Ahmad Ibraheem Ilu

Economist & Policy Researcher

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven Economist and Policy Researcher with graduate training in Advanced Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Financial Economics, Monetary Economics and Applied Econometrics. Over six years of hands-on experience at the intersection of public policy and applied economic research advising on fiscal reform at the presidential level, producing macroeconomic outlook reports for Nigeria's foremost private-sector think-tank, and publishing peer-reviewed and policy-grade analyses. Adept at translating complex economic data into actionable policy recommendations that drive sustainable growth and fiscal prudence.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economist & Policy Researcher
Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG)

2023 – Present
Abuja, Nigeria

- Contribute to flagship publications: *Macroeconomic Outlook Report*, *Private Sector Outlook Report*, *Living Conditions Monitor*, and the monthly *NESG Business Confidence Monitor*.
- Author GDP, CPI, and Foreign Trade alerts, providing real-time economic intelligence to policymakers and business leaders.
- Conduct research, impact assessments, and monitoring & evaluation across NESG's focal areas, with a core objective of promoting a competitive, diversified Nigerian economy.
- Develop evidence-based policy recommendations aligned with national development plans and global best practices.

Policy Researcher
Presidential Fiscal Policy & Tax Reforms Committee

2023 – Present
Abuja, Nigeria

- Serve as a member of the Secretariat, providing technical and research support for system-wide tax reform and fiscal policy revamp initiatives.
- Prepare high-level policy briefings and conduct national and comparative research for the Fiscal Management Subcommittee.
- Support implementation of revenue optimisation strategies and fiscal consolidation frameworks across federal MDAs.

Research Assistant to the Hon. Commissioner of Budget & Planning
Kaduna State Government

2022 – 2023
Kaduna, Nigeria

- Supported the research of Mr. Muhammad Sani Abdullahi (now Deputy Governor of Economic Policy, Central Bank of Nigeria) on agro-value chains and global value chains (GVCs) in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Conducted literature reviews, data collection, and econometric analysis for PhD dissertation outputs.

Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economics
Federal University Dutsin-Ma

2020 – 2023
Katsina State, Nigeria

- Delivered undergraduate lectures in Economics; supervised and graded undergraduate theses.
- Facilitated tutorials, administered examinations, and contributed to departmental academic committees.

KEY RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Lead author** *The Nigerian Economy in 2025 and Beyond* - (2024 Economic Report, Office of the Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria). Download here!

- Empirical modelling using Casual Inference, ARDL, VAR, VECM, Macroeconometric, and DSGE/Dynare frameworks.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & POLICY BRIEFS

- *Impact of Fuel Subsidy Removal on Inflation and Consumer Expenditure in Nigeria* Policy Brief.
- *Macroeconomic Snapshot: Unravelling the Price Puzzle* Occasional Paper
- Empirical papers on: oil price volatility & exchange rate dynamics; environmental quality & economic growth; impact of remittances; and exchange rate pass-through to domestic prices.
- **ResearchGate** | **Substack** | **Medium** | **GitHub**

FEATURED PROJECTS

Nigeria Fiscal-Monetary Policy Simulator   **2024**
Interactive Policy Tool Built with Python & Streamlit   fiscalsimulator-v3.streamlit.app

- Designed and deployed a fully interactive fiscal-monetary policy simulator for Nigeria, enabling real-time scenario analysis of government spending, taxation, money supply, and inflation dynamics.
- Demonstrates applied macroeconomic modelling skills and ability to communicate complex policy trade-offs to non-specialist audiences through data visualisation and simulation.
- Built end-to-end: economic model design, Python implementation, and cloud deployment via Streamlit.

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (In View)   **2024 – Present**
Bayero University Kano   *Kano, Nigeria*

MSc Economics   **2020**
Bayero University Kano   *Kano, Nigeria*
CGPA: 4.0/5.0 | **Thesis:** *Analysis of Key Determinants of Exchange Rate Stability in Nigeria: An ARDL and NARDL Approach* | **Supervisor:** Prof. Badayi M. Sani

BSc Economics (Second Class Upper)   **2016**
Northwest University Kano   *Kano, Nigeria*
CGPA: 4.12 | **Thesis:** *Determinants of Exchange Rate Stability in Nigeria: An OLS Approach* | **Supervisor:** Dr. Hussaina S. Adhama

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- IMF Macroeconomic Diagnostics (MDSx)   2026
- IMF Financial Programming & Policies (FPP.2x): Program Design   2026
- IMF Financial Programming & Policies (FPP.1x): Macroeconomic Accounts & Analysis   2025
- IMF Macroeconomics of Climate: Green Public Finance   2025
- McKinsey Forward Program   2024
- CFA Institute Investment Foundations Program   2020

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Econometric Software	EViews, Stata, R & RStudio, MATLAB, Dynare
Programming	Python, R Markdown, LaTeX
Productivity	Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
Research Methods	ARDL, VAR/VECM, Panel Data, DSGE Modelling, Simulation and Policy Analysis
Core Competencies	Fiscal Policy Analysis, Macroeconomic Forecasting, Revenue Modelling, Impact Evaluation, Policy Writing

MEDIA & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Economic Policy Commentary Rahama TV (Facebook Live), March 2021
- Economic Policy Commentary Rahama TV (Facebook), August 2021