

Mr. Baba Yusuf Musa, Director, Debt Management Department

Mr. Baba Yusuf MUSA is Director Debt Management Department, WAIFEM, the post he has been holding since January 2006. He has over 12 years of capacity building experience in debt management and 19 years experience in macroeconomic management. Mr. Musa was seconded to WAIFEM from Central Bank of Nigeria in 1997. He was in Research Department, and later International Economic Relations of the Central Bank of Nigeria 1990 - 1997. Mr. Musa was a research officer at the National Directorate of Employment 1988 – 1990, Education Officer at the Ministry of Education, Plateau State, Nigeria 1987 – 88.

Mr. Musa has been involved in capacity building in debt management for public sector officials of the Anglophone countries of West Africa namely particularly in the following: debt policy, debt strategy and new financing analysis, debt negotiation and renegotiation, domestic debt management, sub-national debt, debt recording using the commonwealth secretariat debt recording and management System (CS-DRMS), debt portfolio management, review and risk analysis, Country's Debt Performance Assessment including (DeMPA) (both Human and Institutional). While at WAIFEM, Mr. Musa partnered and worked with Debt Relief International (DRI), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Commonwealth Secretariat, IMF and the World Bank in Missions and Training events.

Mr. Musa has represented Nigeria and WAIFEM over the years in international economic and financial institutions including the ECOWAS, IMF, World Bank, ADB, Commonwealth Ministerial Forums, HIPC Ministerial Forums and HIPC-Capacity Building Steering Committee Meetings at various locations worldwide.

Mr. Musa's areas of specialization include Debt Policy and Management, Macroeconomic Sectoral Policy Analysis & Management and Micro computing, Debt Sustainability Analysis, Debt Strategy Analysis & Forecasting involving the use of Debt-pro software and IMF/World Bank DSF –LIC Templates.

In addition to his Masters' degree in Business Administration (MBA) and Bachelor of Science degree (B.Sc.) in Economics Mr. Musa has attended many short terms – medium term certificates courses in Econometric/Quantitative analysis of macroeconomic relationships, sectoral policy design, analysis and management; Project Planning and Management, Capital Market Development and Regulations, debt strategy analysis; Debt Negotiation, Debt sustainability Analysis Simulation Software (Debt Pro) and Micro Computing and statistical analysis;

Mr. Musa has published more than 16 articles in journals and books including articles in debt management and sustainability. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the West African Financial Economic Review (WAFER) since June 2003. A life member of the Nigeria Economic Society, Mr. Musa is also member of several professional bodies including World Association of Debt Managers, member of the Technical Advisory Group of World Bank debt Management Facility etc.

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Mr. Paul J. Mendy, Director, Financial Sector Management Department

Mr. Paul J. Mendy, was appointed Director, Financial Sector Management Department of the Institute, effective April 17, 2017. He holds an MBA degree in International Banking and Finance from University of Birmingham, UK.

He began his career as a Trainee Accountant with an International Audit Firm (Pannell Kerr Foster) in The Gambia and later switched to Central Banking. He joined the Central Bank of The Gambia in 1994 and rose through the ranks to the position of Director 2 in the Financial Supervision Department.

During his illustrious career with the Central Bank, Mr Mendy Served in high level Committees and participated in the drafting of numerous policy papers, including the position paper on the establishment of the Risk Management Unit, Pricing policy on the new Payments System, operational rules for the ACP/ACH, and as chairman of the Central Bank's Based 11 Committee.

He has travelled widely to attend Seminars and Conferences, including College of Supervisors meetings on the performance of Commercial Banks under his purview. He possesses diverse skills and has served diligently within the West African sub-region. His numerous assignments included membership of the Technical Committee of the West African Capital Markets Integration Council (WACMIC), participated in the GIABA Team as Financial Sector Expert on the recently commenced second round Mutual Evaluation of member states, occasionally served as facilitator on a part-time basis for WAIFEM, and participated in the Typology Working Group on Terrorist Financing (study conducted by GIABA).

He is the author of the book entitled Banking Supervision: What worked for The Gambia, 41 years of Bank Regulation (1971 - 2012).

Mr. Mendy is married with three children.

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Mr. Christian Kedze, Director, Macroeconomic Management Department

Mr. Christian Kedze was appointed Director, Macroeconomic Management Department, effective May 01, 2014. He assumed duty on June 01, 2014.

Mr. Kedze is a development and research economist with interest in macroeconomic policy, debt management, finance, investment and real sector issues. His areas of specialization include macroeconomic analysis, monetary policy and operations, public finance and debt management.

He holds M.A. Economics of Development degree (1995) from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands; B.Sc. Administration degree (Banking and Finance - 1990) and Diploma in Statistics (1984) from the University of Ghana

In addition to his academic training, Mr. Kedze has attended several international and local courses, workshops and seminars including IMF and WAIFEM courses

Until his appointment as Director, Macroeconomic Management Department, WAIFEM, Mr. Kedze worked with the Bank of Ghana for several years and rose to the position of Assistant Director. He was with the Research Department of the Bank from 2000 - 2014 where he was Head of External Debt Office. His roles in Bank of Ghana also included providing strong analytical and research support for monetary policy formulation, decision making and implementation.

He served on the Open Market Operations (OMO) and Foreign Exchange Committee and the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (PSBR) Auction Committee of the Bank where he played very active roles.

Mr. Kedze also worked in the Development Finance Department of the Bank where he acquired project management experience. From 1990 - 2000, he was a staff of the World Bank/International Development Association (IDA) funded Private Enterprise and Export Development (PPED) Project for the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and non-traditional exports in Ghana. He later became the Project Manager.

His job experiences also include appointment as Data Auditor by the European Union (EU) for the preparation of Directory of Advanced Training Opportunities in ACP countries - (DTCACP) project in 1996.

During his time with Bank of Ghana, Mr. Kedze represented the Bank on several national committees in Ghana. He has published several articles and papers

He is married with four (4) children.

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Mr. Euracklyn Williams, Director, Administration and Finance Department

Mr. Euracklyn Williams was appointed Director, Administration and Finance Department on July 1, 2010 and assumed duties on September 1, 2010.

He is a Sierra Leonean, born on September 19, 1960.

He holds a bachelors degree with Honours in Economics from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone and a Master's Degree in Financial Management and Control from Aston University (UK). He also holds a Certificate in Accounting (AAT) UK and a Diploma in Accounting from the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM), University of Sierra Leone. Until his appointment, Mr. Williams was acting Director, Accounts and Budget Department, Bank of Sierra Leone.

He joined the Bank of Sierra Leone in March, 1990 and has attended several courses in Financial Management and Accounting.

He has also served in several financial committees of Financial Institutions and Parastatals in Sierra Leone.

He is married with two children.

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Mr. Alvin G. Johnson, Director, Research Department

Alvin G. Johnson was appointed Director of the Research Department effective January 1, 2018. He earned his MSc. (Merit) in International Management from the University of Liverpool in 2015; MA in Economic Policy Management from the University of Ghana in 2006 and BSc. (cum laude) in Economics from the University of Liberia in 2001.

He has attended several international and regional training courses, workshops and seminars organized by the IMF, Joint Africa Institute, and WAIFEM, among others on macroeconomic and financial sector management, international trade, and balance of payments compilation.

Mr. Johnson joined the Research Department, Central Bank of Liberia in 2001 as a Junior Analyst and rose through the ranks to the position of Economist/Head in the Balance of Payments Section. In 2009, Mr. Johnson was appointed as Director for Tax Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Finance and was responsible to conduct fiscal policy research, revenue impact analysis, as well as develop tax reforms aimed at improving taxation and revenue administration in Liberia. He joined WAIFEM in 2011 and served as Senior Research Manager up to his appointment as Director of the Research Department.

Prior to joining WAIFEM, Mr. Johnson also lectured Economics (Intermediate Level) on a part-time basis at the University of Liberia and the Stella Maris Polytechnic between 2007 and 2011. His area of interest includes poverty analysis, trade policy, capital flows and economic growth and development.

Mr. Johnson is married with four children..

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