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For more than 37 years he has worked in agricultural, university, and research system development in developing countries. Following PhD research in Côte d'Ivoire, he taught economics at Makerere University Kampala under the Rockefeller Foundation's Education for Development Program (EFD). He subsequently ran an institutional development program at the University of Michigan to create an American capacity for work in francophone Africa and did field work on resettlement planning in Laos with university geographers studying the proposed Pa Mong Dam. Joining the Ford Foundation as Agricultural Program Officer and Assistant Representative for West Africa in 1975, he promoted academic exchange between Anglophone and francophone countries. Accepting an offer from the Rockefeller Foundation in 1978, he became Representative of the Rockefeller Foundation's EFD program in the DR Congo (then Zaire). In addition to teaching economics, he served as Director General of the Faculty Institute of Agronomic Sciences, Yangambi. The Rockefeller Foundation then sent him to Brazil as Representative (1981-84) where he taught labor economics at the Federal University of Bahia as well as overseeing country programs in health, agriculture and social sciences.

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In 2008, he co-authored a meta-evaluation of external program and management reviews for the Science Council of the CGIAR. In late 2008 and early 2009, he assisted the International Potato Center with the development of a project to unleash the potential of sweetpotato in Africa and worked with ILRI on their agricultural innovations systems thrust. From December 2008-April 2009 he coordinated the independent evaluation of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) for the Global Environment Facility and the World Bank.