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**Professional Objective**

Investigating a new and challenging managerial, consulting or advisory position - that will utilize my qualifications and extensive experience while also enhancing my personal and professional development.

**Summary of Experience**

Broad and deep experience in the formulation, preparation and delivery of national and sectorial developmental strategies, plans and polices, coupled with the monitoring and evaluation of programs and strategy execution and implementation.

Salient areas of experience include: macroeconomics, economic diversification and private sector development, economic development, transport economics, competiveness, and foreign trade. In depth knowledge of economic development and statistics, and ability to utilize quantitative tools, data analysis and modelling to formulate polices and strategies.

Academic experience in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses include: macroeconomics, economic development, quantitative methods, and monetary and the banking systems. Robust skills in assessing requirements, determining priorities, analyzing courses of actions, and decision making towards effectively achieving goals and eagerly reaching targets.

Outstanding knowledge of the GCC and MENA economies. Skilled in team leadership, interpersonal and human capital development, staff management and mentoring, resources mobilization, and strategic planning. Team player with a focus on public sector stakeholder engagement, communication and collaboration.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

2005, Ph.D. Economics, University of Manchester, UK.

2000, MA Economics, University of Manchester, UK.

1994, Diploma Economics, University of Aleppo, Syria.

1993, BA Economics, University of Tishreen, Syria.

**CAREER HISTORY**

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| **Economic Development Expert,** Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics (MDPS),Qatar | **Jan – Feb. 2017** |

***MDPS is a Government Ministry mandated to formulate a national development vision for Qatar, Qatar National Vision 2030, with a focus to develop and support the execution of the National Development Strategies.***

*Duties include: provision of advice and technical support to prepare the second National Development Strategy 2017-2022.*

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| **Economic Development Expert,** Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics (MDPS),Qatar | **Mar. 2010 – Dec. 2016** |

***MDPS is a Government Ministry mandated to formulate a national development vision for Qatar, Qatar National Vision 2030, with a focus to develop and support the execution of the National Development Strategies.***

Principle responsibilities include: conducting economic analysis and research in areas of significance for national development and produce relevant policy reports and papers. Providing analytical support and technical advice to public sector institutions for the formulation of national policies and strategies in relevant areas. Contributing to knowledge events and activities that assist in raising the national, regional and global profile of MDPS through participation in seminars and conferences. Transferring skills to local staff and mentoring and coaching of junior colleagues. Participating in the preparation and formulation of Qatar's first National Development Strategy (NDS) 2011- 2016, and the evaluation and monitoring of the implementation of the NDS 2011-2016. Focus areas include Economic Development, Qatar Macroeconomy, Private Sector Development and Economic Diversification (PSDED), Business Environment, Export Promotion, and Trade Facilitation

Preparation and publication of Private Sector Development and Economic Diversification (PSDED) sector report and National Development Strategy (NDS) 2011- 2016. Successfully aligning and streamlining stakeholders` efforts and contributions towards producing (PSDED) sector report and National Development Strategy (NDS) 2011- 2016. Securing active Involvement and participation of task teams and stakeholders in the process of drafting development plan and evaluating the implementation in an environment that usually lacks coordination and cooperation. Producing bilingual high quality economic report containing an in-depth analysis of Qatar economy. Participation in establishing MDPS as a valuable think-tank and policy advisory across Qatari government agencies. Raising the flag and signalling the severe consequences of oil prices decline on GCC countries.

**Part Time Lecturer, Qatar University Fall 2016**

Teaching the UNIV 100 course for first year students, the course aims to teach key success skills that enable fresh university entrants to cope with university academic and social life and to succeed in their study.

**Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister,** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) (formerly known as GTZ) Damascus – Syria. **Mar 2009 - Mar 2010**

Worked as a consultant at the Deputy Prime Minister Office for Economic Affairs in Syria. Areas of advisory included: economics, statistics, development policy, national accounts, strategies and plans formulation, and monitoring and evaluation. Other duties focused on training and supervising the Technical Economic Team of Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs on areas of macroeconomic analysis and policy and plans formulation and evaluation. During my consultancy mission, I led the editing and publication of a report "Syrian Economic Bulletin: Agriculture Sector” in 2010. I also participated in technical and policy workshops and meetings with inter- ministerial committees and international organizations such as GTZ, JIka, World Bank, and IMF. Overseeing, preparing and producing the mid -term review report of the 10th five years plan. Building capacity for Technical Economic Team of Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs on policy analysis, reports and policy papers writing.

**University Lecturer,** Tishreen University, Lattakia, Syria **Nov. 2006 – Mar. 2009**

Teaching courses in Economics; Economic Development; Macroeconomics; and Economics of Reinsurance. Also, I supervised and referred Diploma dissertations and MA and PhD theses in various topics Informal Sector, Government Spending, Syrian Trade Sector, Competitiveness, Financial Intermediation, and Syrian European Partnership Agreement, Banking system in Syria etc.

**Deputy Director,** Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), Damascus, Syria  **Mar. – Sep. 2008**

Worked as the Deputy Director for Research and Planning at (CBS) (**on partial Secondment from Tishreen University)**. I managed and supervised activities of Research Department at (CBS) including analytical reports and governmental documents in areas of macroeconomics, inflation, national accounts, foreign trade, and labour market. Also, I was responsible of overseeing and supervising the activities of the National Accounts and Prices and Trade Departments at CBS. I provided a technical support on areas of survey designing (household budget and establishment surveys) and the national account database, and I participated in inter-ministerial meetings and workshops. Liaising and coordinating with domestic stakeholders and representatives of regional and international organizations were important part of my responsibilities.

**Economic Consultant,** European Profiles- Athens- Greece-EU project **Mar. 2007 – Jul. 2008**

In this mission, Pro. Gerard Duchene and I effectively cooperated to prepare and publish three volumes of quarterly bulletins about the Syrian economic trends. This mission was under the direction of Institutional and Sector Modernization Facility (ISMF) and the direct supervision by the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs in Syria. The bulletins provided an in-depth and comprehensive analysis of the Syrian economy on areas of national accounts; inflation; labour market; foreign trade; money supply; income distribution; financial sector and subsides. Also, the team participated in meetings and workshops and delivered presentations to ministerial technical committees and European delegates.

**Team Leader,** United Nation Development Programme, Damascus Syria  **Nov. 2005 – Nov. 2006**

Worked as a team leader of the National Competitiveness Observatory Unit (NCOU). Main responsibilities were directing, planning and supervising the overall and the day-to day activities of the (NCOU). NCOU provided capacity building, training courses and technical and policy advice to governmental representatives and private sector agencies on areas of survey designing and execution, database building and mastering, and competitiveness measurement and monitoring. Also, the unit actively cooperated with the regional and international organizations working in the field of competiveness such as The Arab Planning Institute, The World Economic Forum (WEF), and Institute for Management Development (IMD). The NCOU succeeded in increasing national awareness of competitiveness among stakeholders and the inclusion of Syrian economy in WEF global competiveness rankings.

**Teaching Assistant,** University of Manchester, Manchester, UK **Sep. 2000 – May 2005**

I taught three undergraduate courses at Economics Department: Economic Principles (Micro and Macro), Introduction to Development Studies and Financial Markets and Banking course. Duties included preparing and delivering lessons and teaching materials, monitoring students’ attendances, supervising and marking essays and exam papers, and reporting progress and results to the faculty administration.

**Tutor,** Tishreen University, Lattakia, Syria **Aug. 1993 – May. 1996**

I tutored Microeconomics and Macroeconomics courses for undergraduate students. Responsibilities: preparing and delivering lessons and teaching materials, monitoring students’ attendances, and supervising and marking essays and exam papers, and reporting progress and results to the faculty administration.

**EARLIER CAREER**

**Lecturer,** Higher Institute for Business Administration (HIBA), Damascus, Syria **Sep. 2009 to Dec. 2009**

**Lecturer**, Institute National d `Administration, Damascus, Syria **Aug 2009 – Sep 2009**

**Member of Mission,** World Bank, Damascus, Syria  **Feb 2009 – Mar 2009**

**Consultant,** SPAN Consulting Group/ EU project, Damascus, Syria **Jun 2008 – Feb 2009**

**Consultant,** GTZ, Damascus, Syria **Nov 2008 – Dec 2008**

**Economic Consultant,** United Nation Development Programme, Damascus, Syria **Dec 2006 – Jan 2007**

**Research Assistant,** University of Manchester, Manchester, UK **Dec 2004 – Mar 2005**

**RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

* A co-author of a report on Syria “Syria at War: Five Years On”, April; 2016, UNESCWA and University of St Andrews, <https://www.unescwa.org/sites/www.unescwa.org/files/publications/files/escwa_report_2016_syria_at_war.pdf>
* A Review of World Bank Report: “Diversified Development: Making the Most of Natural Resources in Eurasia”, (Arabic language), November 2015, Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar. <http://www.dohainstitute.org/release/f1357a1e-fb61-4df2-832e-0dea2eee59e1>
* Article: “Oil, what is next? Are there any news in the horizon?” (Arabic language), October 14th, 2015, Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar. <http://www.dohainstitute.org/release/af9ca0c7-1984-47f5-85e5-7350e162f089>.
* Article, “Are motivations of OPEC to keep current production levels still valid? (Arabic language), August, 25th, 2015, Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar. <http://www.dohainstitute.org/release/dc483b3b-0158-4a09-8048-a4f02886362b>.
* Article, “The Terrifying Monday: Is it a summer cloud, or an indication of a new economic crisis?” (Arabic language), October 5th, 2015, Alaraby Aljadeed daily newspaper (<http://www.alaraby.co.uk/economy/2015/10/5/ماذا-بعد-الاثنين-المرعب>.

* Policy analysis paper “Consequences of recent oil price drop on middle eastern exporting countries” (Arabic language), April, 2015, Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar. <http://www.dohainstitute.org/file/Get/19d9201a-6a97-4294-aa3f-7291e02faaa0.pdf>.
* Policy analysis paper, “The relationship between demand and oil supply and current oil dynamics, (Arabic language), published March 2015, Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar. <http://www.dohainstitute.org/file/Get/dfb72ead-61df-4d6d-9bb7-50f5b2a4e427.pdf>
* A Review of IMF World Economic Outlook report 2014, published December 2014 by Centre for Research and Policy Studies (Arabic language), Doha, Qatar. <http://www.dohainstitute.org/file/Get/deb1959c-422c-40b7-929b-463a4931f3b6.pdf>.
* Research paper, “Economic trends during the social market economy in Syria” (Arabic language), forthcoming soon, Tishreen University Journal for Research and Scientific Studies, Economic and Legal Sciences Series, Lattakia, Syria.
* Research paper, “ The informal sector in Syria”, (Arabic language), “Omran” Journal for Human and Social Sciences, Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar. Issue (3), volume (1), Fall, 2013.
* Research paper, “The use of fuel surcharge to fund transport investments in Syria” (in English), Tishreen University Journal for Research and Scientific Studies, Economic and Legal Sciences Series, Lattakia, Syria, Issue (2), Volume (35), 2013.
* Research paper, “The role of agricultural sector in Syrian economy” (Arabic language), Tishreen University Journal for Research and Scientific Studies, Economic and Legal Sciences Series, Lattakia, Syria, Issue (2), volume (34), 2012.
* World Bank, Sustainable Development Department, Middle East and North Africa Region Regional Cross-Border Trade Facilitation and Infrastructure Study for Mashreq Countries, April, 2011,

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/12509/686780ESW0P1130eport0July013002011r.pdf?sequence=1>.

• Research paper,” the impact of Syrian – European partnership on technology transfer to Syria”, Tishreen University Journal for Research and Scientific Studies -Economic and Legal Sciences Series, Lattakia, Syria Issue (3), Volume (32), 2010.

* Qatar Economic outlook (various volumes), biannual publication by Economic Development Department at Ministry of Development and Statistics in Qatar since 2011-2012 till present (member of the editing team of the bilingual version- Arabic and English- of the report), available on <http://www.MDPS.gov.qa/>. The lasted report is available on the following link: http://www.mdps.gov.qa/ar/knowledge/Publications/Economic/QEO2016-2018en.pdf
* Qatar's first National Development Strategy 2011-2016 in Qatar (member of the editing team of the bilingual version -Arabic and English- of the strategy), available on http://www.mdps.gov.qa/. Concept papers and governmental reports and documents on various aspects of Qatar economy including employment, government wages, private sector development, and export promotion presented to Ministry of for Development Planning and Statistics (MDPS) (formerly known as the General Secretariat for Development Planning GSDP) and Ministry of Business and Trade in Qatar.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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| **Date of Birth:** 27/09/1971. | **Nationality:** Syrian. |
| **Marital Status:** Married. | **Driver’s Licence:** Qatari Licences. |

**Mobility: 2 months.**