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Professional Summary

Accomplished economist with over five years of progressive experience in macroeconomics, international trade, and development policy across Southern Africa. Demonstrated expertise in economic governance, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement, with a strong ability to design, manage, and deliver high-quality research projects. Skilled in translating complex economic data into actionable policy recommendations and effectively communicating insights through policy briefs, technical reports, workshops, and public diplomacy initiatives. Recognized for fostering strategic collaborations among governments, civil society, and development partners to advance inclusive growth, promote responsible business conduct, and support sustainable development outcomes.

Education

Stellenbosch University

2023–present

PhD in Economics

Dissertation: Informal sector dynamics, productivity gaps, and survival strategies in Zimbabwe

University of Zimbabwe

Master's in Economics

2013–2015

BSc (Hons) in Economics

2010–2013

Work Experience

Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa

2024–present

Tutor – International Trade

- Facilitate tutorials and seminars on international trade, covering topics such as trade theories, tariffs, and global economic policies.
- Assist in developing course materials, including lecture slides and problem sets, to enhance student understanding.
- Provide academic support to students through consultations and feedback on assignments and exams.

Southern African Parliamentary Support Trust (SAPST), Harare, Zimbabwe
2021–2023

Economist

- Conducted socio-economic analysis of national budgets and public policies, advising Parliamentarians on economic governance and expenditure performance.

- Developed policy briefs on education, disability inclusion, and gender-responsive budgeting.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to enhance bilateral trade insights and public policy impact.

African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD), Harare, Zimbabwe July–Dec 2020
Policy Intern – Domestic Resource Mobilisation

- Coordinated research on fiscal policy and domestic resource mobilization, producing briefs for African economic development.
- Engaged with Parliamentarians and civil society organizations (CSOs) to promote responsible business conduct.
- Represented AFRODAD at policy dialogues, building networks with international and local stakeholders.

Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT), Harare, Zimbabwe Jan 2019–Mar 2020
Statistician

- Analyzed and cleaned data to ensure accuracy and reliability for statistical reporting.
- Conducted quality control checks during data collection processes.
- Coded, edited, and processed data to support national statistical systems.
- Drafted survey instruments and work plans to guide data collection efforts.
- Prepared tabulations for statistical systems to inform policy and research.

Marondera University of Agriculture Science and Technology (MUASt), Marondera, Zimbabwe 2019–2020
Part-time Lecturer

- Delivered lectures on economics and related subjects to undergraduate students.
- Developed course materials and assessments to enhance student learning outcomes.
- Provided academic guidance and mentorship to students.

University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe 2017–2018
Research Assistant

- Conducted research to support faculty projects in economics, focusing on data collection and analysis.
- Prepared reports and presentations summarizing research findings.
- Assisted in literature reviews and data interpretation for academic publications.

University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe 2016–2017
Teaching Assistant – Department of Economics

- Supported faculty in delivering undergraduate economics courses through tutorials and grading.
- Assisted students with understanding complex economic concepts and coursework.
- Contributed to the preparation of teaching materials and exam papers.

Projects

Tracking Parliamentary Oversight of Loans in Selected SADC Countries 2022

- Analyzed legislative oversight trends in SADC, including Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi, to support economic governance reforms.
- Prepared reports for stakeholder engagement and policy advising.

Budget Expenditure Analysis on ECD in SADC – ZINECDA 2022

- Reviewed budget allocations for early childhood development across SADC, providing data-driven insights for advocacy.
- Summarized findings to inform policy and investment strategies.

Skills

- **Analytical:** Advanced data analysis using Stata, R, and microeconometrics.
- **Policy:** Expertise in public policy evaluation, budget analysis, and economic governance.
- **Communication:** Strong written and verbal skills for policy briefs and public diplomacy.
- **Project Management:** Planning, monitoring, and evaluation of projects with stakeholder coordination.
- **Networking:** Building relationships with government, NGOs, and private sector stakeholders.
- **Event Organization:** Practical skills in coordinating policy dialogues and networking events.

Publications

Pasara, M.T. and Zuze, M. (2021). *Can Remittances Boost Tax Revenues in Zimbabwe? A Secondary Quarterly Time Series Analysis*. **Eurasian Journal of Economics and Finance**, 9(2), 128–144.

Conferences

Economic Society of South Africa – Biennial Conference 12–14 Sep 2023
Presented research on informal sector dynamics in Zimbabwe.

Trainings

- Introduction to Quantitative Research Design – African Doctoral Academy (Jul 2024)
- Microeconometrics Skills – Research on Socio-Economic Policy (Apr 2024)
- Development Economics – IZA Institute of Labor Economics (Jan–Mar 2024)

References

Available upon request.