

## PROFILE: Roy Terence Bamber

Roy Bamber is a consultant experienced in the financial sector in Africa and with a background of central banking, the financial system and information technology.

### Area of expertise

- Financial market development and regulation.
- Payment, clearing and settlement systems modernisation and regulation.
- Strategy and policy development for central banks and the financial sector.
- Capacity building, advising and mentoring in financial sector development.

### Educational qualifications

- Master of Business Leadership, MBL, degree; University of South Africa (SA, 1983).
- BSc (Hons) degree in Physics, Manchester University (UK, 1965).

### Personal information

**Nationality:** South African and British.

**Languages:** English: proficient (home language). Afrikaans: basic. French: basic.

### Current assignments

- Research for, and editor of, a Web-based African financial sector information source and directory: the SA Financial Sector Forum at [www.finforum.co.za](http://www.finforum.co.za).
- Publishing economic publications for the Economic Research Department of [SA] Absa Bank.

### Past work experience

#### Assignments

- Payment system modernisation, assistance with orientation and strategic design and policy development in SADC countries and Uganda.
- Determination of business requirements for a regional payment and settlement system between countries of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).
- Resource person for the capacity building activities of the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI), particularly in the areas of financial markets; payment, clearing and settlement systems; and financial regulation.
- Research for, and a co-author of, a definitive report on financial regulation, *Financial Regulation in South Africa*, for the [SA] Policy Board for Financial Services and Regulation.

#### Full-time experience

- Assisting the governors of the Reserve Bank in several areas relating to the development and regulation of the South African financial system. Liaising and interacting with financial sector participants.
- An initiative for the strategic development and modernisation of the national payment systems.
- Defining an integrated information processing strategy and policy for the [SA] Reserve Bank.
- A director, representing the central bank, on the Boards of several South African bank clearing house and service companies.

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# CURRICULUM VITAE: ROY TERENCE BAMBER

## Activities

The following are current assignments:

- A Web based African financial sector information source and directory: the SA Financial Sector Forum at [www.finforum.co.za](http://www.finforum.co.za).  
Management, editing and maintenance of the facility. Involves researching and evaluating available information on the Web about the South African financial system, in particular, and the financial systems of other countries of the region.
- Publishing economic publications for Absa Bank [SA].  
Involves editing, laying-out and publishing the technical publications of the Economic Research Department.

The following assignments have been completed:

- A definitive report on financial regulation, *Financial Regulation in South Africa* commissioned by the [SA] Policy Board for Financial Services and Regulation.  
Edited and published the book. Wrote some chapters (as co-author) and contributed to others. To assist in capacity building in the region, the book is freely available in Acrobat PDF format on the Web sites of the [SA] Reserve Bank, the [SA] Financial Services Board and the SA Financial Sector Forum.
- Short-term assignment as a consultant to the IMF to assess proposed microfinance financial regulation and associated legislation and regulations in Kenya.
- A regional payment and settlement system between countries of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).  
Determination of business requirements for the modernisation of the system. The assignment involved preparing and giving presentations to, and soliciting needs and opinions from, the authorities, banks and business organisations in many of the COMESA countries in Africa.
- Resource person for the Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI).  
MEFMI has the objective of building the skills and capacity of central bank and ministry of finance personnel in member countries. Prepared and presented lectures, conducted workshops and case studies, particularly in the areas of financial markets; payment, clearing and settlement systems; and financial regulation. Assisted with the development of MEFMI Fellows.
- SADC and Ugandan payment systems modernisation.  
Assisted with orientation, and strategic design and policy development in SADC countries and Uganda (as a SA Reserve Bank/World Bank resource person). Prepared and presented lectures, conducted workshops and case studies. Advised and mentored the person responsible for implementing modernisation projects.
- SA Foresight project in the financial sector. [SA] Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology (DACST) National Research and Technology Foresight.  
A European Union funded project. Member of a team focussing on the future use of information technology in the financial sector. Development of a strategy for the use of information technology in South Africa.

## **Previous employment**

### **South African Reserve Bank, PO Box 427, Pretoria 0001**

#### **1990-1997 Position: Financial Markets Adviser**

Assisting the governors of the Reserve Bank in several areas relating to the development and regulation of the South African financial system. Liaising and interacting with financial sector participants, e.g. financial exchanges and banks. A member of the [SA] Financial Markets Advisory Board and assisted with the activities of the [SA] Policy Board for Financial Services and Regulation. These boards are comprised of the authorities and financial sector participants. The areas of involvement included: risk management; investor protection; trading; clearing, settlement and payments systems; legal environment; and information provision and management.

Launched an initiative for development of a vision and strategy for the payment systems in South Africa and SADC countries.

A director, representing the central bank, on the Boards of several South African bank clearing house and service companies such as BankServ (umbrella organisation), ACB (cheque clearing, direct debit and credit clearing), UNEXcor (bond market clearing, payment and settlement) and the Central Depository (securities immobilisation).

#### **1982-1990 Position: Deputy Head, IT Department**

Instrumental in defining an integrated information processing strategy and policy. Guidance to the Bank on the introduction of budgeting and the more effective use of information technology in various business areas of the Bank and office systems.

#### **1980-1982 Position: Project Manager**

Responsible for the design, development and implementation of an online current accounting and database system for the Reserve Bank head office and branches.

#### **1975-1980 Position: Software engineer**

Involved in the introduction and implementation of mainframe computer processing facilities in the Reserve Bank, which utilised sophisticated (at that time) online transaction processing and database technology.

### **Honeywell Information Systems, computer systems supplier (withdrew from South Africa)**

#### **1972-1975 Position: Software engineer:**

Responsible for installing and maintaining operating software for customers' mainframe computers

## **Education and qualifications**

### **University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa**

Master of Business Leadership, MBL, degree, 1983

This master's degree course covered the management disciplines as well as, *inter alia*, semesters in micro- and macro-economics, finance, accounting and law. In the two final semesters international financial management and the international monetary system were studied.

## **Manchester University, Manchester, United Kingdom**

BSc (Hons) degree in Physics, 1965

The university offered two bachelor degrees in physics. One was in pure physics, which is more academic, conceptual and universally applicable, through the Faculty of Science. The other degree was in applied physics offered through the Faculty of Technology. The degree in pure physics is held.

## **Ducie Technical High School, Manchester, United Kingdom**

A and S level GCE, 1962

O level GCE, 1960

## **Training and skills**

### **General**

- Have attended various management development courses, and financial market and payment system seminars between 1990 and 1997.
- Have attended and presented topics at orientation and capacity building workshops in East and Southern Africa between 1995 and the present.
- High level of computer literacy and competence in widely used office software.

### **IT skills**

- Have attended and given several courses on programming, data management and office systems between 1970 and 1990.
- Since 1997 have been self-taught in the management and maintenance of a WWW Website and the use of e-mail.

### **Languages**

- English: High level of proficiency in reading, speaking and writing (home language).
- Afrikaans: Medium proficiency in reading and writing; low in speaking.
- French: Some proficiency in reading, speaking and writing.

## **Voluntary work**

### **Honorary Officer for [SA] North West Parks and Tourism Board (NWP&TB)**

Qualified [SA] National Field Guide, experienced in communicating with local and foreign visitors. Can be involved in assisting the NWP&TB in several fields, e.g. trails, policing, education, conservation, community development, anti-poaching; dependent on the Board's requirements