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International development, sustainability, and green infrastructure - 30 years of senior technical and management experience at the World Bank, academia, and consulting. Expertise in finance, infrastructure, global environment, sustainable development, cities, water resources, climate change, agriculture, blue economy, resilience, fragility and conflict, resettlement, PPPs, and ESG.

Strong track record of delivery of financial services and policy advice in more than 90 developing and emerging economies in all regions of the world – from fragile and conflict-affected countries to high middle-income countries. Responsible for \$80B of investments and close to 800 policy reports in infrastructure and sustainable development during World Bank career. Recognized managerial excellence with teams of about 700 staff and more than 1,000 consultants located in 70 countries. In-depth experience in building partnerships with civil society, NGOs, local governments, and base organizations. Extensive experience in fundraising. Keynote speaker. Featured in, and expert source to, several global media outlets such as CNN, Wall St. Journal, Time, The Economist, LA Times, and CNBC.

Academia - 20+ years of teaching experience on environmental science and policy, civil engineering, and sustainable development at the graduate level in the U.S. and China, both in face-to-face and online environments. Led development of innovative experiential learning and knowledge sharing platforms across the world supported by multi-million-dollar partnerships.

Leadership and organizational reform - member of the World Bank senior leadership responsible for the most extensive corporate reorganization in the last 15 years. Specific expertise in organizational analysis, efficiency, evaluation, and management team performance. Led establishment of a global knowledge ecosystem with more than 50 communities of practice and thousands of expert practitioners. Designed and delivered leadership courses to hundreds of World Bank managers and emerging leaders. Leadership blog: eijjasz1.medium.com

Expertise – Strategy, policy analysis and reform, innovation and change processes, advisor to boards, future trends and technology scenarios for sustainability, cross-sectoral scalable solutions, turn-around strategies, pioneering initiatives and implementation programs, science-policy-financing interface, stakeholder engagement and consensus building, partnership design, E&S safeguards systems, program evaluation, leadership group coaching and training, organizational transformation.

Current positions:

Founder & CEO	Eigen Impact Consulting	10/2020 - Present
	Boutique consulting firm specialized in strategy, climate change, sustainability, infrastructure, evaluation, and leadership development	

Recent clients:

Public sector - ADB, AIIB, Global Center on Adaptation, The Growth Dialogue, Lincoln Land Institute, UNDP, World Bank, World Meteorological Organization, World Resources Institute
Private sector – Miyamoto International, Everbridge

Leadership positions at the World Bank:

07/2020-10/2020	Senior Corporate Sustainable Development Adviser
07/2019-06/2020	Regional Director, Sustainable Development, Africa Region
07/2014-06/2019	Senior Director, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, all developing regions
11/2011-06/2014	Director, Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Latin America
04/2008-11/2011	Manager, Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, China
09/2004-04/2008	Manager, Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)
03/2006-04/2008	Manager, Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP)
09/1997-03/2004	Technical positions in infrastructure and environment Latin America, Eastern Europe, and central Environment Policy unit

Examples of Managerial Results at the World Bank

- Technical leadership: focused engagement with Chinese clients led to shift in 2011-13 pipeline to include 40% of projects with climate co-benefits at a time of complex international climate negotiations; transformation of climate financing in Africa portfolio in 2020, doubling the 2017 levels to \$6.1B of climate investments, twice the 2017 levels
- Innovation systems: Close to ¼ of World Bank President’s Innovation Awards received by my teams in 2016-2017
- Organizational restructuring: led complex team change process shifting organizational structure from regional to global teams in 2006 and 2014
- Awards: Only 3-time recipient of World Bank awards for excellence in management (2011) and excellent in leadership (2014 and 2019)

Examples of projects in portfolio:

- Africa: Portfolio of 236 projects, loans of \$26 billion, including locust emergency response in East Africa, West Africa coastal resilience, Cyclone Ida reconstruction and recovery project, Green Wall environmental restoration portfolio, Northern Nigeria conflict recovery project, water dams and water resources projects across region, medium-size cities program in Ethiopia, Kinshasa urban development project
- Global Urban, Rural, Social, Resilience: portfolio of 226 projects, loans of \$28 billion in 94 countries, focused on green and sustainable cities, climate resilience, social inclusion, indigenous peoples, land and property rights, among others. Examples include Indonesia National Urban Slum Upgrading Program; Panama indigenous peoples project; Kenya decentralization program support to medium-size municipalities; Iraq infrastructure

reconstruction program; Somalia famine response; Philippines natural disaster Catastrophic Drawdown Financing Facility

- Latin America and the Caribbean: Portfolio of 183 projects, loans of \$17 billion, including Quito and Bogota metro, Buenos Aires Matanza Riachuelo Water and Flooding, Payment for Ecological Services for biodiversity in Mexico; low-carbon development strategies in several countries (Brazil, Colombia); toxic and air pollution programs in Argentina and Mexico
- China: Portfolio of 114 projects, loans of \$10 billion, including Shanghai green energy for low-carbon development; Ningxia desertification control project; Shandong Confucius and Mencius cultural heritage project; Kunming Urban Rail project; Hai Basin integrated water and environment management project

Teaching experience

- 2010-2012 Lecturer, Tsinghua University, Masters Program of International Development, Sustainable Development course, Beijing
- 2002-2014 Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University, Environmental Science and Policy Masters Program, Contaminant fate & transport modeling and policy course, In-class and Internet versions

Other experience

- 09/1994-09/1997 Senior Associate, ICF Kaiser International
- Technical and policy advisory services to U.S. EPA on pollution issues
 - Environmental Impact Assessments of infrastructure projects in Latin America and the U.S.
- 09/1989-08/1994 Research Assistant and Post-Doctoral Research Associate, MIT

Education

- 1994 Ph.D., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Hydrology and Water Resources, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1990 M.Sc., Civil Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 1988 B.Sc., Mathematics and Engineering Universidad Nacional de Colombia and EIA

Books

Co-director of State and Trends in Climate Adaptation, Global Center on Adaptation

[2020 Report – Global State and Trends](#)

[2021 Report – Africa](#)

“[Sustainable Low-Carbon City Development in China](#),” World Bank, 2012

“Disruptive Technologies for Sustainable Development,” World Bank, forthcoming (2022)

“Knowledge Management and Organizational Change,” Routledge Ed., forthcoming (2022)

Languages – English (fluent), Spanish (Native), French (working knowledge)