

30+ years of experience in international organization, academia, government, and think tanks. Known for institutional agility and a proven ability to adapt across regions (Middle East, Central Asia, Europe, and Asia and Pacific), with deep roots in policy engagement, analytical innovation, and macroeconomic training. Combines leadership skills and technical strength with a collaborative mindset. Brings a broad perspective, strong regional insights, and a demonstrated commitment to economic reforms.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Capacity Development (CD):** Vast experience in CD delivery, management, and coordination with partners.
- **Country Work:** Experience in surveillance and program cases, including Low-Income and emerging countries.
- **Analytical:** Macro Diagnostics, Inclusive Growth, Tax Policy, Financial Programming, and Resource-Rich Countries.
- **People Management:** Developing staff through coaching, motivation, and active listening.
- **Interpersonal:** Using tact to build rapport and bridge gaps with authorities and partners.

IMF EXPERIENCE

Middle East and Central Asia Department (MCD)

Senior Economist

- Desk economist for Kyrgyzstan, contributing to the IMF's regular macroeconomic surveillance
- Helping inform the IMF policy advice to Kyrgyzstan's reform strategies.
- Covering macroeconomic framework and analytical topics on fiscal, external, monetary and structural issues

IMF Institute for Capacity Development (ICD)

Senior Economist & Inclusive Growth Lead

- Spearheaded the development and strategic positioning of Inclusive Growth within the IMF's capacity development agenda—shaping course content, analytical tools, and practitioner engagement, including co-leading curriculum design and authoring foundational modules.
- Designed and delivered high-impact training programs on Inclusive Growth and macroeconomic policy in resource-rich countries, reaching diverse audiences across regions and contributing to strengthened policy frameworks.
- Coordinated the design and implementation of the Inclusive Growth Dashboard, a widely used diagnostic and monitoring tool by Fund departments and training participants.
- Represented ICD on the Inequality Advisory Group, providing input that shaped institutional thinking and cross-departmental collaboration on equity-related macroeconomic policies.

Deputy Director, IMF-Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF)

- Directed all aspects of Center operations, ensuring seamless delivery of 50+ training activities annually while strengthening regional ownership through deepened partnerships with national authorities and IFIs.
- Led course programming in collaboration with ICD and partner institutions—prioritizing regional policy needs and expanding offerings in Arabic, including Inclusive Growth and Financial Programming.
- Enhanced visibility and institutional voice through targeted outreach, strategic event curation, and publication initiatives tailored to MENA audiences.
- Built and managed high-performing teams, driving innovation in instructional design and talent development; provided mentorship, oversaw recruitment and performance cycles.
- Championed the creation of regionally relevant case studies, enriching course content with practical insights from MENA country experiences.

Senior Economist, ICD | Lead Trainer and Curriculum Developer

- Delivered technical training missions globally on core macroeconomic topics, reaching policymakers and practitioners.
- Led FPP course modernization and contributed to the MDS stream, including launching the Arabic-language online FPP course—broadening access and relevance.
- Drove key aspects of ICD's Inclusive Growth project, resulting in a comprehensive handbook and new online learning suite used across country departments.
- Supported ICD's regional partnerships in the Middle East through policy dialogue and capacity development strategy, ensuring local needs were reflected in Fund offerings.

Research Department (RES)

Senior Economist (*one-off assignment*)

- Collaborated with the Multilateral Surveillance Division to draft the Inclusive Growth section of the 2020 G20 Report on Strong, Sustainable, Balanced, and Inclusive Growth, helping shape the Fund's messaging on equity and distributional issues during the COVID-19 crisis and the global policy dialogue that ensued.

Asia and Pacific Department (APD)

Desk Economist (*one-off assignment*)

- Contributed to the 2019 Article IV Consultation for the Federated States of Micronesia, delivering analysis that informed IMF policy advice on macroeconomic sustainability and development challenges in a small island context.
- Co-authored the Climate Change Policy Assessment (CCPA) for Micronesia, integrating climate risk into macroeconomic frameworks and helping set the groundwork for climate-resilient policy planning in a highly vulnerable country.

Communications Department (COM)

Senior Economist

- Served as editor of the Fund's Arabic blog, shaping bilingual content that broadened regional outreach and enhanced public understanding of Fund priorities across the Arabic-speaking world.
- Led the COM team supporting outreach for the Middle East and Central Asia Department (MCD), while contributing to the communications strategy for European Department (EUR) engagements—amplifying the Fund's voice across diverse audiences.
- Crafted and edited strategic messaging through multiple flagship platforms, including the IMF Survey, blogs, fact sheets, and leadership speeches, ensuring clarity and resonance of policy communications.
- Contributed to the development of the Fund's communications toolkit and participated in outreach missions, helping country teams tailor narrative framing to better engage domestic and international stakeholders.
- Provided editorial review and strategic feedback on a wide range of analytical products—including country reports, working papers, and regional outlooks—to align them with institutional messaging standards and enhance accessibility.

European Department (EUR)

Economist

- Served as desk economist for Bosnia and Herzegovina during its 2009 Stand-By Arrangement and for the Slovak Republic during the 2011 Article IV Consultation, contributing to surveillance and program design in the wake of the global financial crisis. Drafted key Selected Issues Papers (SIPs) on structural challenges, helping inform Fund policy advice and country-specific reform strategies.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Economist, Economic Policy Institute, Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), U.A.E. | Sep 2006 – Jan 2010
- Senior Economist, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), Egypt | Sep 2005 – Aug 2006
- Advisor to the Minister of Planning, Egypt | Aug 2003 – Aug 2006
- Assistant Professor, Institute of National Planning, Egypt | Aug 2003 – Aug 2006
- Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota | Aug 2002 – Jul 2003
- Lecturer, Western Michigan University | Sep 2001 – Jul 2002
- Lecturer, Institute of National Planning, Egypt | March 1993 – Aug 1997

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Applied Economics, Western Michigan University | 2002
- M.A. in Applied Economics, Western Michigan University | 1998
- B.Sc. in Economics, Cairo University, Egypt | 1990

PUBLICATIONS

- Abdelkader, K., and R. De Mooij, 2021, "Tax Policy for an Inclusive Recovery," in Policy in Focus, Volume 19, Issue No. 3, The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth.
- Abdelkader, K., and R. De Mooij, 2021, "Tax Policy" in: How to Achieve Inclusive Growth, edited by Valerie Cerra et al, Oxford University Press.
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- Abdelkader, K. and P. Iossifov, 2010, "Post-Crisis Growth Prospects and Supporting Policies in Bosnia and Herzegovina," Selected Issues Paper, International Monetary Fund, Washington DC.
- Abdelkader, K., 2008, "Macroeconomics," International Encyclopedia of Social Sciences. Vol. 4, 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference, p. 539 – 43.
- Abdelkader, K., 2006 "Private Sector Access to Credit in Egypt: Evidence from Survey Data." ECES Working Paper No. 111, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Cairo, Egypt.
- Abdelkader, K., 2006 "The Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Economic Growth in MENA Countries." RSCAS Working Paper No. 2006/31, the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.