

ABRIDGED CURRICULM VITAE¹

Prof. ALAN F. FOWLER DPhil

January 2022

RÉSUMÉ

As a 'pracademic', the majority of my professional life bridges practice and theory. Formal education includes studies in politics and political-economy; the design, organisation and management of non-profit organisation; rural extension social learning for natural resource management; vocational training; adult education and electronic engineering. Practical work contributing to the field of non-profit organisations spans forty years. It includes experience as a project manager; an organisational adviser; as a Visiting Fellow at the World Bank and with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi. Involvement in the practice of philanthropy includes appointment as programme officer in the Ford Foundation based in East Africa. Hands-on experience is complemented by working in French, Dutch and Arabic speaking countries as a teacher, a manager in transnational companies and as an engineer. Contemporary academic appointments are as an honorary professor of the University of Witswatersrand Business School and professor emeritus of the International Institute of development Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands.

Personal initiatives include co-founding the International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC) based in Oxford, U.K, in 1991 and, in 2005, Inter-Mediation International, a US registered NGO dedicated to enhancing the (inter-)relational capabilities of development actors. In addition, is acting as convenor of the NGO Study Group of the Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland and served as a mentor to young professionals.

Voluntary professional service includes roles an elected board member and past president of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) and as a board member of CIVICUS, the World Alliance for Citizen Participation.

Current professional activities involve: 1) advancing the study of and teaching about African Philanthropy; and (2) researching civil society and citizen action.

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name Alan Frederick FOWLER.

Nationalities British and Dutch

Ol Donyo Rongai Farm Jakkalsvlei P.O. Box 32 Herbertsdale 6505 South Africa	alan@alanfowler.org Tel: +27 (0)44 333 0220 Cell: +27 (0)74 289 2274 www.alanfowler.org
---	--

¹ A full CV is available on request.

EDUCATION

Certificate of Competence. 2021	Facilitating Stakeholder Engagement and Social Learning in Natural Resource Management Introductory Course (Training of Trainers). Rhodes University, South Africa.
Doctor of Philosophy. 1993	Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. Thesis on the role of non-governmental organisations in Kenya's democratisation.
Certificate in Rural Extension. 1977	Higher Vocational Training Institute "Nieuwe, Rollencate" and the Royal Tropical Institute, The Netherlands.
Diploma in Education. 1976	Netherlands Institute for Vocational Teacher Training.
Higher National Diploma in Electrical Engineering. 1968	Watford Polytechnic (England). Specialisation in computing and telecommunications engineering.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Tavistock Institute, England. March-April, 1995.	'Leicester Working Conference' on Authority, Leadership and Organisation.
New Economics Foundation, 1997.	Introduction to Social Auditing and Ethical Accounting.

WORK EXPERIENCE SINCE 1990

Currently	Honorary Professor Chair in African Philanthropy, Wits Business School, Johannesburg. https://capsi.co.za/team/professor-alan-fowler/ Emeritus Professor, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Hague. <i>Curriculum development, examination, and supervisor of research initiatives.</i>
6/97-12/15	Independent development adviser and analyst. Advisory services related to international development, governance and civil society. Co-Founder Inter-Mediation.org, USA. <i>Innovation and provision of methods and advisory services that enhance 'collaborative competence'.</i>
3/94 – 5/97	Senior Research Fellow (fractional appointment), Oxford Brookes University, UK, Research on NGO leadership in Kenya.
2 - 3/95	Visiting Fellow, Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), New Delhi. <i>Providing training to senior NGO staff from South Asia and strategic orientations to Indian NGO support organisations.</i>
7/94 - 1/95	Independent consultant, development analyst and writer.
1/94 - 6/94	Visiting Fellow, Human Resources Vice Presidency, the World Bank. <i>Policy advice and analytic support to the Bank's learning in the areas of people's participation, governance and interacting with NGOs.</i>
9/90 - 12/93	Post-graduate studies, University of Sussex. Part-time consultant. Co-founder and interim co-director, INTRAC.
1/88 - 8/90	Programme Officer. The Ford Foundation, office for eastern and southern Africa. <i>Responsible for a regional programme in Governance and Public Policy, involving support to the NGO sector, civic participation, capacity building and governmental reform.</i>

LANGUAGES

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	Native speaker		
Dutch	Fluent	Very good	Good
French	Fair	Fair	Weak
Swahili	Fair	-	-

VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Director, Southern Cape Fire Protection Association (SCFPA), August 2019 ongoing
Member, Advisory Board of the John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy, Civic Engagement and Responsible Business, American University in Cairo, 2017 ongoing
Editorial board member, *Alliance Magazine for philanthropy and social investment worldwide*, 2007-2015.
Board member, 1998-2002 and President, 2003-2004 of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)
Board Member and Chair of Programme Committee, CIVICUS, World Alliance for Citizen Participation, 2001-2007.
Member of the Management Committee of the Institute of Development Studies Alumni Association 1997-2001.
Council Member, Development Studies Association of Great Britain and Ireland, 1992-1995.
Member of the Society for International Development. Vice Chairman Kenya, 1989 - 1990
Convenor, NGO Study Group of the UK Development Studies Association, 1990-1993.

ONGOING PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH AND STUDIES

A Future Agenda for Civil Society Research 2021 Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Hague.

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

PhD (Part time) Chipato Ngonidzashe. Wits Business School, co-supervision with Dr. Bheki Moyo, 2020

ACADEMIC EXAMINER – RECENT ASSESSMENTS

PhD David Walker. *Power to the People? Learning from the Case of Citizen Voice and Action*. Monash University. August, 2018.
PhD Tamrat Haile Gebremichael. *Organisational Culture in Internationally Federated Non-Profit Organisations: The Importance of Industry and Governance*. UNISA. July 2018.
PhD Marcio Vieira Pessoa. *Defiant Civil Society: Power and Contestation in Mozambique*. University of Sussex. March 2018.
PhD Timothy Budge. *Creating Change in Informal Settlements in South Africa*. Deakin University, Australia. December 2017.
PhD Berta Silva. *Understanding the financial decisions of non-governmental organisations: an empirical study of Ugandan NGOs*. Stellenbosch University, South Africa. September, 2017.

SELECTED ADVISORY COMMISSIONS SINCE 2015

Activity or Title	Commissioned By
Member, Programme Committee: Research on Assumptions for MFS II. 2017-2020	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Seminar Presentation. African Philanthropy for Social Accountability. 2017	COWI/CEP, Mozambique.
Facilitation of organisational collaboration meeting. 2016	War Child Netherlands.
Quality control review: Report on MFS II Evaluation Democratic Republic of the Congo. 2015	University of Wageningen
Presentation on Civic Driven Change. 2016	Hivos, Netherlands.

BOOKS AUTHORED AND (CO-)EDITED

- The ACORD Transformation 1976-2010: Overcoming Uncertainty*, Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD), Nairobi.
- NGO Management: The Earthscan Companion*, Earthscan, London. 2010 (Co-edited with Chiku Malunga)
- Capacity Development in Practice*, Earthscan, London. 2010 (Co-edited with Jan Ubels and Naa-aku Acquaye-Baddoo)
- Civic Driven Change: Citizen's Imagination in Action*, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, October 2008. www.iss.nl/cdc (Co-edited with Kees Biekart). (Spanish translation: Biekart, K. and Fowler, A. (eds), 2011, *El cambio dirigido por la acción cívica*, Icaria, Madrid.)
- Indigenising Foreign Seed on African Soil: The Story of K-Rep*, Kenya Rural Enterprise Programme, Nairobi, May 2004. (Co-authored with Prof. Kabiru Kinyanjui)
- International Development Frameworks, Policies, Priorities and Implications: A Basic Guide for NGOs*, Oxfam Canada, Ottawa. 2003. www.oxfam.ca (Translations in French, Spanish and Amharic)
- The Earthscan Reader in NGO Management*, Earthscan, London, May 2002. (Co-edited with Michael Edwards)
- The Virtuous Spiral: A Guide to Sustainability for NGOs in International Development*, Earthscan, London, 2000.
- Striking a Balance: A Guide to Enhancing the Effectiveness of Non-Governmental Organisations in International Development*, Earthscan, London, 1997. (With translation in Russian)
- Institutional Development and NGOs in Africa: Policy Perspectives for European Development Agencies*, NGO Management and Policy Series, International NGO Training and Research Centre and NOVIB, Oxford/The Hague, 1993. (With Piers Campbell and Brian Pratt)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS SINCE 2016 (Full list available)

- Fowler, A., 2021, "Civil Society and the Pluralisation of African Philanthropy: A Case of Back to the Future?", *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, Special Issue, Vol. 51, No. 1, pp. 103-124. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08997640211020134>
- Ibrahim, S., Fowler, A. and Kiggundu, M., 2021, "Business Management Education in the African Context of (Post-) Covid: Applying a Proximity Framework", *African Journal of Management*, Vol. 7, No. 1., pp. 15-38. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322373.2021.1878807>
- Fowler, A. and Biekart, K., 2020, *Activating Civic Space for Sustainable Development: Helping and Hindering Factors for Effective Engagement in the SDGs*, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. <https://taskteamcso.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Task-Team-Studies-Synthesis-Report-FINAL.pdf> DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.32343.29604
- Fowler, A., and Beikart, K, 2020, "Civic Agency," in List, A., Anheier, H. and Toepler (eds.), *International Encyclopaedia of Civil Society*, 2nd edition, Springer, New York. On line 22 April https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-99675-2_69-1
- Fowler, A. and Mati, J. 2020, "African Gifting: Pluralising the Concept of Philanthropy", *Voluntas*, Vol. 30, No. 4, pp. 724-737. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-018-00079-z> Shared link <https://rdcu.be/bhvuB>
- Fowler, A., Field, E. and McMahon, J, 2018, "The Upside of Conflict", *Stanford Social Science Review*, Winter 2019, pp. 35-41. Online: https://ssir.org/articles/entry/the_upside_of_conflict
- Biekart, K. and Fowler, A. 2018, "Ownership dynamics in local multi-stakeholder initiatives", *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 39, No. 9, pp. 1692-1710. Online Open Access 6 April, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2018.1450139>
- Fowler, A., 2017, *Chair in African Philanthropy - Foundational Paper for Teaching Research and Outreach*, Wits Business School, Johannesburg, June. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.1852.1848 <http://africanphilanthropy.issuelab.org/resources/25744/25744.pdf>

- Fowler, A. 2017, "Can African philanthropy support post-aid social accountability work?" 20 December <http://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/can-african-philanthropy-support-post-aid-social-accountability-work>
- Fowler, A. and Biekart, K., 2017, "Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives for Sustainable Development Goals: The Importance of Interlocutors", *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 81-93. Open access. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/pad.v37.2/issuetoc> DOI: 10.1002/pad.1795
- Fowler, A., 2016, "Changing direction: Adapting foreign philanthropy to endogenous understandings and practices" in Mottiar, S., Ngcoya, M. (eds), *Philanthropy in South Africa: Horizontality, Ubuntu and Social Justice*, pp. 155-168, Human Sciences Research Council, Johannesburg.
- Fowler, A., 2016, "NGO-Business Partnerships and North-South Power: Perspectives from African Philanthropy", paper presented at the Development Studies Association Conference, 12-14 September, Oxford.
- Fowler, A., 2016, "Championing against Impunity", paper prepared for Australia Ahead of the Curve, Australian Council for International Development, Canberra. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.24783.28327 <https://acfid.asn.au/sites/site.acfid/files/Fowler%2C%20Alan%20-%20Championing%20Against%20Impunity.pdf>
- Fowler, A. and Biekart, K., 2016, "Navigating Polycentric Governance from a Citizen's Perspective: The Rising New Middle Classes Respond", *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol. 28, No. 4, pp. 705-721.
- Fowler, A., 2016, *Chair in African Philanthropy - Foundational Paper for Teaching Research and Outreach*, Wits Business School, Johannesburg, May. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.1852.1848
- Fowler, A., 2016, "NGDO sustainability, partnership and resourcing: futuristic reflections on a problematic triad", *Development In Practice*, Vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 569-579. DOI: 10.1080/09614524.2016.1189513
- Fowler, A. and Biekart, K., 2016, *Comparative Studies of Multi-stakeholder Initiatives: Extended Summary*, Secretariat of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. <http://taskteamcso.com/activities/multi-stakeholder-initiatives-studies/> DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.3096.0405
- Biekart, K. and Fowler, A., 2016, *Comparative Studies of Multi-stakeholder Initiatives: Volume I Synthesis Report*, Secretariat of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. <http://taskteamcso.com/activities/multi-stakeholder-initiatives-studies/>
- Fowler, A. and Biekart, K., 2016, *Comparative Studies of Multi-stakeholder Initiatives: Volume II Scaling Up (SUN) as a Multi-Stakeholder Initiative - Making Ownership Real*, Secretariat of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. <http://taskteamcso.com/activities/multi-stakeholder-initiatives-studies/>
- Fowler, A. and Biekart, K., 2016, *Comparative Studies of Multi-stakeholder Initiatives: Volume III Country Comparison Reports - Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives and Contextual Conditions*, Secretariat of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. <http://taskteamcso.com/activities/multi-stakeholder-initiatives-studies/>
- Fowler, A., 2016, "Change actors and civic innovators: who triggers change? Systematizing the role of interlocutors in civic innovation processes", in Biekart, K., Harcourt, W. and Knorringa, P. (eds), *Exploring Civic Innovation for Social and Economic Transformation*, pp. 41-66, Routledge.