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1. Education and key certificates

- 2012: Ph.D in Economics, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France, with honors
- 2017: Executive Education Certificate, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, USA
- 2018: Project Management Certificate, Georgetown University, USA, *in progress*
- 2009: Master in Economics and Finance, Marseille, France, with honors
- 2009: Magister Ingenieur in Economics, Aix-Marseille University, France, with honors
- Winter 2008: Master visiting student, University of Montreal, Canada
- 2007: Bachelor in Applied Mathematics and Economics, Faculty of Science, Aix- Marseille University, France, with honors

2. Current and past professional experience

- Nov 2013-November 2019: Research Economist at United-Nations University, Netherlands
- August 2018-December 2018: **World Bank home-based Consultant**
- January 2016-: Vice-President and Project Manager for the NGO “**Women and Nature International**”, New-York
- 2016: Expert advisor for the international media outlet **The Conversation**
- June 2016- December 2016: **World Bank** home-based Consultant for the **Regional Report on Education**
- November 2017-February 2018: Home based consultant for the **Think-Tank AERC, Kenya**
- September 2016- January 2017: Home based consultant for the **Think-Tank CRES, Senegal**
- November 2014-November 2015: Home based consultant for the research program **ERSA, South Africa**
- October 2012-Sept 2013: Research Officer, **Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France**
- March-July 2013: Consultant, **United-Nations University (UNU-WIDER), Finland**
- January 2013-March 2013: Guest researcher, **University of Washington, Seattle, USA**
- October 2009-Sep 2012: Lecturer in quantitative methods for undergraduate programs, **Aix-Marseille University, France**
- Summer-2008: Internship at **Banque de France, Paris, France**
- Summer-2007: Internship at **PACA Regional Department of Labor, Marseille, France**

3. Certificates

- Harvard University, Executive Education Certificate, John F. Kennedy School of Government, **Certified**, 2017
- Project Management Certificate, Georgetown University, USA, 2018, **in progress**
- Introduction to Project Management online course, edX, **Certified**, 2018
- IMF Energy Subsidies Reform online Course, **Certified**, 2018
- IMF Financial Programming and Policies: Macroeconomics Accounts and Analysis, 2018, **Certified**
- UN Harassment Prevention online Course, **Certified**, 2018
- RIDGE Summer School in Economics, Mexico, June 2017, chaired by Joseph Stiglitz, **Certified**, 2017
- World Bank Group Youth Summit: “Rethinking Education for the New Millennium”, Washington DC, **Certified**, 2016
- UNWomen Training Centre “Care Economy Course”, **Certified**, 2016
- UNWomen Training Centre “I Know Gender: An Introduction to Gender Equality for UN Staff”, **Certified**, 2016

4. Research Interest:

- Economic growth and Development
- Institutions and Governance
- Gender issues
- Political Economy
- Migration and remittances
- Applied econometrics

5. Publications

5.1 Edited Books

1. “Women and Sustainable Human Development- Empowering Women in Africa”, Palgrave Macmillan, editors: Maty Konte with Nyasha Tirivayi, *Forthcoming*, 2019
2. “Migration and Remittances in Africa: Towards the Sustainable Development Goals”, contract signed with Routledge, editors: Maty Konte with Linguère Mously Mbaye and Valentina Mazzucato

5.2 Journal articles, book chapters and working papers

- 1) “Do Remittances not Promote Growth? A Finite Mixture-of-Regressions Approach”, ***Empirical Economics*, March 2018, Volume 54, Issue 2, pp 747–782**
- 2) “Remittances and Support for Democracy in Africa: Are Remittances a Curse or a Blessing?” ***Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2016, 44, pp. 1002- 1022**
- 3) “Measuring institutions during and after colonization in Senegal (1819-2010)”, ***Journal of Development Perspectives*, Vol. 1, Nos. 1–2, 2018**
- 4) “Gender Gap in Support for Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Do Social Institutions Matter?” ***Feminist Economics*, 2016, Vol. 22, No. 2, 55-86 (With Stephan Klasen)**
- 5) “Why are women less democratic than men? Evidence from Sub-Saharan African Countries” ***World Development*, July 2014, 59 104-119. (With C. Garcia-Peñalosa)**
- 6) “Political versus Economic Institutions in the Growth Process” ***Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2014, 42, 212-229 (with E.Flachaire and C. Garcia-Peñalosa)**
- 7) “Gender-based Financial Exclusion and Economic Growth in Developing Countries”, ***Proceedings of the African Economic Conference 2015***
- 8) “Female policy makers and women’s wellbeing in Africa”, ***Forthcoming in Gender, Development***

and Social Change series. Konte, M. & Tirivayi, N. (Eds.). London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan

9) "Gender and climate change: towards comprehensive policy options" (With G. Schwerhoff), *Forthcoming in Gender, Development and Social Change series. Konte, M. & Tirivayi, N. (Eds.). London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan*

10) "Education resources and the quality of local governance in Africa", 2017, *Working Paper Series N° 278, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, under review*

11) "A Curse or a Blessing? Natural Resources in a Multiple Growth Regime Analysis", *Applied Economics, 2013, 45, 3760-3769*

12) "The decreasing returns on working time: an empirical analysis on panel country data" *Applied Economics Letters, 2011, 18, 1677-1682, (with G.Cette and S.Chang)*

13) Background paper for Senegalese Ministry of Plan "Analyse de l'évolution de la productivité de la main d'œuvre au Sénégal (1990-2010) " *(joint with Rose Vincent), 2017, UNU-MERIT Report Series*

14) "Employment impact of product innovations in sub-Saharan Africa: A firm-level evidence", (with E.Avenyo and P. Mohnen), *Revision requested*

15) "Product innovation and informal market competition in sub-Saharan Africa: Firm-level evidence", (with E.Avenyo and P. Mohnen), *Under review*

5.3 Media Coverage and policy briefs

1) "How corrupt local officials kill decent education in Africa", *The Conversation, February 2018*, by Maty Konte <https://theconversation.com/how-corrupt-local-officials-kill-decent-education-in-africa-91251>

2) "Democracy: Do African women really like it less than the men?", *Site4Society, May 2018* by Maty Konte <https://site4society.wordpress.com/2018/05/31/democracy-do-african-women-really-like-it-less-than-the-men/>

3) "Women support democracy less than men in parts of Africa – why? *The Conversation*, September 2016, *The Conversation*", , by **Maty Konte**, <https://theconversation.com/women-support-democracy-less-than-men-in-parts-of-africa-why-65457>

4) "Equality Relies on Synergies and Mindsets", by **Maty Konte**, United-Nations University, July 2016, <https://unu.edu/publications/articles/equality-synergies-and-mindsets.html>

5) "Gender Difference in Support for Democracy in Sub-Saharan African Countries: Do Social Institutions Matter?" *Feminist Economics Research Notes*, April 2016
<http://explore.tandfonline.com/page/bes/rfec-research-notes/22.2/art-3>

6) "En Afrique, les femmes se préoccupent plus des questions sociales que les hommes " *Agence de Presse Sénégalaise (APS), Dakar, September 2012, by Maty Konte*, <https://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201209080769.html>

7) "Yes, climate change matters: international scientists appeal to Trump on his first 100 days", *The Conversation*, April 2017, by **Maty Konte**, Joice Ferreira, Sandrine Maljean-Dubois and Shobhakar Dhakal, <https://theconversation.com/yes-climate-change-matters-international-scientists-appeal-to-trump-on-his-first-100-days-75619>

8) "Jeffrey Sachs on meeting the Sustainable Development Goals – 'we need a victory of ideas'", *The Conversation*, October 2016, by **Maty Konte**, M Niaz Asadullah, Harini Amarasuriya, Mizan R Khan and Rut Diamint, <https://theconversation.com/jeffrey-sachs-on-meeting-the-sustainable-development-goals-we-need-a-victory-of-ideas-66839>

9) "How do remittances affect democracy in Africa", **World Economic Forum**, June 2015, by **Maty**, <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2015/06/how-do-remittances-affect-democracy-in-africa/>

10) Towards another resource curse? Remittances and support for democracy in Africa", **The Conversation**, June 2015, by **Maty Konte**, <https://theconversation.com/towards-another-resource-curse-remittances-and-support-for-democracy-in-africa-4182>

5.4 Ongoing research projects

- Tax Compliance and Governance in Africa (with A.Boly and A. Shimeles (African Development Bank)), **First draft available upon request**
- Religious Social Contract and Development in Senegal, **First draft available upon request**
- Reforms and structural change in developing countries: Is structural change ignored, (with W.Kouame and E. Mensah), **First draft available upon request**
- Remittances and corruption in Africa
- Labor reforms and employment growth in developing countries, (with W. Kouame)
- Tax Compliance and Remittances in Africa (with D. Doumbia)
- Local Economic Development and Support for Democracy in Africa: Evidence from the Outer Space (With A. Mveyange)
- Fuel subsidies and inequality in developing countries (with J. Tapsoba (IMF))
- Labor productivity trajectories in Europe from 1850-2010 (joint with C. Garcia-Peñalosa and J. Madsen)
- Climatic shocks and Public Goods Provision: Does Women Empowerment Matter? (with R. Kinda)

6. Selected presentations in Conferences, workshops and seminars

- World Bank Workshop A Social Contract for Stability, Equity and Prosperity in Africa, Washington DC, November 2018
- African Development Bank seminar series, Abidjan, September 2018
- PEGnet Conference 2018 on "Improving the quality of education and learning outcomes in developing countries", Cotonou, October 2018
- International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference, New York, June 2018
- Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development Goals, Interview in UN TV, Bonn, February 2018
- Public management and Public finance workshop, Washington DC, November 2017
- International Economic Association World Congress, Mexico, June 2017
- UNU-WIDER conference on public economics for development, Maputo, July 2017
- United-Nations University Action Debate: "High Time UN Reform", Member of the panel, Maastricht 2017
- Human Development and Capability Approach Annual Conference, Tokyo, 2016
- Center for the Studies of African Economies Annual Conference, Oxford, 2016
- African Economic Conference, Kinshasa, 2015
- European Meeting on Applied Evolutionary Economics, Keynote Speaker, Maastricht, 2015
- Human Development and Capability Approach Annual Conference, Washington DC, 2015
- Dynamics, Economic Growth and International Trade Annual Conference, Geneva, 2015
- Center for the Studies of African Economies Annual Conference, Oxford, 2015
- UNU-WIDER Conference: Mapping the Future of Development Economics, Helsinki, 2015

- Design and Evaluation of Innovation Policies, Guest lecturer, Nairobi, 2014
- UNU-WIDER Conference: Inequality – Measurement, trends, impacts, and policies, Helsinki 2014
- Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics CEAFE, Agadir, 2014
- January 2014, UNU-MERIT internal seminar, Maastricht, 2015
- CESifo Summer School, Venice, 2013
- Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network, Dakar, 2012
- Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics CEAFE, Cairo, 2012
- Royal Economic Society Conference, Cambridge, 2012
- Annual Meeting of the Association of Southern European Economic Theorists, Evora, 2011
- European Doctoral Group in Economics, Bocconi, 2011
- Association Française de Science Economique, Paris, 2011
- European Doctoral Group in Economics, Aix en Provence, 2010

7. Supervision of Students

7.1 PhD students

- Elvis Avenyo, thesis title: “Productive Employment and Innovation in Sub-Saharan Africa” (Co-supervisor, thesis publicly defended on May 2018)
- Davina Osei, thesis title: “Ties that build: Corruption and Social Capital in less Developed countries” (2015-2019, co-supervisor)
- Godsway, thesis title: “Financial innovation in Africa”

7.2 Master students

- Rebeka Balogh, thesis title: Feminization of poverty in Hungary (Main supervisor, defended on September 2017)
- Andrea Vogel, thesis title: Social protection trajectories and social mobility using panel data (Main supervisor, defended on September 2017)
- Alhadji Komeh, thesis title: Policy-growth and twin deficit debate in Sierra Leone (Main supervisor, defended on August 2016)
- Shivani Achrekar; thesis title: Youth’ Political Involvement in Zanzibar (Main supervisor, defended on August 2015)

8. PhD thesis committee or corona member

- Wondimagegn Tesfaye, PhD dissertation “Climate smart Innovations for Agricultural Transformation and Household Development”, expected early 2019
- Tigist Mekonnen Melesse, PhD dissertation title “*Grow More Food Using Fewer Resources: Agricultural Technology Adoption and Innovation Practices for Inclusive and Sustainable Development*”, December 2016 (committee member)
- Tobias Broich, PhD dissertation title “*New Actors in the Global Economy: The Case of Chinese Development Finance in Africa*”, December 2017 (committee member)
- Hassen Abda Wako, PhD dissertation title “Economic Globalization, Institutions and Development; Essays on Aid, Foreign Direct Investment and Trade”, March 2018, (corona member)
- Yesuf Mohammednur Awel, PhD dissertation title “Insurance for Growth: Empirical essays on insurance demand and impacts in Africa”, December 2016, (corona member)
- Abdul Baseer qazi, PhD dissertation title “*Knowledge flows and networks in the ICT sector: The case of Pakistan*”, December 2015 (corona member)
- Samyukta Bhupatiraju, PhD dissertation title “The Geographic dimensions of growth and development”, November 2014 (corona member)

- Francois Lafond, PhD dissertation title “The evolution of knowledge systems”, October 2014 (corona member)

9. Course coordination and teaching

- 2019:Coordinator of Governance and Institutions in Emerging Markets (Master level)
- 2017-2018: Coordinator of the quantitative track of the Master of Public Policy and Human Development (Master level), Maastricht University
- 2017: Data science and Regression Analysis (Master level)
- 2016-2017: Indicators of institutions in Africa (PhD level)
- 2014-2016: Growth Empirics (PhD level)
- 2009-2012: Quantitative methods (Bachelor level)

10. Grants and Awards

- 2017: Harvard Executive Education Scholarship
- 2017: Young African scholar Program recipient (African Development Bank)
- 2016: UNWomen scholarship for the training course “Care and Economy”
- Nov 2013: Best Ph.D thesis price, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
- January-March 2013: Visiting scholar grant for an academic stay at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA
- Royal Economic Society conference grant (UK, 2012)
- Institut Français conference grant (Cairo, 2011)
- French Ministry of Education Doctoral Scholarships (2009-2012)
- Senegalese Ministry of Education BA and Master Scholarships (2004-2009)
- 2008 visiting student scholar for a stay at the University of Montreal provided by The City of Marseille, France

11. Professional affiliation/activities

- Member of Project Management Institute (PMI)
- Catalyst for Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences
- Member of the American Economic Association
- Member of the Association for the Advanced African Women Economist (AAWE)
- Member of the European Economic Association
- Global Labor Organization Fellow
- Since 2014: UNU staff representative
- Co-organizer of the conference on Sustainable Development in Africa, Dakar, November 26-27 2015
- Member of the scientific committee of the conference on Micro Evidence on Innovation and Development, New Delhi, 11-12 February 2015,

12. Computer skills

- Stata; R; SPSS; SAS; Matlab; Eviews; Gretl; VBA; Latent Gold; Latex; MS Office

13. Languages

- English (fluent); F r e n c h (native); Wolof (native);

14. Editorial activities

American Political Science Review; World Development; European Economic Review; British Journal of Political science; Macroeconomics Dynamics; Economic Modelling; Annales systems, Sustainability; d'Économie et des Statistiques; Econometrics; Economics; Roudledge; Economics Bulletin; Social Indicators Research; African Development Review; Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance; Journal of African Development; International Journal of Development Issues; The Extractive Industries and Society; Sustainability Grant reviewer for South Africa National Research Fund;