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Experience

- 2010- **CGD AND NEW AMERICA FOUNDATION** **WASHINGTON, DC**
Joint appointment as Senior Fellow and Director of the Gender and Technology and Development programs at the Center for Global Development and (previously) Schwartz Fellow at the New America Foundation (2010-2012).
- Research, analysis, writing and advocacy related to US policy and global development. Topics include: technology and development; education; post-2015 development agenda; governance and anticorruption; transparent contracting; gender and development; global public health; international financial institutions, global progress in the quality of life.
 - Lead dialogue on a range of development topics with senior officials from White House, State Department, USAID, MCC, UK Prime Minister's Office, UK DFID, the United Nations, Canadian, French and Australian foreign offices, Gates Foundation and others.
 - Provided empirical underpinning and institutional proposals behind Open Contracting. Proposed results-based financing to increase the number of women peacekeepers in UN operations now being introduced under Canadian leadership.
- 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 corporate strategy and relations with senior management/executive directors, regional and country strategy, lending, portfolio and advisory services monitoring, budget and HR, meetings and travel.
- (06-09) Senior Economist in the Finance, Economics and Urban Department. Lead development of governance and anti-corruption approaches in sustainable development.
- Coordinator of the Sustainable Development Vice Presidency's Governance and Anticorruption (GAC) work program, management of two infrastructure governance trust funds and a \$500k bank fund for GAC activities as well as management of a core team of consultants.
 - Lead World Bank participation in the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative including work on design, management and coordination of 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 (GICT). Managed Afghanistan, Iran and Kenya information infrastructure activities as well as global analytical work, economic analyst for IFC and Bank ICT projects.
- Task managed a range of Bank instruments in Afghanistan including an IDA credit, trust funded investments, trust funds for analytical work and Bank-financed ESW and TA over a period of five years. Projects supported introduction of regulated mobile and international competition, network expansion, corporatization and reform of the fixed operator, the spread of connectivity to every province.
 - Task 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 Task 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 author on WDR global environment chapter, contributing author on introductory, international trade and finance chapters.
 - Performed econometric analyses of cross-country determinants of growth; author of Tanzania peri-urban survey; author of review studies of African economic growth.

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 papers focused 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

Contributing editor to *Foreign Policy* magazine. 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 (2018) *Winning the War on Death* New York: Columbia University Press
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Kenny, Charles and Andy Sumner (2011) More Money or More Development? What Have the MDGs Achieved? CGD Working Paper

Kenny, Charles (2011) Overselling Broadband, CGD Essay

Kenny, Charles (2011) Publishing Construction Contracts as a Tool for Efficiency and Good Governance CGD Working Paper

Kenny, Charles (2011) Where is the Virtue in the Middle Class? CGD essay

Kenny, Charles (2011) Technology and USAID: Three Cheers and a Thousand Cautions CGD Essay

Kenny, Charles (2011) Bentham from the Crypt Once More: Politicians in Pursuit of Happiness CGD essay

Kenny, Charles, Michael Klein and Monika Sztajerowska (2011) A Trio of Perspectives on Corruption: Bias, Speed Money and “Grand Theft Infrastructure” World Bank Working Paper

Kenny, Charles (2010) Learning About Schools in Development CGD Working Paper.

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