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Experience

- 2010- **CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT** **WASHINGTON, DC**
Senior Fellow and (previously) Director of the Gender and Technology programs.
- Research, analysis, writing, advocacy and convening related to US/European international economic policy and global development institutions. Topics include: technology; governance; gender; health; environment; trade; migration; international financial institutions and aid agencies.
 - Dialogue on a range of development issues with senior officials from White House, State Department, USAID, MCC, US Congress, UK Prime Minister's Office, donor country foreign offices, the World Bank Group, and the United Nations.
 - Provided empirical underpinning and institutional proposals behind the Open Contracting Partnership, supporting government contract publication worldwide. Proposed results-based financing to increase the number of women peacekeepers in UN operations, subsequently introduced. Proposed an executive ban on US intelligence service use of vaccine programs for intelligence gathering, since implemented. Developed output-based approaches to control of corruption piloted by the Global Fund. Proposed reforms to development finance transparency and competitiveness introduced by World Bank Group.
 - Adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Visiting fellowships at Stanford Center for International Development, The Property and Environment Research Center, Oxford University Martin School. Rockefeller Bellagio Center resident, New America Foundation Schwartz Fellow. Regular contributor to *The Economist* "Democracy in America" blog, columnist at *Businessweek*, contributing editor to *Foreign Policy* magazine.
- 1996-2010 **THE WORLD BANK GROUP** **WASHINGTON, DC**
- (09-10) Special Assistant to the VP, Middle East and North Africa. Provided support and advice across the range of VP-level activities including relations with senior management/executive directors, regional and country strategy, lending, portfolio monitoring, budget and HR.
- (06-09) Senior Economist in the Finance, Economics and Urban Department. Led development of governance and anti-corruption approaches in sustainable development.
- Led World Bank participation in the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative including work on design, management and coordination of trust funds, technical advice and consultants across pilot countries, involving civil society, the private sector and donor partners
- (99-06) Senior Infrastructure Economist for the IFC/World Bank Information and Communications Technology Group. Managed Afghanistan, Iran and Kenya information infrastructure activities as well as global analytical work, economic analyst for IFC and Bank ICT projects.
- Managed a range of Bank instruments in Afghanistan including an IDA credit, trust funded investments, trust funds for analytical work and Bank-financed analytical and technical assistance. Projects supported introduction of regulated mobile and international competition, network expansion, corporatization and reform of the fixed operator, and the spread of connectivity to every province.
 - Managed a series of engagements in Kenya over four years which supported significant reform including greater competition and improved performance of the state-owned monopoly.
 - Led the Bank's engagement with the UN World Summit on Information Society Financing Task Force. Economic analyst on numerous IFC and World Bank Internet and telecommunications investments. Lead author and manager of World Bank ICT Poverty Reduction Strategy Toolkit; core team member of US\$60m business plan writing team for the Development Gateway.

- (96-99) Consultant for Development Economics and for *The World Development Report 1999/2000*.
- Principal WDR author on global environment chapter, contributing author on introductory, international trade and finance chapters. Published econometric analyses of cross-country determinants of growth; author of Tanzania peri-urban survey.

1993-6 **CONSULTANCIES** **LONDON AND WASHINGTON, DC**

Independent consultant for the Overseas Development Council.

- Researcher for reports on US-Africa investment and bilateral trade issues and African aid effectiveness.

Assistant to the Chief Economist for Emerging Markets, Lloyds Bank UK.

- Performed economic and political risk analyses for bank lending to developing economies.

Researcher for the UK All Party Parliamentary Inquiry into African Debt.

- Analyzed country and regional debt profiles, debt sustainability issues and macroeconomic impacts for the report *Africa's Multilateral Debt*.

Education

2017 **PETERHOUSE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY** **CAMBRIDGE**

PhD by Special Regulations in Development Studies. Submitted published papers focused on global trends in the quality of life and their causes.

1994-5 **SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (SAIS)** **WASHINGTON, DC**

MA in International Economics. Courses concentrated on Africa and international development.

1993-4 **THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (SOAS)** **LONDON**

MA in Development Studies. Courses concentrated on international political economy.

1990-3 **PETERHOUSE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY** **CAMBRIDGE**

BA in History. Courses concentrated on history of thought and modern world history.

Offices and language skills

Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Happiness Studies* and the *Journal of Information Technology for Development*. Intermediate French, basic Spanish.

Charles Kenny: Publications and Papers

Books

Kenny, Charles (2021) *Your World Better: Global Progress and What You Can Do About It* Seattle: KDP

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Kenny, Charles (2019) Can the US Development Finance Corporation Compete? CGD Policy Working Paper.

Kenny, Charles (2019) Five Principles For Use Of Aid In Subsidies To The Private Sector. CGD Working Paper.

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Kenny, Charles (2018) Speeding Sustainable Development: Integrating Economic, Social, and Environmental Development. CGD Working Paper.

Kenny, Charles, Jared Kalow, and Vijaya Ramachandran (2018) Inside the Portfolio of the International Finance Corporation: Does IFC Do Enough in Low-Income Countries? CGD Policy Working Paper.

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