
MASOOD AHMED

A seasoned economic policy advisor and senior organizational manager with a 35-year track record of policy leadership and innovation in the international development field.

POSITIONS HELD

Center for Global Development, Washington DC, USA **2017 – PRESENT**
President

International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA **2008 - Nov. 2016**
Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department

Oversee the IMF's operations in the 32 countries of the region. Sustain relationships with key national and regional policy makers and other stakeholders. Be the face of the IMF for Middle Eastern issues in the public arena. Ensure that the staff's policy advice, lending support and institutional capacity building is responsive to regional priorities and of high quality and guide their research agenda on the region. Manage a department of 170 staff.

International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA **2006 - 2008**
Director, External Relations Department

Managed the IMF's interactions with the media, parliamentarians and civil society. Spokesperson for the IMF. Accelerated the IMF's progress towards greater openness, and use of social media. Expanded outreach to NGOs and parliamentarians. Initiated modernization of the IMF's website. Managed the department of 80+ staff with diverse professional backgrounds.

Department for International Development (DIFD), London, U.K. **2003 - 2006**
Director General, Policy and International

Oversaw the UK's relationship as member state or donor with international development institutions (the World Bank, regional development banks, UN development agencies, other intergovernmental development agencies) and the European Commission. Also responsible for advising ministers on UK policy on all development issues. Chaired the department's internal Development Committee.

International Monetary Fund, Washington DC, USA **2000 - 2003**
Deputy Director, Policy Development and Review Department

Established a new policy and operational framework for the IMF's work on low income countries. Revised the IMF's approach to the design and application of policy conditionality in its lending work. Represented the Fund at various international fora dealing with development policy coordination.

The World Bank, Washington DC, USA **1997 - 2000**
Vice President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management

Provided professional leadership to 700 economists working throughout the Bank. Led the formulation of World Bank policy on Country and International Economic Issues. Chair/Member of a number of senior internal committees and represented the Bank at various international meetings. Led the development of the PRSP (poverty reduction strategy paper) approach to guide donor support for low income countries as well as the HIPC (heavily indebted poor countries) debt relief initiative.

The World Bank, Washington DC, USA

1979 - 1997

Managerial and economist positions in various departments, including the Energy Department, International Economics Department, European Projects Department, and Maghreb Department. Undertook project and policy work and managed units of various size.

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, U.K.

1975 - 1978

Lecturer, Research Officer, Research Assistant, Economics Department.

BOARDS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), Ghana, Africa

Member, Transformation Leadership Panel (TLP), Ongoing

Astana Financial Services Authority (AFSA), Astana, Kazakhstan

Member, Board of Directors, 2017 - 2023

Center for Global Development, Washington DC, USA

Member, Board of Directors, 2017 -

Center for Global Development, London, United Kingdom

Member, Board of Trustees, 2017-

G20 High Level Independent Panel on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Member and Co-Project Director, 2021

G20 High Level Independent Expert Group on Strengthening Multilateral Development Banks

Policy Advisor and Co-Head of Secretariat, 2023 -

International Rescue Committee, New York City, USA

Member, Board of Directors

Nutrition International, Ontario, Canada

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, 2020 -

One Planet Lab, French Presidency, Paris, France

Finance Workstream, Co-Chair, 2018

World Bank Group, Washington DC, USA

Member, Fragility, Conflict & Violence (FCV) High-Level Sounding Board, 2020

World Bank Group, Washington DC, USA

Member, High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery and Growth, 2017 - 2023

PUBLICATIONS, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

IMF Publications: involved in the initial conceptualization and final review stages of many IMF publications.

Media: periodic Op-eds and short articles in international media.

Conferences: frequent presenter and participant at local and international conferences and other public events.

EDUCATION

M.Sc. Economics (Distinction), London School of Economics and Political Science, London, U.K

B.Sc. Honors Economics (Ely Devons Prize), London School of Economics and Political Science

NATIONALITY

United States, United Kingdom and Pakistan

HONORS

Awarded a Knighthood (KCMG) for services to international development by the UK Government in the 2023 New Year Honors List