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Nationality: Malian

International Consultant 2014-
Former Coordinator ADEA/African Development Bank (AfDB) Working Group on
Educational Management and Policy Support –WGEMPS- (2011 -2013)
Former UNESCO Consultant (2010 – 2011)
Former UNESCO Senior Program Specialist to the African Union-AU- (2008 -2010) and
Acting Director UNESCO multi country Office Addis Ababa
Former Coordinator ADEA Working Group on Education Finance-WGFE-(2002 -2007)
Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
Former USAID Basic Education Advisor, Mali Mission (1999 -2002)

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ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA	1992-1997	PhD Economics of Education
Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA	1990-1992	M. A. Educational Finance and Planning
Ecole Normale Supérieure Bamako, Mali	1978-1979	Diploma English Literature and Teaching Master
University of Nice, France Nice, France	1972-1977	B. A. English

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

School Finance	Educational Planning and Evaluation
Economics of Education	Organizational Theory
Administration and Personnel Management	Educational Leadership and Policy
Educational Research and Statistics	International/Comparative Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(January 2014 – Present)

Basic Education specialist on the Team committed by USAID'/AFR to conduct the Mali Ex-Post Evaluation of the Out of School Youth Projet d'Appui aux Jeunes Entrepreneurs (PAJE?NIETA) implemented in four regions of Mali namely Koulikoro, Kayes, Sikasso and Timbuktu. The evaluation is exclusively qualitative and I developed qualitative data collection tools such as interview guides, focus group discussions. The velation is ongoing but is due to finish on December 15, with the submission of the final evaluation report.

Team Leader on The Development of a Literacy and Non Formal Education Program on the innovations and best practices for the out of school youth of the six member States of the Karanta Foundation namely Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Senegal. The project is funded by the Canadian International Development Research Council (IDRC) and managed by ERNWACA, FAWE and KARANTA. It is on going July 2021- July 2022.

Board Chair of the Attaining The Peak (ATP) out of school youth empowerment program in Cape Verde, Ghana, Mali and Nigeria. From Jamiary 2021 onwards.

Research Methods specialist on the study commissioned and funded by the International Labor Organization (ILO) on the evaluation of child labor in Mali traditional mines on going June 2021-March 2022. The study is undertaken by the French Consulting Firm CAYAMBE.

Educational Planning specialist on the Team in charge of the design of the curriculum of the African School of Mines of Mali commissioned and funded by the World Bank and undertaken by CAYAMBE a French consulting firm February 2021-June 2021.

Resource person who worked with the Office du Parc National de la Boucle du Baoule (OPNBB) staff to draft the OPNBB project document to request the Adaptation Funds.

Resource person of the Canadian International Development Research Council (IDRC) project on Engineering Education in English speaking African countries held on December 9 – 11, 2018 in Kumasi, Ghana. **Presentation: The Challenge facing African Schools of Engineering**

Member as Education Finance Specialist of a team of three international consultants (including myself) that was commissioned by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) to undertake, from October 2017 to May 2018 a major feasibility study of an African Education Fund (AEF).

Researcher on the baseline study on Youth and Gender disparities in education and participation in policy agenda setting in West Africa and Sahel region; Burkina Faso, Ghana and Sierra Leone commissioned by the African Network Campaign for Education for All (ANCEFA); Dakar November – December 2018

Team Leader of Experts of the Cayambe/Aprelia project on the Development of practical pedagogical guides for scientific disciplines of General Secondary Education of Mali for the Ministry of National Education funded by the French Development Agency (AFD). The project runs from 2107 to 2019.

Conducted and completed the mid-term evaluation of the Training of Trainers' Program (Programme de Formation de Formateurs PFF) of the public universities of Bamako (January 15- April 6, 2015). The PFF is the doctoral program of the public universities of Bamako that covers the 2008-2017 period.

Participated in the Educational Research Network for West and Central Africa (ERNWACA) regional scientific committee meeting and peer reviewed several articles slated for publication in the course of the year. I am member of the ROCARE Regional Scientific Committee.

December 2014. Coordinated the UNESCO Dakar Office internal team tasked with drafting sections of the UNESCO Regional Report on Education for All (EFA) that was presented to the Kigali Regional Conference on EFA. Also contributed to the writing of some sections of the report.

November 2014 Coordinated the UNESCO Dakar team to the joint DAAD-UNESCO Dakar international conference on Quality Assurance in the CAMES countries' Universities held in Dakar. Compiled the conference report.

Coordinated and represented UNESCO Dakar and Abuja at the Pan Africa conference on the innovative funding of higher education in Africa held in Lomé, Togo. Gave a presentation on the financing of higher education in Africa.

International Peer Review (evaluation) of the educational system of the Republic of Congo Brazzaville (July 21 – August 02, 2014). The review is an ADEA initiative focused on the objectives of Education for All (EFA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) as well as the training of teachers and the financing of the system.

International Peer Review (Evaluation) of the educational system of Burkina Faso (July 02 – 11, 2014) is an ADEA initiative aims at underpinning the strengths and weaknesses of educational systems around Africa. Its objective is to review all the major components of the Faso education system especially the basic education continuum with a specific focus on formal, non-formal education, teacher training, the curriculum reform, the articulation between formal and non-formal education and pre professionalization of education.

International Education Consultant, UNESCO Dakar Office: Grants and Proposal Writing. (January – February, 2014): Proposal on Bridging the Gender Gap in Niger that was submitted to the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Advancing Girls' Schooling in Mali and Senegal submitted to the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

January 2nd – February 28, 2014. Consultant. Contributed to the Development for the UNESCO Dakar Office a proposal on education in emergency; The Case of Mali submitted to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Trust in Funds (JFIT) to help the country reconstruct its education system in the North destroyed by the armed conflict in this part in 2012 and 2013.

Consultant GIZ Headquarters in Frankfurt: (Feb 24 – May 14). Designed a request for financial support to strengthen the coordination and communication and engagement of Global Partnership of Education ("PME) Developing Country Partnership Constituencies.

(May 2011 – December 2013)

Coordinator: Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Working Group on Educational Management and Policy Support (WGEMPS): Co-ordinates the activities of the Working Group; Oversees WGEMPS' operations in the areas of Education Management and Information Systems (EMIS), Finance and Sector Analysis in its three Nodes across the continent: Harare, Ouagadougou, and Dakar where the general co-ordination office is located. There is also a program specialist whose duty station is Accra. Helps develop partnerships for the implementation of the Africa union (AU) Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action.

(Feb. 2010 – May 2011)

Consultant: UNESCO Regional Bureau of Education in Africa (BREDA), Dakar, Senegal. Provides support to BREDA and its Director on the UN Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) Ten-Year Capacity Building Plan of the African Union (AU) and its NEPAD program. Coordinates the work of all the UN agencies and organizations through the Cluster system within the context of the Social and Human Development (SHD) Cluster; provides support to the Basic Education in Africa Program (BEAP) BREDA Team for the implementation of this important program in Africa. Coordinates BREDA higher education activities in Africa and works closely with the Director and the relevant program officer on the Kiswahili initiative in Africa. Sits on the Scientific Committee of the BREDA Journal "UNESCO in Africa".

2008 – 2010

DIRECTOR a.i. (July-Dec. 2008) UNESCO Cluster Office to Ethiopia, The African Union and The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Interim Head African Union Commission Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology Education Division on various occasions

UNESCO SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER seconded to the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Duty: Provides strategic support to the African Union Commission (AUC) Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology – DHRST- Education Division’s work in the implementation of the Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action –2006-2015, ensuring that it contributes to the achievement of the vision of the Africa Union and in line with UNESCO’s priorities.

In this respect, also assists the Head of Education Division in the following: suggesting ways and means for both the African Union and UNESCO to develop the best synergies for the proper implementation of the Plan of Action; ensuring the widest dissemination of the goals and guiding principles of the Plan of Action, among stakeholders and partners,. Proposes the best strategies to get Member States more committed and to ensure they take into account the AU Plan of Action in their ten-year educational planning; developing linkages and policy mechanisms to promote international and regional collaboration and integration in the implementation of the Plan of Action; assisting stakeholders to develop implementation strategies of the Plan of Action; Assisting Member States to develop an early warning system for identifying gaps and challenges and advising on the ways for the African Union and Member States to face them; coordinates periodic reports from Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on the implementation of the Plan of Action.

Also helps develop the Concept Note of the Pan African University of Science and Technology, the African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM) of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

2002 - 2007

COORDINATOR OF EDUCATION AND FINANCE PROGRAM: Council for the Development of Social Sciences Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Dakar, Senegal. (Duty: Coordinates the Finance and Education Program of the Association for the Development of Education in Africa –ADEA- Working Group on Finance and Education, whose implementing agency is CODESRIA. Supervises national and regional training seminars of the WG; supervises country case-studies on the financing of education in Africa; does interface and policy dialogue between African Ministries of Education and Finance; does advocacy for the financing of education; engages in developing partnerships with many organizations around the world with similar objectives. Is member of CODESRIA’s Executive Secretariat.

1999 – 2002

BASIC EDUCATION ADVISOR: United States Department of State, Agency for International Development (USAID) Bamako, Mali. (Duty: Advises the Youth Strategic Team Leader and Mission Management on the reform of education policy and

practice in Mali, coordinates education donors' group; oversees the Ministry of Education curriculum reform activities, and teacher training as well as any activities related to HIV/AIDS in Education; coordinates the donor's group on instructional materials development; supervises the implementation of the 10-year educational development plan of Mali, PRODEC).

PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING: Superior Institute for Training and Applied Research (ISFRA), University of Bamako, Mali. (Duty: Teaches Master's and doctoral students Educational Planning and Finance and advises them for their thesis and dissertation writing).

1999 **Consultant for Helen Keller International:** An American Private Voluntary Organization (PVO), Bamako, Mali.

1999 **Consultant for the United Nations Development Program and the University of Mali Project TOKTEN.** Teaching mission to the Superior Institute for Training and Applied Research, Bamako, Mali. Educational Planning in Developing Countries: The Case of Mali.

1999 **Consultant for the World Bank:** Lead researcher for a study on Success Factors of Girls' Schooling in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali and Mauritania. Lead researcher of the Mali study.

1997-1998

RESIDENTIAL LIFE COORDINATOR: 1997 – 1998. Oversees the daily operations of complexes of Residence Halls of 1690 residents and a 24 member staff; Research, Professional Development, Student Development, Administration and Supervision.

1992 – 1997

GRADUATE ASSISTANT, Dept. of Educational Administration, Louisiana State University, 1992 –1997. (Duties: Service and Research).

COMPUTER LABORATORY ASSISTANT, College of Education, LSU, 1993 – 1994. (Duty: Supervises the computer laboratory and assists users with the utilization of software such as word perfect, Excel, Spreadsheets, SPSS and so forth).

RESIDENT MANAGER, Dept. of Residential Life, LSU, 1993 – 1997. (Duty: oversees the daily administration and management of the University Apartments Complex).

LIBRARY SUPERVISOR, LSU Libraries, Summer 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. (Duty: Supervision).

1984 – 1990

TEACHING ASSISTANT, College of Business Administration; Faculty of Public Administration and Economics, Bamako, Mali; Taught Accounting, Management, and Economics English; Tutored Secretarial students in English Also designed, implemented and evaluated curricula for these majors.

1979 – 1984

Taught at various high schools in Mali

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

(1972 – Present)

2014-Present: Resource person, ANCEFA

2014 – Present Ambassador ELearning in Education and Science (ELES) for Africa. A Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, USA based initiative to use Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to promote education and health in Africa.

2013 – Present Member of the Educational Research Network for West and Central Africa (ERNWACA) Regional Scientific Committee (RSC).

2013 – Present: Board Member Distance Education Africa (DE Africa), a Nairobi based Non-Governmental Organization focusing on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and on line courses in some key subject matters in Africa.

2013- Present: Member ERNWACA Regional scientific Committee

2008-2010 Member of UNESCO/ADEA Task Force on Higher Education in Africa: Contributes significantly to the planning of the World Conference on Higher Education (WCHE) in Paris, July 2009. Contributed three papers of the AU initiatives on Higher Education document that was published in the conference handbook.

2007-Present Member of Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (UCAD) Faculty of Economics and Management (FASEG) Graduate Committee on Educational Management

- 2006-2012 African Network Campaign for Education for All (ANCEFA) Board Member
- 2005-2012 Educational Research Network for Central and West Africa (ERNWACA) Board Member
- 2001- 2002 Chair of the Malian Chapter Association for Education and Development in Africa (ASSEDA) of Dr. Cheick Modibo Diarra, former Malian Scientist at NASA.
- 1997 – 1998 Member Louisiana State University, Steering Committee on African and African American Studies.
- 1993 – 1995 Member of Louisiana State University International Cultural Center (ICC), Governing Board. ICC Building Committee Chair
- 1994 – 1995 Graduate Student Representative of the College of Education Graduate Studies Committee
- 1993 –1997 Member of the Baton Rouge International Heritage Celebration Committee: Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1992-1993 Graduate Student Representative, Louisiana State University Faculty Senate Committee on International Education.
- 1992- 1993 Resource person for the Mission Universitaire, the National Task Force in charge of the Development of the University of Mali, Bamako.
- 1991 – 1992 Co- Chairperson of the LSU Fulbright Scholars’ Association
- 1988 – 1990 President of South –North: A Franco Malian Association for cultural exchange.
- 1976 – 1977 Chair African Student Association in France University of Nice Chapter, France
- 1972 – 1973 Chair Malian Student Association in France, University of Nice Chapter, France

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- May 2019 Participation to the African Network Campaign (ANCEFA) Roundtable on education. Presentation; Youth and gender disparities in education and participation in policy agenda setting in West Africa and the Sahel Region.

- March 2019 Participation to the Educational Research Network in West and Central Africa (ERNWACA) Annual Conference in Bamako, Mali as Regional Scientific Committee member
- December 2018 Participation as Resource person to the IDRC regional seminar on Engineering Education in English Speaking African countries held in Kumasi, Ghana. Presentation.; The Status of engineering Education in Africa
- January 2018 ADEA Steering Committee Meeting at the African Development Bank in Abidjan. Presentation of the preliminary results of the AEF study to the ADEA Bureau of Ministers of Education
- November 2017, Launching Seminar on the African Education Fund study at the African Development Bank HQ in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.
- October 22-26, 2016 ERNWACA Forum on Research on Education in Africa, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- March 6-9, 2016 Comparative International Education Society (CIES) Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- July 28-31, 2015 ECOWAS workshop on the recognition and equivalence of degrees, diplomas, grades and other higher education qualifications in the ECOWAS region; Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire.
- March 2-3, 2015 Educational Research Network for West and central Africa (ERNWACA) conference on educational research and economic development and peace. Bamako, Mali.
- Nov. 26-28, 2014 UNESCO-AAU-CAMES Conference on Innovative Funding for Higher Education and Research in Africa. Lomé, Togo.
Presentation: What are the perspectives for innovative funding for African Higher Education?
- Nov. 13-15, 2014 UNESCO-DAAD-CAMES (German Council of Higher Education) Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions of the CAMES Space, Dakar, Senegal.
- Nov. 10 -12, 2014 UNESCO Workshop on National and Regional Qualification Framework for Teachers of Eight Countries of ECOWAS, Dakar, Senegal.
- Oct. 9-11, 2014 Experts' Meeting of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on the recognition of higher education studies, degrees, diplomas, and other qualifications in West Africa, Abuja, Nigeria

- Oct. 13-16, 2014 Experts' Meeting of the Economic Community of West African West on the Pan African Conference on Teacher Education and development (PACTED), Abuja, Nigeria
- Dec 13 – 18, 2013 ERNWACA Regional Scientific Committee, Meeting: Bamako, Mali
- Dec. 11 – 12, 2013 ADEA Steering Committee Meeting, Tunis, Tunisia
Dec. 9 -10, 2013 The First African Ministerial Meeting on ICT. Tunis, Tunisia.
- Dec. 2 – 6, 2013 Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Education and Training Senior Experts' Meeting, Banjul, The Gambia.
Presentation: The ECOWAS EMIS Capacity Building Strategy.
- Nov. 25 -28, 2013 ANCEFA and Ghana National Education Coalition Seminar on EFA Big Push Initiative in Africa, Accra, Ghana
- Oct 18 -22, 2013 Education for All (EFA) Big Push Initiative Regional Meeting: Luanda, Angola.
Presentation: Big Push Initiative Coordination Mechanisms
- Sept. 24-28, 2013 Liberian Education Sector Review, Cuttington University, Mbarnga, Liberia
- Sept. 1 -6, 2013 ERNWACA Regional Scientific Committee Meeting, Bamako, Mali
- July 16-22, 2013 African Union Commission's Pan African Conference on Teacher Education and Development (PACTED) and African Union Conference of Ministers of Education (COMEDAF) Experts' Meetings in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- June 26 -27, 2013 ADEA WGEMPS/Economic Commission of West African States (ECOWAS) Departments of Culture, Education, Science and Technology and Macro Economic Reforms Statistics and Research Meeting: Abuja, Nigeria
- June 6 -7, 2013 UNESCO Institute of Statistics/ Brookings Center of Universal education Learning Metrics Seminar for State and Non State Actors, Dakar, Senegal
- May 12 -15, 2013 ADEA Steering Committee Meeting in Paris, France

- Feb. 26 -28, 2013 African Union Commission Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST) and African Education Civil Society Seminar on the Post 2015 education agenda in Africa
- Jan. 21 -26, 2013 ERNWACA Mid Term Strategic Plan Operationalization Meeting. Bamako, Mali
- Dec..5-7, 2012 AU Technical Restricted Meeting on Indicators. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Nov. 15-17, 2012 UNESCO-DAAD Regional Meeting on Strengthening Higher Education Quality in West and Central African States: Dakar, Senegal. Presentation: The Financing of Higher Education in Africa.
- Nov. 1-7, 2012 ANCEFA policy Dialogue Forum on EFA and General Assembly: Dakar, Senegal. Panelist: The pst-2015 EFA Challenges.
- Oct. 15-19, 2012 UNESCO BREDIA Regional EFA Coordination Mechanism Meeting: Johannesburg, South Africa
- Oct. 3-6, 2012 The Policy Dialogue Forum of the DRC; Education in Reconstruction. The Impact of Conflict on Education Presentation: Education and Conflict. The ADEA Paradigm Shift
- Sept. 26-29, 2012 The ECOWAS meetings on EMIS Capacity Building and Norms and Standards; Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- July 22-25, 2012 The Policy Dialogue Forum: Education in Reconstruction. The impact of the Kenya post electoral violence on Education: Nairobi, Kenya
- April 20-27, 2012 The African Union COMEDAF V , Abuja, Nigeria
- Feb. 11 – 17, 2012 ADEA Triennial. Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Presentation: The Financing of African Higher Education as an Impediment to the production of Knowledge and Skills.
- Dec. 13-14, 2011 The Africa Union Launch of the Pan African University: PAU. Addis Ababa. Presentation: The Revised Version of the Arusha Convention
- Nov. 1-4, 2011 The African Union Observatory Technical Restricted Meeting on the Indicators of the Plan of Action: Kampala, Uganda
- October 24-29, 2011 Mid Term Review of the African Union Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action, port Louis Mauritius.

- Sept. 14-17, 2011 ANCEFA Policy Dialogue and the Post 2015 EFA in Africa; Panelist: What are the key Challenges for Africa entering into the post 2015 era?
- July, 11-13, 2011 Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) meeting on Equivalences, Degrees, Diplomas and other Qualifications in Higher Education in West African States. Presentation: The Arusha Revised Convention
- May 11-14, 2011 Conference of Ministers of Education of African Union Commission (COMEDAF) Extraordinary Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya Presentation: The Revised Arusha Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Degrees, Diplomas and other Academic Qualifications of Higher Education
- April 18-30, 2011 ADEA Training Session on Mediation; WG Coordinators' Training Session on Administrative and Financial Matters and ADEA 34th StCom Meeting: Tunis, Tunisia
- April 11-15, 2011 Pan Conference on Teacher Professional Development within Reformed Educational Systems (PACTED), Lomé, Togo. Develops Concept Note and Background Paper and other PACTED documents
- March 18-19, 2011 ANCEFA Board Meeting: Dakar, Senegal
- March 12-17, 2011 ADEA Training session on Mediation: Tunis, Tunisia
- Feb. 18-19, 2011 RCO CARE/ERNWACA Board Meeting: Bamako, Mali
- November 14-15, 10 UNITED NATIONS 11th RCM in support to the African Union and its NEPAD program, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- September 2-10, 10 ADEA Technical Meeting on Its 2011 Triennale to be held in Ouagadougou, Tunis, Tunisia
- July 26-28, 10 Experts' Meeting on the Establishment of the Technological University Centers of Excellence in the Economic Community of central African States (ECCAS). Douala, Cameroon. Presentations: The Global Trends of Technological Education and the African Union Pan African University (PAU). What lessons to learn for the ECCAS Centers of Excellence?
- July 7-9, 10 Second Restricted Technical Meeting of Experts on the Indicators of the Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action and Validation of the first African Union Outlook on Education Report. Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- June 21-23, 10 UN Agencies Communication Focal Points Meeting: Dakar, Senegal
- June 16-18, 10 Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union Commission (COMEDAF) Bureau of Ministers Experts' Committee Meeting Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- May 12-14, 10 Launch of the UN Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) Education of Human Resources Sub-Cluster of the Social and Human Development (SHD) Cluster. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- May 3-7, 10 Meeting of the 27th Ordinary Ministerial Session of the Malagasy and African Council on Higher Education (CAMES) Ndjamena, Chad
- April 07-21, 10 Technical Workshop on the preparation of the ADEA 2011 Triennale: Tunis, Tunisia
- Dec. 17-19, 09 Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of ERNWACA
Presentation: Contribution of Research to the Improvement of Education Policy and Practice. Bamako, Mali.
- Nov. 30-Dec, 02, 09 Expert Groups Meeting jointly organized by the AUC, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (ADB) and the Malian Government on the progress made in West, North, and Central Africa on the implementation of the MDGs, Bamako, Mali
- Nov. 22-27, 09 Conference of Ministers of Education of the African Union Commission (COMEDAF III), Mombasa, Kenya
- Oct. 19-23, 09 ADEA Conference Bamako + 5 on Contract Teachers.
Presentation: Assessing the Teacher Gap in Africa since the Bamako 2004 Conference on Teachers. Bamako, Mali.
- October 3-9, 09 EU-AU Joint Expert Group and EU-AU Action Plan and Joint Strategy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- July 15-17, 09 ERNWACA's Launch Ceremony of the Journal of Educational Research in Africa (JERA): Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- July 4-9, 09 UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education (WCHE): Paris, France.
- June 08-09, 09 UNESCO-ADEA Higher Education Task Force Meeting: Paris, France.

- May 27-31, 09 E-learning Africa Conference: Dakar, Senegal.
- March 27-29, 09 AU-EU Joint Experts Group Meeting on MDGs: London, England. Presentation: AU Second Decade on Education for Africa Plan of Action (2006-2015).
- March 1 –11, 09 ADEA Working Groups' Meeting on Performance Evaluation and Coordination of Partners' Action Plans with the AUC Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action. UNESCO/ADEA Task Force on Higher Education Meeting: Tunis, Tunisia.
- Feb. 12-13, 09 ERNWACA Board Meeting: Lomé, Togo.
- Dec. 12-16, 08 UNESCO's workshop on a Strategy for Teacher Development in Africa: Dakar, Senegal. Presentation: The African Union Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action.
- Dec. 03-05, 08 Southern African Development Community (SADC) /ADEA Working Group on Policy Support workshop on Educational Management and Information System (EMIS) Strategy for SADC: Gaborone, Botswana
- Nov. 11-15, 08 UNESCO's Regional Conference on Higher Education in Africa (CRESA): Dakar, Senegal.
- Oct. 24-26, 08 Annual Meeting of Italian Science Commission at the International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP): Presentation: The Pan African University of Science and Technology, Trieste, Italy.
- Oct. 20-23, 08 ADEA Steering Committee Meeting: Tunis, Tunisia.
- Aug. 25-31, 08 ADEA-Digital Solidarity Fund joint Workshop on Digital Education in Africa: Hammamet, Tunisia.
- Jul 31-Aug. 03, 08 AU Validation Workshop: Indicators of the Second Decade of Education Plan of Action. Presentation: Historical Background of the POA indicators' Development: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- June 14-16, 08 UNESCO Program Specialists' Meeting: Dakar, Senegal. Presentation: The AU Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action.
- May 05-11, 08 ADEA Biennale: Post Primary Education: Maputo, Mozambique. Presentation: Higher Education Financing in Kenya and Senegal.
- April 22-23, 08 ERNWACA Board Meeting: Lagos, Nigeria.

April 17-18, 08	AU Stakeholders' Meeting on Human Rights in Education, Banjul, The Gambia. <u>Presentation</u> : The AU Second Decade of Education for Africa Plan of Action
March 25-28, 08	African Union (AU)/Association of African Universities Experts; Meeting on AU Harmonization Strategy of Higher Education and African Quality Rating Mechanism (AQRM) of Higher Education, Accra, Ghana
Feb. 13-15, 08	ADEA Stakeholders' Meeting on the Merger of its Working Groups of Statistics, Finance and Sector Analysis, Paris, France
Feb. 10-12, 08	Forum of African Women Educationists (FAWE) Donors' Consortium Meeting (DCM), Dakar, Senegal
Dec. 01-03, 07	AU-SADC workshop on Educational Management and Information System (EMIS) assessment tool and indicators, Johannesburg, South Africa
Nov. 15-18, 07	High Level Meeting on Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Tunis, Tunisia
October 22-27, 07	ADEA Steering Committee Meeting, Paris, France
Sept. 27-30, 07	African Union-ADEA Working Group on Statistics workshop on the Educational Management and Information System (EMIS) implementing strategy, Harare, Zimbabwe
Sept. 12-19, 07	UNESCO Regional Conference on Literacy, Bamako, Mali Presentation: Cost implication of low quality schooling.
August 5-9, 07	AU Conference of Ministers of Education in Africa (COMEDAF III), Johannesburg, South Africa
June 15-17, 07	UNICEF, ADEA and World Bank, International Conference on the Abolition of School Fees: Bamako, Mali.
March 24-31, 07	ADEA Steering Committee Meeting, Brazzaville, Congo
Nov. 22-27, 06	Supervisor of CODESRIA workshop on Qualitative Research Methodology for East and Southern Africa, Harare, Zimbabwe
October 22-27, 06	ADEA Steering Committee Meeting in Paris

Sept. 18-22, 06	Investment Choices in Education in Africa, Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa
March 22-29, 06	Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Biennale, Libreville, Gabon
Nov. 22-27, 05	Inwent-WGFE joint training workshop (MECOFIBU), Windhoek, Namibia
Sep. 30-Oct.8, 05	National Training Seminar on Costs, Planning, Financing and Budgetary Procedures in Education: Central African Republic (RCA): Bangui
Sep. 27-30, 05	ADEA Steering Committee Meeting and Seminar on ADEA Evaluation: Paris, France.
Sept. 01-02, 05	Policy Dialogue Conference on the Financing of Education in East Africa: From Government Intervention to Community Involvement: Uganda: Kampala.
Aug. 04 -13, 05	National Training Seminar on Costs, Planning, Financing and Budgetary Procedures in Education: Namibia: Windhoek.
May 27-29, 05	ADEA Task Force Meeting on Policy Dialogue in Africa, Paris, France
May 4-5, 05	ADEA Steering Committee Meeting: Geneva, Switzerland.
April 11-15, 05	Workshop: The Dynamics and Constraints of Sectoral Educational Strategies in West African Economies: Mali: Bamako
Feb. 19- 24, 05	11 th General Assembly of the Association of African Universities (AAU): Cape Town, South Africa.
Jan. 19 -23, 05	National Training Seminar of Malawi on Costs, Financing and Budgetary Procedures in Education: Lilonwe, Malawi.
Nov. 30- Dec 04, 04	Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Policy Dialogue Conference held for the Ministers of Education of African Lusophone and Spanish speaking countries in Luanda, Angola. <u>Presentation:</u> Negotiations between the Ministries of Education and Finance on the budget of the Ministry of Education.
Oct. 18-22, 04	National Training Seminar on Costs, Financing and Budgetary Procedures: Cape Verde: Praia

July 14 -23, 04	National Training Seminar on Costs, Financing, and Budgetary Procedures: Harare, Zimbabwe.
Feb. 6-19, 04	National Training Seminar: Costs, Financing and Budgetary Procedures in Education: NDajaména, Tchad.
Dec. 03-06, 03	Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Biennale in Grand-Baie, Mauritius
October 28-31, 2003	National Training Seminar on Costs, Financing and Budgetary Procedures of the Republic of Angola: Luanda.
July 19-25, 2003	National Training Seminar on Costs, Financing and Budgetary Procedures of the Republic of Congo: Brazzaville.
June 29-30, 2003	ADEA Preliminary Findings Review Workshop of the study on the Quality of Education in Africa: Paris, France. Supervises the case-studies on Mali, Nigeria and Uganda
July 18, 2003	University of Dakar Research Center for Applied Economics Conference on NEPAD: Dakar, Senegal.
April 1-4, 2003	ADEA Leaders and Coordinators' and Steering Committee Meeting: Maseru, Lesotho.
March 1-5, 2003	National Training Seminar of Djibouti, Djibouti City
Nov. 19-23, 2002	SADC Conference in Education Policy Reform in Southern Africa and Working Group on Educational Sector Analysis on Sector Wide Approach: Presentation: The Case of Mali.
October 21-27, 2002	Working Group on Finance and Education (WGFE) and ADEA Steering Committee meetings and Seminar on the quality of education in Africa: Paris, France.
July 14-19, 2002	USAID Technical Cognizant Officer Training Program: Pre-Award Responsibilities for CTOs, Nairobi, Kenya.
August 01-13, 2001	Dr. Cheick Modibo Diarra's Pathfinder Foundation International Excellence Camp for Science Teachers: Bamako, Mali. Taught the module on Inquiry-based Learning and Active Pedagogy.
May 20 -24, 2001	UNESCO Regional Seminar on Education for All Follow-up on Dakar Framework for Action: Dakar, Senegal.

- Nov. 27-29, 2000 Council of Ministers of six Sahel Countries and Guinea and Heads of States Summit on the Strategy for Advancing Universal Education by 2015 in these Countries. World Bank Workshop: Bamako, Mali.
- December 1-5, 2000 Workshop on the Contribution of Non-Governmental Organizations and the Organization of the Civil Society to the Realization of the Objectives of Education for All:. Bamako, Mali.
- June 9-14, 2000 USAID Technical Cognizant Officer Training Workshop: Bamako, Mali.
- July 16-29, 2000 USAID /Africa Bureau Summer Training Program: Amherst, Massachusetts, USA
- July 5-11, 1999 World Bank Regional Conference: Nouackchott, Mauritania. Presentation: Factors Influencing Girls' Enrollment in Primary Education: The Case of Mali.
- March 7-11, 1998 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Annual Conference: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- January 27-29, 1996 Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA): New Orleans, Louisiana. Presentation: Comparative Funding of Higher Education: The United States and France vs. the former French colonies of West Africa.
- January 28-31, 1995 Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA), Dallas, Texas, Presentation: Teachers' Perceptions of Students: Are Teachers Color Blind?
- October 26-28, 1994 Central State University Fourth International Conference: Dayton, Ohio. Presentation: Costs of Education in Mali.
- April 18-22, 1994 American Educational Research Association (AERA), Annual Conference: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
- January 28-31, 1993 Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA): Austin, Texas. Presentation: Financing Education in Mali: Historical Trends and Contemporary Issues.
- April 20-24, 1992 American Educational Research Association (AERA): Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, USA.

- March 13-15, 1992 Institute of International Education Enrichment Seminar: New Orleans, Louisiana. Presentation: Fulbright Scholars Association: Role, Vision and Mission.
- October 22-30, 1991 International Faculty Development Seminar: Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.
- October 14-18, 1991 National Association of Foreign Students Affairs (NAFSA)/Association of International Educators Regional Conference, Houston, Texas: Presentation: African American Communities as Resources for International Programs.
- March 1-4, 1991: U.S. Information Agency/Institute of International Education, Fulbright Seminar: Denver, Colorado.
- February 1-2, 1991: Southwest Regional Conference on International Education and Careers, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- March 20-24, 1989: Bureau Executif Central Union Démocratique du Peuple Malien (UDPM) Commission Culturelle (Central Executive Bureau of Malian People Democratic Party Cultural Commission): National Seminar on Education Reform in Mali, Bamako.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND STUDIES

- Diarra, M. C. (1992): Educational Funding in Mali: Past Trends and Contemporary Issues. Unpublished Master's Thesis: Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University.
- Diarra, M. C. (1997): Educational Costs and Cost Recovery in Developing Countries: The case of Mali. Unpublished Dissertation: Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University.
- Diarra, M. C. (2003): Financial Management of Education in a Decentralized Setting: the Cases of Mali, Nigeria, and Uganda. ADEA Publication: Paris, France.
- Diarra, M.C. (2007): Education and Human Capital Development in Africa in Shaping a New Africa (book chapter), Kit Publishers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (pp 95 -127).
- Diarra, M.C. (2008): Co-editor, Educational Finance and Planning in Africa. What works and what does not work? CODESRIA, Dakar, Senegal
- Diarra, M.C. (2008): Financing Higher Education in Kenya and Senegal: A Synthesis Report: ADEA Publication, Tunis, Tunisia.

- Diarra, M.C (2008): Educational Financing and Budgeting in Africa, UNESCO IICBA Handbook, UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Book chapters
- Diarra, M.C. (2010): Teacher Development, Sustainable Development and Wealth Generation in Africa: The UNESCO Experience in UNESCO in Africa Journal N°2 (pp41-50)
- Diarra, M. C. (2012): Invest in Science and Technology or Perish: The Challenges facing African Colleges of Science and Technology, Schools of Engineering and Polytechnics in the Knowledge Economy: ADEA Triennale 2012, Tunis.
- Diarra, M.C. (2012): Investir dans la Science et la Technologie ou Périr; Les Facultés de Sciences et Techniques, Ecoles d'Ingénieurs et Polytechniques face au défi du financement à l'ère de l'Economie du Savoir : Triennale ADEA 2012, Tunis.
- Diarra, M.C. & Arnott, A. (2012): African Union Outlook on Education Report. Continental Report: (Chapter on Higher Education). Association for the Development of Education in Africa: Harare, Zimbabwe.
- Diarra, M. C. (2014): African Union Outlook on Education Report. Continental Report: (Chapter on Higher Education). Association for the Development of Education in Africa: Harare, Zimbabwe.
- Diarra, M.C. (2014): Improvement of Education through Research. ERNWACA: Actes du Colloque International de Bamako (15-17 décembre 2009): « La recherche dans les pratiques et politiques éducatives en Afrique » p. 195-206. Editions Universitaires de Côte d'Ivoire (EDUCI). Abidjan: Côte d'Ivoire.
- Diarra, M.C. (2015): Educational System of the Republic of Benin: Overview, Trends and Future Prospects in Education in West Africa (Book Chapter), Bloomsbury, London, England.
- Diarra, M.C (2015). Educational System of the Republic of Mali: Overview, Trends, and Future Prospects. Education in West Africa (Book Chapter), Bloomsbury, London, England.
- Yonemura, A., & Diarra, M.C. (2015). Educational system of the Republic of Mauritania: Overview, Trends and Future Prospects. Education in West Africa (Book Chapter), Bloomsbury, London, England.
- Dibé, G.P., & Diarra, M.C. (2015). Educational System of Chad: Overview, Trends and Future Prospects. Education in West Africa. (Book Chapter), Bloomsbury, London, England.

- Diarra, M.C. & al. (2016). Burkina Faso Educational System Peer Review Final Report. ADEA. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- Diarra, M. C. & al. (2016). Congo Educational System Peer Review Final Report. ADEA. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- Diarra, M. C. (2016) Mid Term Evaluation of the Universities of Bamako Doctoral Program (2009-2017).
- Diarra, M. C. (2016) Study conducted and completed on the evaluation of the (Programme de Formation de Formateurs) – doctoral program- of the public universities of Bamako
- Diarra, M. C. (2017). Ubuntu as humanistic education: Challenges and Perspectives for Africa? London; Palgrave
- Diarra, M. C. (2018). Study on the development of an African Education Fund (AEF) commissioned by ADEA and the African Development Bank
- Diarra, M. C. (2018) Study on the revitalization on the teaching and learning of Mathematics and Sciences in Mali public and private high schools under the direction of CAYAMBE, a French consulting firm.
- Diarra, M. C. (2019) Study conducted and completed on youth and gender disparities in education commissioned by the African Network Campaign on Education for All (ANCEFA).
- Diarra, M.C. (2021) Study on the development of the curriculum of the African School of Mining of Mali under the direction of CAYAMBE
- Diarra, M. C. (2022) Realizations of the study on a Rapid Evaluation of Child Labor in Mali Traditional Mining under the direction of CAYAMBE.
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Educational Research Network for West and Central Africa (ROCARE- ERNWACA)	

Council for the Development of Social Sciences
Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
African Network Campaign for Education for All
(ANCEFA)

INTERNSHIPS

- 1991 Internship at the Louisiana Board of Regents, Commission of Administration and Finance, Fall 1991, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1992 **ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN:** Louisiana State University Office of Budget and Planning. (Duty: Worked under the supervision of the Assistant Director on University budget process and strategic plan).

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Phi Delta Kappa Louisiana State University Chapter, 1992.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Malian Government Undergraduate Scholarship Award: 1971-1977, University of Nice, France.

British Council Scholarship Award 1986: University of Lancaster, England.

United States Information Agency Award (Fulbright Scholarship) 1990-1992: Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Graduate Assistantship: 1992-1997, Dept. of Educational Administration and Research, College of Education, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

LANGUAGES

- Mandingo: Native Language
French: Reading: Excellent; Writing: Excellent; Speaking: Excellent; Understanding: Excellent.
English: Reading: Excellent; Writing: Excellent; Speaking: Excellent; Understanding: Excellent.
Arabic: Reading: Fair; Writing: Fair; Speaking: Fair; Understanding: Poor.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Has several computer skills: Word, Excel, Internet and SPSS.
Is also very abreast of all the innovations going on in the field of NTIC in Africa and elsewhere.