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AARNES, Dag	Senior Economist
Date of birth:	15 April 1958
Nationality	Norwegian
Civil Status:	Married
Languages	English (fluent), German (fair knowledge), French (knowledge)
Countries worked in:	Norway, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Palestinian Territories, Uganda

Key Qualifications:

Master's degree (MSc) in economics from the University of Oslo. Nineteen years working experience in economic policy and research institutions in Norway and in international consultancy. Working experience include a total of ten years in various positions in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economics, including two years as head of fiscal policy analysis section. Furthermore, work experience include macro economic adviser in Den Norske Creditbank, three years as country economist for NORAD based in Zambia and three years in ECON which is an independent Norwegian research and consulting company.

Specialisation in macroeconomic policy analysis including fiscal policy, labour market, financial management and structural policy issues. Extensive experience in development economics, institutional economics, financial management, and aid policy and programming issues. Broad experience from policy and programme reviews and evaluations.

Recent assignments include:

Development economics/fiscal policy: macroeconomic analysis and design of sector- and budget support and financial management TA- programmes in Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda for NORAD. Appraisal and evaluation of institutional development programmes in Zambia and the Palestinian Territories.

Labour market policy issues: team leader for assessment of labour market policy for long term unemployed in Norway and international comparison of the regulation of private employment agencies in Europe for the Norwegian Ministry of Labour.

Industrial policy evaluation: team leader for assessment of Norwegian exports to development markets, economic effects of international standardisation and the economic effects of Norwegian regulations in the pharmaceutical markets.

Education:	1981 Exam. Oecon. (B.Sc. Economics) University of Oslo.
	1983 Cand. Oecon. (M.Sc. Economics) University of Oslo.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999 - Consultant/Senior Economist

Independent consultant and co-founder of Assist Consulting, Macroeconomic analysis, financial management, debt and poverty analysis, country programming and strategies, institutional development, labour market analysis and evaluations.

1996 - 99 Senior Economist, ECON Centre for economic analysis

Senior Economist in the macro economic department. Various assignments in developing countries. Labour market and wage formation studies and policy evaluation reports.

1995 - 96 Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance. Economics Department, Fiscal Policy Section.

Head of section. Analysis and presentation of fiscal policy framework. Development of fiscal policy indicators. Macroeconomic framework for local government budgets.

1993 - 95 Senior economist, Ministry of Finance. Dep. of Economics, Structural Policies Section. Deputy head of section.

Analysis and advise on macroeconomic effects of structural policy, including industrial policies, subsidies, regional policy and competition policy issues.

1990 - 93 Country Economist NORAD representative Office in Lusaka, Zambia

Analysis and reporting on economic and political developments in Zambia. Formulation of planning and policy documents for Norwegian assistance to Zambia. Project implementation and evaluation. Shorter periods as acting resident representative. Responsible for BOP support programmes and various technical assistance programmes.

1987 - 90 Head of Division in Ministry of Finance, Economics Department.

Assigned to implementation and analysis of structural policies (Expert group on structural adjustment). Participation in EEA-negotiations in EFTA, Geneva as Ministry of Finance representative. Analysis and reporting of international economic developments.

1986 - 87 Senior Economist in Economics Secretariat of Den Norske Creditbank (later Den Norske Bank)

Macroeconomic analysis, assessments of business cycles and economic trends. Presentation and advise of economic developments to bank management, staff and customers.

1983 - 86 Executive officer/Economist in Ministry of Finance, Department of Economics.

Macroeconomic analysis, simulation of macroeconomic models, assessments of business cycles and economic trends. Drafting of Government economic policy documents. Policy formulation in relation to labour market policies.

SELECTED PROJECT WORKING EXPERIENCE:

Development issues:

- 2002 Facilitator for budget support review in Tanzania. Coordination of bilateral budget support and PRSC of the World Bank.
- 2002 Report on financial management reform processes and possible bilateral budget support in Zambia
- 2002 Report to UNDP on tax policy issues in the Comoros
- 2001 Member of team of researchers in the CMI/INESOR programme “Political Processes in Zambia leading up to the 2001 elections.
- 2001 Report to SIDA on budget support to Palestinian authorities in West Bank and Gaza
- 2001 Team leader, drafting of Norwegian development policy poverty alleviation programme. For Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo
- 2001 Report to NORAD on World Bank Poverty Reduction Support Credit and the role of bilateral donor agencies in Uganda
- 2000/01 Research Paper for SPA Working Group on Financial Management Issues in Africa
- 2000/01 Extensive participation in development of poverty focused and untied budget support programmes in Mozambique, Tanzania, Malawi and Uganda
- 2000 Evaluation of environmental effects of structural adjustment programmes. With Stein Hansen For World Bank Operations Evaluation Department
- 1999 Participation in working group to prepared OECD DAC guidelines for poverty reduction. Macro economic adviser.
- 1999 Reports to NORAD on HIPC implementation in Norwegian partner countries
- 1999 Evaluation of technical assistance programme in Ministry of Finance, Mozambique
- 1999 Team leader, two reports on budget, fiscal policy and macroeconomic developments in Malawi. For Danida and NORAD.
- 1998 NORAD’s permanent adviser on social and economic developments in Zambia and Malawi. Several reports.
- 1998 Team leader, evaluation mission on the impact of export promotion measures in the development aid markets. For the Ministry of Trade and Industry. January 1998.
- 1998 Team leader, appraisal mission to Palestinian areas regarding the NORAD financed primary schools rehabilitation programme. April 1998.
- 1998 Team leader, appraisal mission regarding NORAD agricultural development programme in the Northern Province of Zambia.

- 1998 Team leader, evaluation mission regarding the NORAD sponsored development of the macroeconomic model MACMOD in Tanzania.
- 1997 Member of evaluation mission regarding HIID's Macroeconomic Technical Assistance Project in Zambia.
- 1997 Report to NORAD on institutional development through twinning arrangements.
- 1997 Team leader, appraisal mission to Palestinian areas on a proposed technical assistance project in the area of population census and statistics. August 1997.
- 1994 Background report for the Norwegian Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee visit to Zambia in Jan. 1995.
- 1994 "Credit to small scale businesses in Zambia through commercial banks." Nordic Consulting Group.
- 1994 Background report for Consultative Group -meetings for Zambia in 1994-98. Prepared for the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway..
- 1994 Report for Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation, Norway (NORAD) on Norwegian support for macroeconomic technical assistance to Zambia. June 1994.
- 1994 Member of World Bank Public Expenditure Review Mission to Zambia

Labour market analysis:

- 1999 Team leader. Analysis on the economic effects of the health sector strikes in Norway in 1998.
- 1998 Team leader. Report on European regulation in the area of private employment offices. Report to Norwegian Ministry of Labour and Administration
- 1997 Team leader. Evaluation of labour market policy for long term unemployed in Norway. Report to Norwegian Ministry of Labour and Administration.

Industrial policy evaluation

- 1997 The economic effects of international standardisation. Report presented to the Norwegian Standardisation Association
- 1998 Team leader. Evaluation of Norwegian export promotion policies in the development aid market. For the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
- 1999 Report on «green tax» proposals in Norway, Sweden and The Netherlands. For the Norwegian Employers Confederation.