

Curriculum Vitae

Mark Le Gros Allen

CAREER AT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Senior Resident Representative for Central and Eastern Europe, 2009-13

Resident in Warsaw, Poland, representing the IMF in Poland and Belarus and on regional issues related to EU new member states and other East European countries. Worked on the European Bank Coordination (“Vienna”) Initiative, on the EBCI working groups on local currency lending and capital market development, and on the treatment of non-performing loans, and set up a number of cross-border banking forums. Frequent speaker on regional and global economic developments.

Working independently, 2008-2009

Worked on issues connected with reform of the international financial architecture following the global financial crisis, and on issues connected with development assistance.

Director, Policy Development and Review Department, 2003-2008

Managed a department of about 175 people. Devised IMF policies to deal with a range of international economic and financial issues. Ensured the consistent implementation of these policies in the Fund’s work in member countries. Represented the IMF at deputy minister level in such intergovernmental forums as the G7/8, the G20, OECD, EU Committees, Tidewater, and the IMFC.

Senior Advisor and Deputy Director, Policy Development and Review Department, 1998-2003

Developed frameworks for anticipating and handling financial crises. Helped design the joint IMF-World Bank Financial Sector Assessment Program. Developed sovereign debt restructuring mechanism. Represented IMF at meetings of financial market participants and of NGOs. Managed the personnel issues of the department.

Senior IMF Resident Representative in Hungary, 1996-1998

Helped design and keep on track the Hungarian adjustment program. Supported the transition process. Spokesman for IMF in Hungary.

Senior Advisor, Policy Development and Review Department, 1993-1996

In charge of policy on Fund relations with commercial and official creditors. Launched the initiative to reduce the debt of poor countries. Helped design the Data Standards Initiative (Special Data Dissemination Standard) following the Mexican crisis of 1994.

Senior IMF Resident Representative in Poland, 1990-1993

Worked with a series of governments and maintained excellent relations between the Fund and Poland. Managed relations with other countries and institutions involved in supporting the Polish transition process, especially in the areas of tax policy and administration and bank supervision. Spokesman for IMF in Poland.

Assistant Director, International Capital Markets Division, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, 1988-1990

Led Fund's international capital markets team, devised and managed IMF policy for dealing with commercial creditors to emerging markets during final phase of the 1980s debt crisis.

Division Chief, African Department, 1985-1987

Managed division covering Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and São Tomé and Príncipe and negotiated stand-by arrangement with Nigeria, leading to debt reduction.

Economist, and then Advisor, Exchange and Trade Relations Department, 1974-1985

Devised Fund policies on centrally planned economies and scale of IMF lending. Represented the Fund in the GATT during Tokyo Round trade negotiations and at UNCTAD. Part of IMF's China economic team (1980-1983). Chair of IMF Staff Association during introduction of new salary system. Strengthened coordination with World Bank.

EDUCATION:

Karl Marx Higher Economics Institute, Sofia, Bulgaria, awarded British Council Fellowship, Postgraduate work on Central Planning in Bulgaria, 1972-1973

Yale University, awarded Mellon Fellowship, Graduate work in Economics and Russian and East European Studies, 1970-1972

Clare College, Cambridge University, BA in Economics and Mathematics, awarded Exhibition Scholarship, 1967-1970

St. Pauls School, London, 1964-1966; Bristol Grammar School, 1962-1964; The King's School, Chester, 1957-62

OTHER

Married to Elizabeth Mary Heys Allen (née Mayson), three children

UK citizen

Born St. Helier, Jersey, 1947.