

# Curriculum Vitae – Abrams M. E. Tagem

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## PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

06/2020 – present	<b>Research Associate</b> , UNU-WIDER, Helsinki (Finland)
04/2019 – 04/2020	<b>Tax Policy Economist (Consultant)</b> , World Bank, Gambia
03/2019 – 03/2020	<b>Public Finance Economist (Consultant)</b> , World Bank, Comoros
06/2018 – 11/2018	<b>Short-term consultant</b> , Development and Public Finance, ODI, UK
02/2018 – 06/2018	<b>Research Officer</b> , Development and Public Finance, ODI, UK
08/2017 – 10/2017	<b>PhD Fellowship</b> , UNU-WIDER, Helsinki (Finland)
09/2015 – 09/2017	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)</b> , School of Economics, University of Nottingham, UK
09/2013 – 09/2017	<b>Economist</b> , Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon
08/2012 – 08/2013	<b>Research Analyst</b> , Ministry of Public Health, Cameroon

## EDUCATION

2014 – 2017	<b>PhD in Economics</b> (defended March 2018) University of Nottingham, UK Dissertation/Thesis: <i>Essays on Aid Allocation and Effectiveness in Developing Countries</i>
2013 – 2014	<b>MSc, Economic Development and Policy Analysis</b> University of Nottingham, UK
2009 – 2012	<b>BSc, Economics</b> University of Buea, Cameroon

## RESEARCH (some titles hyperlinked)

### *(a) Main publications*

(1) 2023: ‘Institutions and Tax Capacity in sub-Saharan Africa’. *Journal of Institutional Economics*. (In Press.), with Oliver Morrissey.

(2) 2023: ‘Constraints on the Executive and Tax Revenues in the Long Run’. Forthcoming in *Journal of Institutional Economics*. (In press.), with Antonio Savoia and Kunal Sen.

(1) 2022: ‘Tax revenue effort and aid in fragile states: The case of Comoros’. *South African Journal of Economics*, 90(2), 175-195, (with Jose L. Diaz-Sanchez and Joana Mota) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/saje.12312>

(2) 2022: ‘The Dynamic Effects of Aid and Taxes on Government Spending’. *International Tax and Public Finance*, 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10797-022-09763-9>

### *(b) Manuscripts under Review*

‘Aid Fragmentation and Tax Revenue Mobilization in Developing Countries’. With Ali Compaoré (CERDI – Université Clermont Auvergne). Submitted to *Review of Development Economics*.

‘[Tax Effort Revisited: New Estimates from the Government Revenue Dataset](#)’. With Kyle McNabb and Michael Danquah. Submitted to *Economic Modelling*.

(c) *Working Papers*

‘[Aid, Taxes and Government Spending: A Heterogeneous, Co-integrated Panel Analysis](#)’, *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 107*. World Institute for Development Economics Research. 2022.

‘[Aid Fragmentation and Tax Revenue Mobilization in Developing Countries: Observations with New Data](#)’, *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 99*. World Institute for Development Economics Research. 2022. With Ali Compaoré (CERDI – Université Clermont Auvergne).

‘[Constraints on the Executive and Tax Revenues in the Long Run](#)’, *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 04*. World Institute for Development Economics Research. 2022. With Antonio Savoia (University of Manchester) and Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER and University of Manchester).

‘[Tax Effort Revisited: New Estimates from the Government Revenue Dataset](#)’, *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 170*. World Institute for Development Economics Research. 2021. With Michael Danquah (UNU-WIDER) and Kyle McNabb (Overseas Development Institute).

‘[What are the Drivers of Tax Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa \(SSA\)](#)’, *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 161*. World Institute for Development Economics Research. 2021. With Oliver Morrissey (University of Nottingham).

‘[Tax Revenue Effort and Aid in Fragile States: The Case of Comoros](#)’. Policy Research Working Paper, No 9550. World Bank, Washington, DC. With Jose Luis Diaz-Sanchez and Joana Mota (both World Bank).

‘[Analysing the Determinants of Health Aid Allocation in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)’, *CREDIT Working Paper 17/09*. Centre for Research in Economic Development and International Trade. 2017.

‘[The Economics and Politics of Foreign Aid and Domestic Revenue](#)’, *UNU-WIDER Working Paper 180*. World Institute for Development Economics Research. 2017.

*Revenue Mobilization in the Gambia*. **World Bank** Gambia Public Expenditure Review (PER), 2019 (with Mehwish Ashraf and Leif Jensen).

(e) *Research in Progress*

“Taxation and Accountability in sub-Saharan Africa”. With Oliver Morrissey (University of Nottingham) and Roel Dom (Independent Consultant).

“Global Minimum Tax and Corporate Income Tax (CIT) across countries”. With Evgeniya Dubinina (Charles University).

“Inequality, Institutions and Tax Revenue Dynamics in Developing Countries”. With Ali Compaoré (CERDI – Université Clermont Auvergne).

“Aid, Tax Revenue Mobilization and Heterogeneity in Developing Countries”.

“Institutional Change and Persistence: What does the long-run evidence tell us?”. With Antonio Savoia (University of Manchester) and Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER and University of Manchester).

“Agricultural Research Spending in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA): How important are Political Economy considerations?”. With Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER and University of Manchester).

“Clientelism, Taxation and Political Institutions in Developing Countries”.

“The Effects of Fiscal Policy Shocks on GDP Growth in Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries”.  
With Richard Kima (Australian National University).

### **FUNDING AND AWARDS**

08/2017 – 10/2017    UNU-WIDER Internship (maintenance)  
2015 – 2017            Commonwealth Scholarship (fees, maintenance and travel grants)  
2015 – 2017            School of Economics (conference funding (1,800 GBP))

### **HONORARY COMMITMENTS**

2020-present        Member of ATAF’s Informal Sector Taxation Technical Committee  
2015-17              Graduate Teaching Assistant representative on the Undergraduate Teaching  
                          Committee, School of Economics, University of Nottingham  
                          Exam marker, School of Economics, University of Nottingham  
2015-16              Graduate Teaching Assistant representative on the ‘Review of Teaching’ Panel.

### **SKILLS AND TRAINING**

#### *Training Courses attended:*

2015   ‘Panel Data Methods’, Prof J. Wooldridge (Michigan State). *Completed*  
2021   ‘Inclusive Growth: Fiscal Policy’, IMF Online course. *Completed*.  
2022   ‘RA-GAP VAT Gap Estimation Model’, IMF Online course. *Completed*.  
2022   ‘Macroeconomic Management in Resource-Rich Countries’, IMF Online course. *Completed*.  
2022   ‘Revenue Forecasting and Analysis’, IMF Online course. *Ongoing*.

#### *Languages:*

English (native), French (native).

### **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

**2023**            International Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (*scheduled*); UNU-WIDER Development Conference on Domestic Revenue Mobilization (*scheduled*); CSAE Conference in Economic Development (*scheduled*).

**2022**            International Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship; UNU-WIDER Workshop on Domestic Savings in Developing Countries; UNU-WIDER GRD Workshop on Domestic Tax Mobilization; Joint Vienna Institute (JVI) Course on Public Governance and Structural Reforms; World Economic History Congress; International Association for Research in Income, Wealth (IARIW) Conference; UNU-WIDER/Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) Conference on Effective Development Co-operation.

**2021**            Political Economy of International Organization Conference; Nordic Conference in Development Economics; UNU-WIDER Workshop on Fiscal States in Developing Countries; 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Italian Economic Association.

- 2020** ATAF Experts Meeting on ‘The Taxation of the Informal Sector in Africa’, Nigeria; ICTD Annual Centre Meeting, 2020 Annual Conference – Evidence to increase Inclusive Growth in Mozambique; African Economic Conference (AEC) 2020.
- 2017** Economic Commission for Africa’s 12<sup>th</sup> African Economic Conference (AEC), Addis Ababa; UNU-WIDER seminar, Helsinki; UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Public Economics for Development, Maputo; 16<sup>th</sup> Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Gothenburg; PhD Conference Presentations, University of Nottingham; CSAE Conference in Economic Development, Oxford.
- 2016** III. International PhD Economics Conference, Leicester; International Development Economics Conference, CERDI, France; PhD Conference Presentations, University of Nottingham.
- 2015** PhD Conference Presentations, University of Nottingham.