a year master course on Economics of International Development.

1999

International English Language Testing System **IELTS Examination**, Cyprus. Score 7 out of 9.

Languages

Turkish, English. Some knowledge of Greek (oral and written).