Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data

Name Martin Knoll
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Date of Birth 11/11/1981

Place of Birth Dresden / Germany

Professional Experience

08/2011 - 09/2011

Decentralization Review Mission/Ghana: Consultant for Review of the District Development Facility

 Assessment of performance, particularly flow of funds, related PFM issues including external audit, the annual Functional and Organisational Assessment Tool, potentials for further harmonization of DP interventions, such as the World Bank's Urban Development Grant

07/2009 - 07/2010

KfW Entwicklungsbank, Accra/Ghana: In-House Consultant

- Assisting KfW's lead of the GoG/DP Joint Decentralization Sector Working Group providing managerial support and technical expertise, particularly in the field of PFM
- Support to KfW's decentralization portfolio management, with particular focus on the District Development Facility (regular participation in Technical and Steering Committee and other ad hoc coordination meetings on DDF related matters, assistance in drafting KfW internal DDF program progress reports and related analysis)
- Provision of technical expertise and analysis in the field of PFM, fiscal policy and macroeconomic development
- Member of the Development Partners' Working Group on Macroeconomic Development

11/2007 - 04/2008

KfW Entwicklungsbank, Accra/Ghana: External assistant at the Regional Office

- Support to project and program portfolio management, particularly to KfW's General Budget Support operation
- KfW internal follow-up and appraisal of results of the IMF's 2008 Article IV Consultations with the GoG
- Analytical work in the field of PFM and macroeconomic development

08/2007 - 10/2007

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva/ Switzerland: Internship with the Division of Globalization and Development Strategies, DAAD Scholarship

- Participating in the division's research projects
- Drafting of UNCTAD Discussion Paper No. 190 on current issues and developments in General Budget Support financing (see publications)
- Assistant to the Group of African Countries in preparing the 54th UNCTAD
 Trade and Development Board meeting

03/2006 - 04/2007

KfW Entwicklungsbank, Frankfurt a. M./Germany: External student assistant at the Division of Developing Countries' Economics and the Regional Department for Sub-Saharan Africa

- Preparation of internal input papers on domestic revenue mobilization in developing countries
- Desk study on best practices in bi- and multilateral General Budget Support financing
- Preparing KfW internal training material on national Poverty Reduction
 Strategies and progress in achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals
- Data mining on KfW program-based approaches

09/2005 - 10/2005

KfW Entwicklungsbank, Frankfurt a. M./Germany: Internship in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Division of Developing Countries' Economics

- Preparation of an internal input paper on than discussed reform scenarios for the Bretton-Woods-Institutions
- Reviewing and summarizing assessment and evaluation reports on bi- and multilateral General Budget Support operations

09/2004 - 10/2005

Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament), Berlin/Germany: Assistant to Dr. Skarpelis-Sperk, Member of Parliament, Member of the Parliament's Committee on Economic Affairs and Employment, Chairwoman of the German Parliament's Social Democratic Working Group on Trade and Globalization

- Research and gathering of information on the WTO Doha Round negotiations (in particular GATS and agriculture),
- Preparing Working Group meetings and drafting speech manuscripts

Academic Training

11/2008 - current (on leave 07/2009 – 07/2010) Freie Universität Berlin, John F.-Kennedy Institute, Department of Economics, Berlin/Germany: Research and teaching assistant, doctoral student

Field of research:

- Fiscal policy, fiscal decentralization and revenue mobilization capacities of SSA developing countries
- Evaluation of effectiveness of General Budget Support modalities' in SSA countries
- Perception-based governance indicators and their utilization as aid allocation criteria

Teaching:

- BA course in international trade and policy
- BA course in finance and capital market theory
- BA course in macroeconomics

08/2004 - 10/2008

Graduate Studies of Economics at the Freie Universität, Berlin

Title of thesis: Budget Support – A Reformed Approach or Old Wine in New Skins? (Grade: A - with distinction)

09/2002 - 07/2004

Undergraduate Studies of Economics at the Freie Universität, Berlin

Publications

02/2011 The Good Governance Indicators of the Millennium Challenge Account. How

many Dimensions are really being Measured? with P. Zloczysti, Discussion Paper, Freie Universität Berlin School of Business & Economics, February

2011, (forthcoming in World Development)

10/2008 Budget Support – A Reformed Approach or Old Wine in New Skins? United

Nations Conference on Trade and Development Discussion Paper No. 190.

Language and Computer Skills

Language Skills German Mother tongue

English Fluent
French Fluent
Spanish Basic Skills

Software Skills MS Office Very good knowledge

Adobe Professional Very good knowledge Stata Good knowledge

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