

BEN DICKINSON

Education and Training

1989 BA (Hons) Social Administration 1st Class Honours, University of Brighton.

1994 MA (Econ) Development Studies, University of Manchester.

Employment

Mid 2005 to present **Manager, Conflict and Governance Unit of the Policy Co-Ordination Division of the OECD, Paris.**

Responsibilities: Professional direction and management of OECD Secretariat support to the DAC's governance, conflict prevention and fragile states networks and workplans.

Mid 2004-Mid 2005 **Senior Governance Adviser, International Division Advisory Team, DFID, London.**

Responsibilities: Design project to seek developing country views about the future direction of the International Aid Architecture.

Deliver analytical programme to assess how the aid architecture is responding to the security and development agenda. strengthen the

2003 to 2004 **Senior Governance Adviser, Europe Middle East and Americas Policy Department, DFID, London.**

Responsibilities: Professional direction and support to 15 field-based Governance Advisers; Lead Adviser on DFID's 2004 Strategy for Middle Income Countries; Lead Divisional Governance Adviser on security and development, pro-poor political change, aid effectiveness, public finance; Managing governance knowledge networks and promoting lesson learning.

Achievements:

- Research, international consultation and production of DFID's 2004 Strategy on Middle Income Countries.
- Diagnosis of aid effectiveness problems in Latin America.
- Sustained Divisional governance network through significant organisational change.
- Influenced objectives for DFID policy on the World Bank.

2002-2003

Governance Adviser, Europe and Central Asia Department, DFID.

Responsibilities Governance and institutional analysis and governance programme design for DFID Russia and Ukraine.

Achievements:

- Led governance and HIVAIDS strategy for Russia programme.
- Led Review of Ukraine programme highlighting politics and poverty dynamics.
- Led design and launch of public administration programme and sub-national partnerships programme for Russia.

1999-2002

Governance Adviser, DFID Indonesia, British Embassy, Jakarta.

Responsibilities Lead responsibility for in-country design and management of DFID's governance and institutions programme in Indonesia.

Achievements:

- Constructed an influential governance programme from a zero base line in an environment of significant political upheaval.
- Created with others a multi-donor funded *Governance Partnership*, influencing other donors approach to governance.
- Designed, negotiated and implemented a complex and politically sensitive security sector reform programme.
- Led and applied the 'Pro-poor political change' agenda into a set of practical recommendations.

1998-1999

Director, Development and Training Services, British Council, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Responsibilities the effective management of a portfolio of institutional development projects in the health and education sectors.

Achievements:

- Successfully field managed a portfolio of DFID and World Bank projects worth £20 M involving the effective management of over 50 staff to the expressed satisfaction of clients.

1994-1998

Governance Projects Manager, the British Council, Nairobi, Kenya.

Responsibilities development and management of a range of governance programmes including public sector reform, human rights, politics and civil society; Team leader for 8 staff.

Achievements:

- Secured through open a multi-million £ public sector reform programme in Kenya.
- Guided a team through an era of institutional change as a result of compulsory competitive tendering.

1992-1994 **Training Adviser (public administration), Consultancy Group, the British Council, Manchester, UK.**

Responsibilities Providing advice to BC country offices on the development of public sector reform projects; Managing relations with the UK governance training and education constituency.

Achievements:

- Architect of the British Council's policy advice on governance for overseas offices.

1990-1992 **Country Officer, Malawi, the British Council, London.**
Responsibilities Management of DFID's training programme for Malawi.

International publications

Why and How to Aid Middle Income Countries, Institute of Development Studies Discussion Paper (forthcoming 2004).

Priorities, government institutions and foreign assistance in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Russia in *Public Administration and Development*, Volume 24, Issue 1, 2004.

Development Priority Guidelines : Good Government, the British Council, London, 1993.

Personal Information

Date of Birth	28 th June 1966	Nationality	British
Marital status	Married	Driving licence	Full UK
