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Top Skills

Leadership

Economic Planning

Teaching

Languages

French (Limited Working)

English (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

Global Scholar, Global Colleagues
Program, Academics Stand Against
Poverty (ASAP)

Distinctive Leadership Award in
Economic and Policy Development
in Nigeria

Publications

Structural Transformation,
Productivity Growth and Employment
in Nigeria

Is the Nigerian Economy "Rightly"
Diversified?

Planning for Prosperity: A
Comparative Analysis of Nigeria and
Indonesia

The African Continental Free Trade
Area and Nano, Micro, Small and
Medium Enterprises (NMSMEs) in
Nigeria's Manufacturing Sector

Nigeria's Trade Deficit Hits Record
High In 2020 Despite Recession Exit
In Q4

Wilson Erumebor, PhD

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Senior Teaching Fellow at SOAS, University of London | Visiting
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United Kingdom

Summary

Wilson Erumebor is an economist specialising in structural transformation, productivity, industrialisation and macroeconomic policy in Africa, with a particular focus on Nigeria. He is the Deputy Chief Economist and head of Economic Transformation and Competitiveness at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), where he drives research, strategy and policy advocacy on growth, reform and long-term economic transformation. His work sits at the intersection of research, policy and strategy. At NESG, he has led and contributed to several flagship initiatives that have helped shape national economic discourse, including the NESG Macroeconomic Outlook, the NESG-OSIWA Debt Management Roundtable, Nigeria Vision 2050 and the development of Nigeria's Medium-Term National Development Plan 2021–2025. Wilson has advised and provided consultancy support to public and private institutions on economic policy, reform and development strategy, including the US Department of State, the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, Phillips Consulting, Imara Africa and the UK DFID Policy Development Facility II. He is also a recognised public voice on economic issues in Nigeria and Africa. He has spoken at high-level forums including the Chatham House Africa Forum, the Nigerian Economic Summit and the South Africa-Nigeria Business Chamber Forum, and has delivered economic insights to institutions such as Nigerian Breweries, Siemens Nigeria, Jesus College, University of Cambridge and other senior policy and professional audiences. His commentary has featured on BBC, Aljazeera, Channels TV, Arise TV and CNBC Africa. His work has also been published by the Brookings Institution - Foresight Africa. Beyond policy advisory and public engagement, Wilson is committed to teaching, research and knowledge dissemination. He teaches Economic Development of Africa at SOAS University of London. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Lagos and a PhD in Economics from SOAS, where his research focused on structural transformation,

productivity growth and employment in Nigeria and the broader challenge of how African economies can achieve more inclusive and sustained development. He is Chair of the Diaspora Network of the Nigerian Economic Society and a member of the Royal Economic Society.

Experience

The Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG)

Deputy Chief Economist

March 2013 - Present (13 years 5 months)

Lead the Economic Transformation and Competitiveness work at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG), driving research, policy engagement and advocacy on Nigeria's growth, reform and long-term development agenda.

Oversee the design and delivery of flagship macroeconomic and structural transformation initiatives, including the NESG Macroeconomic Outlook, Jobs and Productivity work and high-level policy dialogues that shape national economic discourse.

Engage senior stakeholders across government, private sector and development institutions, translating economic analysis into policy-relevant insights and reform-oriented recommendations.

Represent NESG at national and international platforms, contributing to debates on macroeconomic policy, industrialisation, productivity and competitiveness in Nigeria and Africa.

Contribute to institutional strategy through the Nigerian Economic Summit, NESG Fellows Programme and the editorial direction of the NESG Economic & Policy Review Journal.

LSE Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa

Visiting Fellow

May 2026 - Present (3 months)

London

Conduct research on structural transformation, productivity, labour markets and economic development in Africa, with a focus on the changing role of services, urbanisation and the future of work.

Collaborate with researchers across the London School of Economics to advance evidence-based policy on Africa's long-term economic transformation.

Contribute to research, policy dialogue and knowledge exchange connecting academic research with governments, development partners and the private sector.

SOAS University of London

3 years 10 months

Senior Teaching Fellow and Convenor of the Economic Development of Africa module

September 2025 - Present (11 months)

London

Leading the design and delivery of undergraduate teaching on development economics, structural transformation and Africa's growth challenges.

Develop and deliver course content that integrates economic theory with real-world policy debates, with a focus on industrialisation, productivity, labour markets and structural change in Africa.

Facilitate interactive and applied learning through lectures, seminars and case-based discussions, enabling students to critically engage with contemporary development issues.

Bridge academic research and policy practice by drawing on ongoing work in macroeconomic policy, competitiveness and economic reform in Africa.

Supervise, assess and mentor students, supporting their academic development and interest in economic policy and development practice.

GTA & Guest Lecturer for Economic Development of Africa

October 2022 - August 2025 (2 years 11 months)

London

Delivered lectures on Structural Transformation in Africa to MSc and Undergraduate Students

Contributed to the development of course content for the Economic Development of Africa Module

Supported the development of teaching materials and facilitated discussions to strengthen students' understanding of key development concepts and debates.

FATE Foundation

Senior Research Fellow

August 2022 - April 2024 (1 year 9 months)

Lagos State, Nigeria

Led research and policy work at FATE Foundation focused on entrepreneurship, private sector development and Nigeria's non-oil economy.

Directed analytical work on improving non-oil exports in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), generating insights for policy and business stakeholders.

Contributed to the State of Entrepreneurship in Nigeria reports and policy dialogues aimed at strengthening the enabling environment for small businesses.

Agusto & Co.

Research Analyst

2011 - 2013 (2 years)

Marina, Lagos

Prepared Industry Reports on key sectors in Nigeria such as Oil & Gas, Building & Construction, Real Estate, Food & Beverage (Biscuit Segment), Electronics & Household Appliances and Agriculture (Grains).

Performed Macroeconomic Analysis and Industry Ratings (Construction). Examined Industry Competitiveness, Regulatory Framework, Industry Economics, Industry Prospects/Opportunities for investment and Outlook.

Prepared Client-Specific Reports, conducted Money Market Analysis and performed other research functions.

ValueFronteira Limited

Economic Research Analyst/Student Associate

October 2008 - June 2011 (2 years 9 months)

Prepared monthly macroeconomic reports on the Nigerian economy, analysing key trends in growth, inflation and policy developments.

Performed data collection and analysis. Conducted Feasibility Studies and Due Diligence.

Performed monthly Financial Market update and analysis with specific reference to the Nigerian Money Market, Capital Market and the Foreign Exchange Market.

Wrote articles on Economic-related issues (federal government budgets, management of Nigeria's financial sector, government policies, etc.)

Education

SOAS University of London

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Economics · (September 2021 - June 2025)

University of Lagos

Master of Science (MSc), Economics · (2015 - 2016)

Delta State University Abraka, Nigeria

B.Sc, Economics · (2007 - 2010)