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Oxford University, Department of Economics and Mansfield College Professor in the Department of Economics. Professorial Fellow at Mansfield College. Deputy Director then Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies.	7/99-10/13
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# **Education**

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Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley. 1989

International Labor Organization, Jobs and Skills Programme for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Licencié in Economics (Grande Distinction), Institut des Sciences Economiques, Catholic University of Louvain, 1980

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Licencié in Law (Distinction), Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Louvain. 1978

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