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## Personal Data

Born: July, 1971; Washington, D.C.  
Citizenship: United States  
Languages: English and Dutch (fluent); French (adequate)

## Summary

Dr. Jamie Boex is a senior public finance expert with extensive experience in fiscal policy reforms in developing and transition countries around the world. He has authored and contributed to numerous book, book chapters, articles, and reports on fiscal decentralization, public expenditure management and poverty reduction. Prior to establishing himself as a full-time consultant, Dr. Boex was a Professor of Economics and Senior Associate with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, one of the leading public affairs colleges in the United States in the area of public budgeting and finance.

Dr. Boex has considerable experience in the provision of technical assistance, as well as in the development and provision of academic and certificate courses in the areas of public budgeting and finance in Africa, Asia and the former Soviet Union. Within this broad area of expertise, Dr. Boex has extensive experience supporting (fiscal) decentralization reforms, including in the design and implementation of intergovernmental fiscal transfer systems. Furthermore, Dr. Boex has substantial expertise in the reform of public budgeting and expenditure management processes, including MTEFs, PERs, and performance-based budget processes, especially in the context of poverty reduction strategies. Working with organizations such as the World Bank, UNDP, USAID, the Asian Development Bank and numerous bilateral development agencies, Dr. Boex has analyzed or contributed to fiscal policy reforms in over a dozen developing and transition countries around the world, including Armenia, Bangladesh, Republic of Georgia, Indonesia, Malawi, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Timor-Leste and Uganda.

## Education

Propaedeutic Certificate (Economics), Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (Netherlands), June 1991  
B.A. in Economics, Kent State University, June 1993  
M.A. in Economics, Georgia State University, March 1995  
Ph.D. in Economics, Georgia State University, December 1999  
Fields: Public Finance; Urban and Regional Economics

## **Professional Positions**

### Public Finance & Development Solutions, LLC

Senior Public Finance Expert and Chief Executive Officer, January 2007 – present.

### Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Assistant Research Professor, Department of Economics and Senior Associate, International Studies Program, August 2001 – June 2007.

Research Associate II, International Studies Program, July 1998 – July 2001.

Instructor, Department of Economics, January 1999 - May 1999.

Graduate Research Assistant, Policy Research Center, August 1993 - June 1998.

## **Technical Assistance Activities and Consulting Experience**

### Implementing and Consolidation of a System of Formula-Based Blocks Grants To Local Government Authorities In Tanzania, DANIDA/LGRP Basket Fund, May 2003 – December 2007

As Team Leader, led and coordinated efforts to advise the Government of Tanzania's Prime Minister's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government, PMO-RALG), Ministry of Finance and sector ministries on the implementation of a formula-based system of recurrent local government grants. In this role, prepared technical notes, facilitated workshops, engaged line ministry officials and development partners, conducted quantitative analyses of local government finances, assisting in setting up monitoring and reporting processes, and built the capacity of the Budget Department (Ministry of Finance) and the Directorate of Local Government (PMO-RALG).

### Study on the Design of Formula-Based Recurrent and Development Grants in Namibia, Government of Namibia / Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs, February- July 2006.

As Team Leader, led and coordinated the efforts to advise the Government of Namibia on the formulation and development of a formula-based system of intergovernmental grants.

### USAID Fiscal Reform Project, USAID/EGAT and DAI, July 2003 – May 2006.

Led the contributions of the Andrew Young School to the USAID Fiscal Reform Project, including the development and delivery of three annual week-long training programs for USAID officials, participation in workshops, and contributing to studies on "Fiscal policy, fiscal management, and corruption" (2003-04) and "Fiscal decentralization and poverty reduction" (2005).

### Staff Consultancy: Supporting social sectors development in Indonesia's decentralized context, Asian Development Bank, December 2005 – May 2006

As a Consultant, supported the Asian Development Bank's in considering the impact of fiscal decentralization on social sector service delivery and poverty reduction as an input into its strategic program and for future loan and technical assistance to support poverty reduction in Indonesia.

**Technical Assistance Activities and Consulting Experience (Continued)**

Local Government Financing Study in Tanzania, *Government of Tanzania*, November 2004 - May 2005.

As Team Leader, led and coordinated efforts to advise the Government of Tanzania on the formulation of a strategic framework for local government finance. Prepared a Draft Policy Paper on Local Government Finance.

An Assessment of Fiscal Decentralization in Selected Transition Economies, *UNDP Bratislava Regional Center*, February-March 2005.

As a fiscal decentralization expert, led and coordinated an assessment of fiscal decentralization reforms in five transition countries. Traveled to Armenia and Georgia and prepared the respective country studies. Prepared the summary report and derived implications of the assessment for activities by UNDP/Bratislava and the individual Country Offices.

Guidance Note: Fiscal Decentralization and Poverty Reduction, *UNDP Regional Center in Bangkok*, October 2004 -March 2005.

As a Consultant, advised and contributed to the drafting of a guidance note for the global UNDP community on the relationship between fiscal decentralization reforms on poverty reduction.

Study on Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in Swaziland, *Government of Swaziland / World Bank*, October - December 2003.

As Team Leader, advised the Government of Swaziland on the formulation and development of a formula-based system of intergovernmental grants.

Technical Support for Decentralization in Indonesia, *USAID/Jakarta*, June 2003 - 2004

As a fiscal policy and decentralization expert, attended meetings at Indonesia's Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Home Affairs regarding Indonesia's fiscal decentralization challenges; authored and contributed to a series of policy reports on decentralization and local governance issues in Indonesia.

Development of A System For Allocating Grants To Local Government Authorities In Tanzania, *DANIDA*, September 2002 - January 2003

As Team Leader, led and coordinated the support to the Government of Tanzania's Local Government Reform Program on the formulation and development of a formula-based system of intergovernmental grants. In this role, contributed to a review of the local government finance environment in Tanzania that led to the development of an equitable and transparent formula-based system of intergovernmental grants in Tanzania.

### **Technical Assistance Activities and Consulting Experience (Continued)**

Support for Fiscal Decentralization Policy in Nepal and the Design of Local Government Grants for the Decentralized Financing and Development Program, UNCDF, September 2002.

As a Consultant, advised UNCDF/Nepal on the introduction of an allocation formula for grants from its Decentralized Financing and Development Program Fund, and commented on the implications of the proposed DFDP funding formula for the broader design of the system of intergovernmental fiscal relations in Nepal.

SPPD: Promoting Policy on Local Government and Decentralization in Bangladesh, UNDESA, May-December 2002.

Served as fiscal decentralization expert as part of a United Nations team advising UNDP/Dhaka on fiscal decentralization issues in light of the SPPD “Promoting Policy on Local Governance and Decentralization in Bangladesh.” This internal UNDP exercise is intended to provide a framework for UNDP/BGD’s programmatic strategy in the area of local governance and decentralization in Bangladesh.

Development of Federal and Regional Legislation on Inter-budgetary Relations and Sub-federal Finances, IET/GSU (World Bank), January 2002 – June 2004.

As a fiscal policy and decentralization expert, attended meetings at the Russian Federation Ministry of Finance regarding Russia’s fiscal decentralization challenges; authored and contributed to a series of policy reports on fiscal policy, fiscal decentralization and local governance issues in the Russian Federation.

Malawi Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers Project. UNCDF, December 2000 -April 2001.

As Team Leader of the Malawi Intergovernmental Transfers Study, analyzed Malawi’s fiscal structure and intergovernmental transfer system. Developed recommendations for the reform of Malawi’s system of intergovernmental transfers.

Fiscal Study of Anambra State, Nigeria. GSU (AIM Partners), October 2000.

Served as an expert on fiscal policy and fiscal management issues on a two-man mission to Anambra State, Nigeria, to assess the fiscal capacity of Anambra State to carry out major capital infrastructure projects.

Fiscal Reform Project in the Russian Federation. GSU (USAID), July 1998 - December 1998.

As a Project Associate, responsibilities included preparation of technical reports and provision of technical assistance in the areas of intergovernmental fiscal relations, fiscal policy and public administration. Co-authored a comprehensive review of fiscal decentralization in the Russian Federation and developed a computer model to simulate alternative systems of intergovernmental relations. Core recommendations regarding the reform of the system of equalization transfers were adopted by the Ministry of Finance.

### **Technical Assistance Activities and Consulting Experience (Continued)**

Multi-Year Budget Project for the Russian Federation. *World Bank*, August 1997 - July 1998.

Short-term Consultant with the World Bank. Prepared and co-authored a review of international practices in multi-year budgeting. Developed a Multi-Year Budget Model for the Russian Federation and wrote supporting documentation. Provided advice on the introduction of a multi-year budget strategy to counterparts with the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation.

Fiscal Decentralization in the Russian Federation. *GSU (USAID)*, April - August 1997.

Prepared and co-authored a series of policy notes on the reform of the system of equalizing transfers for the Russian Federation and the role of fiscal capacity in the design of a system of intergovernmental fiscal relations.

### **Certificate Training Programs in Public Finance and Development**

Andrew Young School's Annual Public Policy Summer Training Program, 2000 – 2006.

For seven years, managed and oversaw all facets of the Andrew Young School's annual Public Policy Summer Training Courses (June – August, annually). As program manager, was responsible for overseeing the overall technical development, administration and delivery of 3-4 certificate courses each year aimed at international development practitioners and government officials and policy makers from developing and transitional economies, including courses on development macroeconomics, tax policy and tax administration; public budgeting and expenditure management, and fiscal decentralization and local governance. Regularly led training sessions on poverty reduction, fiscal analysis, multi-year budgeting, and intergovernmental fiscal transfers.

Bangladesh Fiscal Decentralization Training Workshops, UNCDF, April 2005 and August 2006.

Led the development and delivery of two week-long in-country workshops on fiscal decentralization topics for senior Bangladeshi government officials and policy experts.

USAID Training Program “Fiscal Policy Reform: Principles and Trends”, 2003-2006.

As part of the USAID Fiscal Reform in Support of Trade Liberalization Project, led the annual development and delivery of a week-long training program for USAID officials on “Fiscal Policy Reform: Principles and Trends” in April 2004 and April 2005, and February 2006. Taught sessions on public expenditures and poverty reduction, and on best practices in fiscal decentralization reform.

Fiscal Decentralization Course in Timor-Leste, UNDP/UNCDF/DCI, October 2005.

Led the development and delivery of a five-day, in-country course on fiscal decentralization issues for senior Timorese policy makers and government officials. Engaged the Minister of State Administration and other senior government officials in technical consultations on a variety of fiscal decentralization issues.

### **Certificate Training Programs in Public Finance and Development (Continued)**

Nepal Fiscal Decentralization Training Workshop, UNCDF/ DANIDA/ Nepal Local Bodies Fiscal Commission, January 2004.

Led the development and delivery of a six-day in-country workshop on fiscal decentralization topics for policy experts of Nepal's Local Bodies Fiscal Commission.

Uganda Fiscal Decentralization Training Workshop, Uganda Local Government Finance Commission, October 2003.

Developed and delivered a five-day in-country workshop on fiscal decentralization topics for eight policy experts from Uganda's Local Government Finance Commission.

UNCDF Programme Officers Workshop on Fiscal Decentralization, UNCDF, October 2001.

Facilitated two days of training for the UNCDF Programme Officers Workshop on Fiscal Decentralization, in Bangkok, Thailand. The materials for the workshop were developed in close cooperation with UNCDF Headquarters in New York, and included both reading materials as well as distance learning video lectures.

Fiscal Decentralization Expert Workshop, World Bank Institute, Budapest, February 2001.

Co-developed and presented a training module on the design of equalization grants as part of the World Bank Institute's Core Course on Fiscal Decentralization.

Uganda Intergovernmental Transfers Training Program, GSU (IDA), November 1999.

Prepared an intergovernmental fiscal relations simulation model for the Republic of Uganda (with accompanying user manual) to serve as instructional materials for an in-country training program on intergovernmental transfers for central and local Ugandan budget officials.

Sri Lanka Fiscal Policy Analysis Training Project, GSU/ISTI (USAID), July - August 1999.

Prepared project materials and course materials for a fiscal policy analysis training program for senior Sri Lankan tax officials. Led a series of training sessions on economic analysis and revenue forecasting.

### **Books and Book Chapters**

"Fighting Corruption in the Public Sector" (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Javier Arze del Granado), *Elsevier*, 2007.

"Designing Intergovernmental Equalization Transfers with Imperfect Data: Concepts, Practices, and Lessons" (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez). In: Challenges in the Design of Fiscal Equalization and Intergovernmental Transfers. Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Robert Searle (ed.), Springer, 2007.

### **Books and Book Chapters (Continued)**

*Local Government Finance Reform in Developing Countries: The Case of Tanzania*, (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), *Palgrave Macmillan*, 2006.

“Reforming Regional-Local Finance in Russia” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Andrei Timofeev), *World Bank Institute Learning Resources Series*, 2006.

“The Current State of Decentralization Reform in Indonesia: A Postscript” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez). In: Decentralization And The Rebuilding Of Indonesia - The 'Big Bang' Program and its Economic Consequences, James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Sri Mulyani Indrawati (eds.). Cheltenham, UK – Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing (2005).

“Russia’s Transition to a New Federalism” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), *World Bank Institute Learning Resources Series*, 2001.

### **Academic and Professional Publications**

“The Role of Economic versus Political Factors in the Incidence of Intergovernmental Transfers in Nigeria” (with James Alm), *Journal of Developing Areas*, forthcoming.

“An Assessment of Fiscal Decentralization Reform in Armenia” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Andrey Timofeev), *Problems of Economic Transition*, June 2006.

“An Assessment of Fiscal Decentralization Reform in Georgia” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Michael Schaeffer), *Problems of Economic Transition*, June 2006.

“The determinants of the incidence of intergovernmental grants: A survey of the international experience” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), *Public Finance and Management*, Vol. IV(4), December 2004.

“The incidence of local government allocations in Tanzania”, *Public Administration and Development*, 23 (2003): 1-11.

“Budgeting and Fiscal Management in Transition Economies” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management*, 13(3), Fall 2001: 353-96.

“Multi-Year Budgeting: A Review of International Practices and Applications for Developing and Transitional Economies” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Robert McNab), *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 20(2), Summer 2000: 91-112.

“Identifying the Attributes of Effective Economics Instructors,” *Journal of Economic Education*, 31(3), Summer 2000: 211-27.

**Academic and Professional Publications (Continued)**

“Croatia Adapts Tax System to Market Economy” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), *Tax Notes International*, Vol. 13(11), 1996: 839-43.

“Madagascar: An Overview of the Tax System Including Recent Reforms” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), *International Bulletin for Fiscal Documentation*, Vol. 50(1), 1996: 8 - 15.

**Professional Organizations**

Member, American Economic Association

Member, American Society for Public Administration

Member, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management

Member, National Tax Association

Member, Phi Beta Kappa