

Curriculum Vitae

UMARU BUNDU WURIE

Personal Data:

- Umaru Bundu Wurie
- Director-General & Ambassador at Large
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
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- E-Mail Address: uwurie@yahoo.com
- Male, born on December 10, 1950
- Citizen of Sierra Leone, married with four children (1982, 1984 twins, 1994)



Summary of Expertise:

- Humanitarian Coordinator in relation to projects/programmes
- Diplomatic Expertise
- Project Management/Implementation/Analysis
- Negotiations, bilateral/multilateral
- Human Resource Development/Training of extension staff in the field of agriculture
- Peace Negotiation, Military/Civilian Coordination
- Promotion of environmental issues
- Urban/Regional planning
- Remote sensing/Aerospace survey/image processing

Formal Education:

- BSc. University of Virginia, USA 1972-1973, majored in Geology
- BSc. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 1973-1976 Geology
- Post Graduate Dip. International Institute for Aerial Survey/Earth Sciences, Delft, Netherlands. 1979-1980
- Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Bedford, June 2001

Training Courses:

- UNESCO sponsored African specialized regional course, Mining Geology, Nairobi. Kenya 1981;
- Remote Sensing Course in Geological Interpretation United State Geological Survey, South Dakota 1982;
- Course in Development/ Operations of Agricultural Extension Programme, USAID sponsored, University of Wisconsin, 1984.
- Course in Designing/Implementation of National Energy Conservation Programme, Canadian Government sponsored, Nairobi, 1985;
- Course in Implementation of Agriculture/Rural Projects/Programmes, British government sponsored, University of Manchester, UK, 1986;
- Course in Agricultural/Rural Project management Project Planning, World Bank sponsored, University of Bradford, UK, 1986;
- Senior Manager's Course in Agriculture, Management Agricultural Centre, Switzerland, British Council sponsored, 1988.

Languages:

- English (fluent)
- Good Knowledge of various African languages

Computer Skills:

- Word (Windows ME)
- Word Perfect
- Internet/Email

Humanitarian/Emergency Relief Experience:

- Observation and reporting humanitarian situations in Iraq
- During the Liberian crisis, assisted in receiving newly arrived refugees (2000-5000) from Liberia at a later date after being posted as High Commissioner/Ambassador; handled Sierra Leonean refugees from Liberia sent to Nigeria by the Nigerian Government for onward travel to Sierra Leone, received/provided humanitarian assistance and acted as Welfare Officer.
- Responsible for Sierra Leoneans pilgrims for three consecutive years to Mecca especially during the Hajj providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food/medicines/clothing/and money,
- During the Hurricane Mitch Crisis, represented World Food Programme in assessing mission project needs, working together with WFP Regional Director in visiting various disaster areas both by land and air to provide necessary assistance to the affected areas in Guatemala and Nicaragua
- Responsible for providing assistance to all nationals in need.

Field Experience:

Nigeria, Ghana, Benin, Togo, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Zaire, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Iraq, Tanzania, Liberia, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, United Emirates, Turkey, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, United Kingdom, The Netherlands and the USA.

Summary of Relevant Work Experience:

- **April 6, 2006– Chairman/President, Port Loko Teachers' College Council**
- **September 2004 to Present: Director-General and Ambassador at Large Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone**

Responsibilities:

- Chief Administrator of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Adviser to the President on Foreign Affairs matters
- Chief Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on International relations and foreign affairs.
- Responsible for the coordination of personnel and staff matters
- Formulating, managing and implementing Sierra Leone's foreign policy in conjunction with the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- Managing the various divisions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in terms of human and financial resources with responsibility for all related planning and reporting activities to Government.
- Responsible for the coordination of foreign diplomatic missions and international organization and non-Governmental organizations in relation to Government's policies, as well as, maintaining good relations with all stakeholders.

- In charge with the coordination of the work of Sierra Leone's diplomatic missions abroad, making sure that our external relations are maintained at the appropriate level.
- Responsible for the final approval of duty free concession for diplomatic missions and international organizations in Sierra Leone.
- Identify new and excellent staff, as well as, provide trainings both in service and in international arena.
- Finding sources for support towards the provision of equipment, scholarships for training and other incentive that will provide a good working environment for all staff.
- Appraising and evaluating staff and making recommendations for promotion.
- Member of the Sierra Leone's civil service posting committee that carries the duties of posting officers to other ministries as well as to the United Nations abroad to all our diplomatic missions abroad.
- Promotes bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation.
- Established Foreign Missions and Consulate abroad.
- Seeks the welfare of destitute Sierra Leonean.
- Manages conflict situations between Government and Foreign Governments.
- Promotes and disseminates Government Policies in Foreign countries.

Ambassador at Large

The above position confers on me: -

- Special envoy status of His Excellency, the President.
- Plays a vital role in seeking development assistance for Sierra Leone.
- Empowered to initiate and pursue negotiations on behalf of Sierra Leone in the implementation of our poverty reduction strategy.
- Assists the Office of the Vice-President in coordination policy implementation in relation to foreign aid and advice on strategies to be taken for sustained development growth.
- Coordinate and monitor the implementation of on-going projects to ensure follow-up actions among the various Ministries.
- **November 1996 – September 2004: Returned as Ambassador of Sierra Leone to Germany, Italy, Austria and Switzerland**

Permanent Representative to the United Nations Agencies in Bonn, Geneva, Rome and Vienna

- **Instrumental in achieving the following in the countries enumerated below;**

Germany

- Twenty Four Millions Deutschmarks (DM24, 000,000.00) for development programmes in Sierra Leone.
- Paid in advance the pledge sum of Ten Million Deutschmarks (DM10, 000,000.00) to the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) Programme ensuring sufficiency of

funds for future programmes.

- Paid 10% of UNAMSIL cost in Sierra Leone
- Development Assistance of Euro 24 Million (€24 M)
- Successfully convinced the German Government to reopen its Embassy in Sierra Leone, which they closed in many countries due to financial difficulties, and Sierra Leone being of those closed at that time.
- Succeeded in earmarking Germany to financially support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in Sierra Leone.
- Acquiring additional funding for
 - i. Basic education
 - ii. Anti-Corruption Commission
 - iii. Funds needed to bring to a closure the DDR Programme, December 2003; when funding could not be sought from other donors.

Italy

- In June 2001, through my interventions, the Director of FAO approved donations of one hundred computers (100) from their stock in FAO to replace the ones destroyed by the rebels who attacked Njala University College, leaving the Computer Science Department in a serious need.
- Convinced the Government of Italy during a meeting in Abidjan to help in providing part of the Thirty Five Million Dollars (US\$ 35,000,000) which was the balance required to complete the Hydro Project in Sierra Leone which stood still due to lack of funds.
- As a member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, has initiated and decided on policies of strategies. Also responsible for overseeing the management of the organization, notably by deciding the allocation of resources to programmes of work and budget and by ensuring conformity with agreed strategies and policies; Evaluated performance of the organization and ensured accountability to Member States and Parent Bodies; Managed own governance processes. Instrumental for the Board's approval in October 2001 of sixty million dollars (US\$60,000,000.00) for Sierra Leone to provide assistance to the refugees and displaced people for twelve months (December 2001-2002).
- In 1997, motivated Italy to resume food aid to Sierra Leone, which was stopped.
- In 2003, was able to obtain Eighteen Million Euro (18M Euro) grant for the Bumbuna Hydroelectric Project from the Italian Government approximately (\$22 Million USD)
- Got Italian Government to write off other loans amounting to million dollars especially for the Bumbuna Project.
- In 2003, negotiated and signed the Cancellation of Debts amounting to USD17 Million.
- Have been able to get many projects from FAO, WFP and IFAD totaling millions of dollars for Sierra Leone.

Austria

- Facilitated the involvement of the Austrian Government in assisting the peace efforts in Sierra Leone.
- Negotiated with OPEC Fund to provide a loan for the much-needed Commodity Imports Programme that will help release funds for development services and support the Government's aim to promote socio-economic development.
- Concluded OPEC Fund's participation in the funding of the Bumbuna hydroelectric project in which OPEC Fund provided over five million dollars (\$5 Million).
- Approval by OPEC Fund of seven other loans to Sierra Leone, three of which provided balance of payment and four loans that supported projects in energy and transportation sector.
- Responsible for Sierra Leone's ratification of CTBTO.

Switzerland

- Concluded discussions that led the Swiss agency for international development to give

support to Sierra Leone's humanitarian needs as well as the establishments of an office in Sierra Leone.

- Worked for Sierra Leone's membership to International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and signing of proposals.
- Worked for the opening of an IOM Office in Sierra Leone before even Sierra Leone became a member country-not usually done by IOM for non-members.
- Instrumental in the visit of Mrs. Mary Robinson, Human Rights Commission to Sierra Leone that led to a massive support for Sierra Leone's plight of the war and contributed greatly to the approval of the largest peace keeping force in Sierra Leone.

- **February to November 2000, Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for the United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq (UNOHCI), Baghdad, Iraq.** (During this period, I was still the Ambassador to Germany as agreed by my Government not to appoint anyone to my post)
 - Deputy Head of Mission for the UN Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq
 - Officer-in Charge in the absence of the Humanitarian Coordinator, Office of the Iraq Programme (OIP).
 - Overall management of the UN Observation System throughout Iraq in close consultation with the Office of the Iraq Programme (OIP) to ensure that the following tasks are done:
 - i. Observation plans are planned in three-monthly intervals
 - ii. The execution of observation activities correspond with the schedule in these quarterly plans
 - iii. The Sectoral Working Groups function effectively
 - iv. The roles and responsibilities within the system are clearly defined and the fulfillment of these responsibilities conforms to these definitions.
 - v. The designs of tracking and other procedures conform to their stated objectives.
 - vi. The data collected in the context of observation activities reflect the needs by all units of the mechanism and is reliably replicated for UNOHCI database and distributed to all observation bodies.
 - vii. All efforts are made to ensure that observation activities in the three Northern Governments are sufficiently coordinated with those in the Centre/South to ensure they are comparable in substance, methodology and quality.
 - viii. All regular and special reports produced are carefully scrutinized by DHC/UNOHCI to make sure they are of the highest quality.
 - ix. Other responsibilities include: Focal Point/ Liaison Office for the relevant Ministries/Governors in the various Governorates as well as the local administration representative, coordinated with various UN agencies and representatives, in charge of the full implementation of the Programme, direct supervision of the report writing which goes to the Secretary General for his reporting to the Security Council, general staff supervision, dealt with staff complaints and made recommendations, analysed/maintained an overview of the military training for the Sierra Leonean military both in Nigeria and Sierra Leone as well as military assistance. Convinced the Nigerian government to station their troops in Sierra Leone before ECOMOG action.

- March 1987 to March 1989, Co-General Manager Magbass Sugar Complex, Ministry of Agriculture
 - Responsible for development and implementation of all annual programme (education/agriculture etc)
 - Policy development and planning manager
 - Overall administration of the company, which include finance/personnel/budgeting/field operations.
 - Involved in planting of sugar cane/pruning/pest control/irrigation/harvesting, supervision of factory operations from crushing sugar cane to production of sugar and alcohol, procurement of items, inventory/stock control,

- Responsible for distribution/marketing of sugar/alcohol
 - Acted as a liaison officer between the company and the government, the trade unions, management and workers, between landowners/chiefs and the company
 - Coordinated between Chinese management and technical team and the Sierra Leone government as well as the Sierra Leonean management team and its work force
- **March 1983 to March 1987, Deputy Project Manager/Human Resource Manager, Magbosi Integrated Agricultural Development Project, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.**
 - In charge of field operations (Over all admin/finance/personnel)
 - Coordinated various field activities covering the following sectors: 1) Agricultural aspect of the project (provided technical/professional advice to farmers. 2) Department of Civil Engineering (All civil works such as roads & bridge construction / housing units / wells for safe drinking water, 3) Credit/ Marketing, (Responsible for all procurement of inputs and their sales to farmers), provided credit facilities/ recollection of loans/running of project's rice mills, 4) Mechanical Engineering Department, (Responsible for maintenance of all project vehicles equipment/ generators/ rice mills / inventory & stock control. 5) Monitoring/ Evaluation Department, (Carried out feasibility studies/ monitored evaluated project activities. 6) Human Resource Manager (Hired and terminated employees, salary administration / pension / compensation / various employee entitlements. 7) Liaison Officers, (Liaised between the government and the project ensuring at all times that the Government meets its obligations, 8) Overall Project Management (Ensured project schedules are met.)
- **Dec 1977 to March 1983, Government Geologist/Project Manager/Human Resource Manager, Ministry of Mines, Government of Sierra Leone**
 - Overall supervision of all companies with special exploration prospecting license as well as their field and head office staff, headed field operations in the exploration of rutile/bauxite/gold, hired/fired staff, provided annual reports for the field operations.

Participation as Delegate:

Economic Community of West African States (Ministerial Councils, Heads of State Summits, ECOWAS Liberia Peace Talks; Organisation of African Unity Heads of State Summits (1992, Abuja, Nigeria, 1992, Dakar, Senegal; 1994, Tunis, Tunisia); Delegate to the UN General Assembly, Sept 1998; Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Head of Delegation/Representative (1994, Head of Delegation/Representative Conference in Jeddah; 1994, Representative/Adviser, heads of State Summit, Morocco; 1995, Member of Delegation/Adviser, Foreign Ministers Conference, Guinea Conakry, June 1997, Delivered Statement on the occasion of Alumni Edinboro University Pennsylvania Award. First Recipient of the Edinboro Special Recognition Alumni Award, which is rarely given to anyone, if so once in 5 years. Guest Lecturer at Bradford University Project Planning Centre, United Kingdom, 1987.

Statements

- IFAD: 25th Session of Governing Council, 2002; 24th Session Governing Council 2001; 22nd Session of the Governing Council, 21st Session of the Governing Council 1999
- UNIDO: 20th Session of the Industrial Development Board, 1998; 7th Special Session of the Industrial Development Board, 1997; UNIDO General Conference 1999
- COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS: 55th Session of the Commission on Human Rights, 1999
- ECOSOC: The High Level Segment of ECOSOC, 1999
- IOM: 81st Session of the Council of International Organisation for Migration, 2000; 82nd Session of the Council of International Migration 2001, 50th Anniversary Council of International Organisation for Migration, 2001.
- The Edinboro University alumni Award 2001 Speech
- Edinboro African Studies conference, "War, Refugees and the Environment in Africa, April

3-5, 2003

- Celebration of Peace and Victory 2002 in the Republic of Sierra Leone, August 2002, Bonn.

Past and Present Memberships

President of International Students Association, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, member of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Foreign Relations Committee and Scholarship Board; Pennsylvania Committee for Affirmative Action; Member of Edinboro Student Government as Congressman Holding Cabinet Positions as Human Relations and later as head of student affairs; American Institute of Mining Engineers; Member of The Association of Geo-Scientist for International Development.

Current Membership

- Member of the Global Cooperation Council (North South Forum) of Germany and Elected as a member of its Guiding Panel
- Member of the Executive Board of World Food Programme (WFP)
- Member of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO
- Member of Committee on Agriculture (FAO) Rome
- Alternate Governor for Sierra Leone at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Successive Services

I have been able to serve three different Governments as Ambassador, which is not usually common in an African or Third World setting. It must be noted that my successive retention by Governments is not due to patronage but as a result of being a very productive, trusted, sincere and effective Ambassador.

References:

Mr. Mohamed Zejjari, Former Regional Director for Africa, WFP, Rome
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Miscellaneous:

I will be readily available for a fixed term contract after giving a maximum of 2 months notice (Negotiable)

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Signed:

Date: