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*Economist specialized in economic policy analysis with a focus on rural and agricultural development in West Africa eight years of professional experience in multidisciplinary research teams, examining the intersections of youth employment; employment policies, rural labor market, education, food security, gender and climate change. Additional experience conducting monitoring and evaluation, impact evaluation with think tanks, U.N. agencies, IFC (World Bank Group), consulting companies, and government agencies.*

## **EDUCATION**

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### **2018, PhD in Economics**

**Thesis Title:** *Structure, Conduct and Performance of the Rural Labour Markets: Micro-Econometrical Evidence and Senegal*

Faculty of Economics and Management

*Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Sénégal*

### **2012, Global Master's Degree in Development Practice, *cum laude***

Faculty of Economics and Management

*Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal*

### **2010, Master's Degree in Economics, *cum laude***

Faculty of Economics and Management

*Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal*

### **2009, Bachelor's in Economics, *cum laude***

Faculty of Economics and Management

*Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Associate Nationale Director-**

**July 2018 –Present**

#### **Professional Training Programs Officer**

USAID, Feed the Future Senegal Youth in Agriculture

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- Supervise Training of trainers on youth employment and entrepreneurship
- Catalyze Workshops for co-creation of integrated curricula for vocational education and training programs
- Manage of grants for the partnership of institutions of Teaching and Technical and Vocational Training (TVET)
- Organize Networking and exchange activities for youth, employers and investors

### **Economist- Youth employment specialist**

**2017 – 2018**

Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rural (IPAR), Dakar Senegal

- *Develop a research project on youth employment issues;*
- *Facilitate a platform for political dialogue on youth employment issues and contribute to setting up an observatory on youth employment issues.*
- *Write three scientific articles based on thesis results*

### **Short Term Consultant (STC)**

**April 2018**

Canada Embassy

- *Draft the Inception Report and develop the evaluation tools*
- *Review project documents and attend meetings with project staff*
- *Conduct fieldwork for the LIFFT Project, in the intervention area, which might include Senegal, Gambia, and Guinea Bissau*
- *Data entry, cleaning, and analysis of data*
- *Draft and finalize of final evaluation report*

- *Participate in final SFL and team meetings, this includes debrief sessions*

**February-March  
2018**

**Short Term Consultant (STC)**

Shelter for Life (SFL)/ Arete Evaluation Collaborative  
*Baseline data collection for The “Linking Infrastructure, Finance,  
and Farms To Cashew” (LIFFT-Cashew) program*

Senegal, Gambia, Guinée Bissau

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**Economist- Employment specialist**

**2016 – 2017**

Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rural (IPAR), Dakar Senegal

***Case study: Employment niches in the irrigated rice value chain***

- *Reviewed of the drivers and incentives for job creation in the irrigated rice value chain to see what are the key contributing factors and the blocking factors.*
- *Made specific recommendations to improve the number and quality of jobs.*
- *Mapping employment opportunities in terms of sustainability and adequate income.*

**Short Term Consultant (STC)**

**Oct 2017-June  
2018**

The World Bank/ International Finance Corporation  
Africa Trade and Competitiveness Program

- *Further improve the current results framework by embedding a strong theory of change;*
- *Develop definition for each indicator included in the results framework;*
- *Support in setting baseline for outcome and impact indicators*
- *Support in developing baseline data collection tools such as survey questionnaire, key questions for focus group discussions, etc.;*

**Economist –Research Assistant**

**2012 – 2016**

Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rural (IPAR), Dakar Senegal

***Youth Employment and Migration in West Africa, in partnership with CEDRES in Burkina Faso, Miseli in Mali, funded by IDRC and FDA***

- *Conducted background research;*
- *Developed research design; administered methods;*
- *Conducted reporting.*

**Consultant**

**Feb- Mar 2017**

JICA and Atraxis Group

- *Examined potential and existing markets for Senegalese small and medium-size enterprise (SMEs) in ECOWAS ;*
- *Identified new distribution channels facilitating the entry of Senegalese agro industrial products in the ECOWAS market*
- *Made recommendations to increase market penetration.*

**Consultant - Quality Control Officer**

**Oct-Dec 2016**

USAID/ Management Systems International (MSI), Dakar Senegal  
***Out Of school Children and Youth Study (OOSCYS)***

- *Supervised the whole process of data collection ;*
- *Ensured quality of data ; conducted training of surveyors on methodology and tools.*

- *Supervised the data collection, ensured a standardized administration of survey tools throughout Senegal.*

**Consultant**

**Oct-Nov 2016**

International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) and Atraxis Group, Cote d'Ivoire  
***Baseline data collection for Warehouse Receipts Systems (WRS) and traceability standards project***

- *Conducted the first round of data collection – the baseline data collection as part of an evaluation that measures the impact of implementing a warehouse receipts system (WRS), E&S and traceability standards focused on the country's cashew sector.*

**Consultant-National Youth Specialist**

**July-Sep 2016**

USAID/ Management Systems International (MSI), Dakar Senegal  
***Youth Assessment in the Agriculture Sector (cereal crops, horticulture, livestock, and fisheries).***

- *Desk reviewed of all documents, studies and reports on youth issues in the agriculture sector;*
- *Conducted interviews and focus groups with agriculture stakeholders in the selected regions;*
- *Assisted in the preparation of the initial findings and recommendations*
- *Co-facilitated the presentation on findings and targeted recommendations with USAID and GOS ;*
- *Supported the finalization of the assessment report*

**Economics Officer**

**May – June 2014**

Chemonics, Dakar Senegal  
***Mid-term Evaluation Performance of USAID/Senegal Yaajeende***

- *Provided expertise in economics related to agriculture;*
- *Provided inputs to develop evaluation tools and methodology, statistical analysis of data;*
- *Facilitated focus group discussions, meetings with key informants; Performed analysis of qualitative and quantitative data collected;*
- *Assisted team leader in compiling key findings, drafting the final report, and preparing and conducting presentations to USAID and stakeholders.*

**Data Collection and Analysis Officer**

**Feb–Mar 2014**

Chemonics, Dakar Senegal  
***Senegal Mid-term Performance Evaluation ERA***

- *Provided input to development of surveys tools and methodology;*
- *Supported literature review;*
- *Assisted in focus group identification and management; Assisted team leader in compiling findings and analyzing data*

**Professional Intern**

**July–Oct 2012**

*Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles (ISRA), Dakar, Senegal*  
 Senegalese Agricultural Markets Development Program (PDMAS)

**Intern**

**Nov–Dec 2009**

Department of Planning at the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Dakar Senegal

- *In preparation of a master's dissertation on the impact of agricultural policies on food security in Senegal*

**Intern**

Sep – Nov 2009

Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles (ISRA), Dakar Senegal

- In preparation of a master's dissertation on the impact of agricultural policies on food security in Senegal  
[http://www.bameinfopol.info/IMG/pdf/Memoire\\_Ya\\_Cor.pdf](http://www.bameinfopol.info/IMG/pdf/Memoire_Ya_Cor.pdf)

**Loan Officer Intern**

Sep-Nov 2008

Microcredit institution PAMECAS  
Thiès, Senegal**PUBLICATIONS**

Ahmadou Aly Mbaye, Assane Bèye, Adama Guèye, Boris Lokonon, Yacor Ndione, 2017

**Generating employment and increasing income in agricultural value chains and thereby fostering food security: Case studies of rice and cotton in Benin and Senegal**

Ameth Saloum Ndiaye, Ya Cor Ndione, Oumoul Khayri Niang, Sessinou Erick Abel Dedehouanou, 2015

**Migration, Remittances, Labor Market and Human Capital in Senegal**

Ibrahima Hathie, Idrissa Wade, Selly Ba, Aminata Niang, Madické Niang, Mariama Kesso Sow, Ya Cor Ndione, Dr. Cheikh Oumar Ba, 2015

**Emploi des jeunes et migration en Afrique de l'Ouest (EJMAO) \_ Rapport Final**

Ibrahima Hathie, Idrissa Wade, Selly Ba, Aminata Niang, Madické Niang, Mariama Kesso Sow, Ya Cor Ndione, Dr. Cheikh Oumar Ba, 2014

**Jeunes ruraux à la recherche de la productivité****Ya Cor Ndione, 2010****Impact des politiques agricoles sur la sécurité alimentaire au Sénégal****CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS****The structure of the rural labor market: Understanding rural employment issues in Senegal** 29Oct-04Nov 2017**28th International Population Conference***Cap Town International Conference Centre, Cape Town, South Africa.***La structure d'offre et de demande du travail rural : comprendre la problématique de l'emploi au Sénégal** 25-27 Sept 2017Premier Séminaire de Recherche du Réseau «Think-Tank UEMOA»  
Dakar, Senegal**Evaluation in a complex and dynamic West African environment:** 27-31 March 2017**Issues, challenges and constraints when evaluating the agricultural sector****8th AfrEA International Conference 2017**

Kampala, Uganda

**Senegalese rural households multiple livelihood strategy: a potential solution for rural employment issues** Canadian Evaluation Society Congress 29-30 June 2017**4th DIAL Development Conference**

Université Paris-Dauphine, Paris, France.

**La crise Mondiale de l'emploi des jeunes: les pouvoirs publics face aux pressions de la jeunesse- cas du Sénégal** May 2015**Canadian Evaluation Society Congress**

Montreal, Canada

<b>Analysis of the pluriactivity of Senegalese rural households</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> International Student Conference <b>Political, economic and social challenges in a globalizing world</b> Izmir, Turkey	<b>April 2015</b>
<b>Migration, Remittances, Labor Market and Human Capital in Senegal</b> <b>Center for the Studies of African Economics Conference</b> Oxford University London, England	<b>March 2015</b>
<b>Increasing climate information services for smallholder Farmers in the Sahel: The Case of Senegal</b> <b>Sahel Workshop</b> Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal	<b>May 2015</b>
<b>Increasing climate information services for smallholder Farmers in the Sahel: The Case of Senegal</b> <b>Sahel Workshop</b> Sciences-Po Paris, France	<b>March 2015</b>
<b>Social Change in the Sahel, workshop</b> University of Florida University of Florida, USA	<b>September 2014</b>
<b>Agro-Eco workshop, Aachen University</b>  Universitat Aachen, Germany	<b>September 2011</b>

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation Abidjan, Ivory Coast	<b>November 15-19, 2017</b>
Training on Economic Modeling in GAMS <b>IFPRI/ISRA</b>	<b>October 2015</b>
Impact Evaluation Certificate <b>CESAG/CLEAR</b>	<b>October 2015</b>
Certificate in Evaluation <b>Evaluation Protocols Using Mixed Methods, intermediate level</b> <b>Canadian Evaluation Society Congress 2015</b>	<b>May 2015</b>
Certificate in Evaluation <b>Understanding and Using Contribution Analysis, intermediate level</b> <b>Canadian Evaluation Society Congress 2015</b>	<b>May 2015</b>
Certificate in English, <b>upper intermediate level</b> <b>Suffolk University, Dakar, Sénégal</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>
Certificate in English, <b>intermediate level</b> <b>British Council, Dakar, Senegal</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>
Certificate in English, <b>pre-intermediate level</b> <b>British Council, Dakar, Senegal</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Word, Access, Excel, Powerpoint, Stata, Eviews, SPSS, GAMS, R, ARC GIS, Matlab

**LANGUAGES:**

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French, English, Wolof

**Associations:**

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IUSSP, Member of VOPES SenEval, member of the Emerging Evaluator Network.

**REFERENCES**

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**Dr. Cheickh Sadibou Fall**, Economist, *Bureau d'analyses macro-économiques (BAME) Institut sénégalais de recherches agricoles (ISRA)* Dakar-Sénégal. E-mail : [fallcheickhsadibou@yahoo.fr](mailto:fallcheickhsadibou@yahoo.fr), tel : (+221) 33 859 17 60