Name: Ibukun BEECROFT

Address: Department of Economics and Development Studies,

College of Development Studies, Covenant University, Canaanland,

KM 10 Idiroko Road, Ota,

Ogun State, Nigeria

Sex: Female

Phone: +2348135537772

E-mail: <u>duchessbeecroft@yahoo.com</u>

Alternative: <u>ibukun.beecroft@covenantuniversity.edu.ng</u>

A) Career Objective/Personal Profile

I am a versatile individual constantly seeking avenues that will allow further development of the knowledge gained during degree studies, work experience and volunteer opportunities. My aim is to add value to a world class organization, whilst maximizing every opportunity for learning, success and growth. Possessing excellent verbal and written communication skills that could help maintain valuable working relationships for my organisation, I have the ability to grasp things easily and relate to a wide range of people.

B) Relevant Work experience

March 2013 - date

Journal of Environment, Development and Sustainability

Reviewer

 Reviewing papers submitted for publication constructively and providing feedback for editors and researchers.

March 2012 - date

Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria

Assistant Lecturer and Researcher

- Lecturing undergraduates in various courses in Economics
- Supervising undergraduate projects for final year students
- Acting as panel member for undergraduate project defence
- Carrying out Economic research and delivering of papers

February 2011 - May 2011

Office for National Statistics, London, United Kingdom

Census Collector

- Enlightening members of the community on the uses and importance of the census
- Persuading people to complete and return their census questionnaires
- Assisting them to complete their questionnaires whenever necessary

February 2008 – August 2009

Zenith Bank Plc., Lagos, Nigeria

Executive Trainee

Processing of customers' offshore charges on letters of credit (LCs)

- Investigating charges on LCs to avoid any surcharge
- Preparing daily opening and closing balances on some key offshore accounts
- Posting of offshore deposit booking, liquidation and interest
- Investigating and covering of overdrawn position on bank's offshore accounts
- Preparing and confirming of customers' bank drafts
- Preparing caution notices to other banks for customers' high volume cheques
- Account to account transfers on behalf of customers

November 2006 - August 2007

First City Monument Bank (FCMB) Plc., Kaduna, Nigeria

Retail Banking / Customer Service Officer

- Opening of various accounts, ordering and delivering cheque books, account statements and debit cards on customers' request.
- Handling all customers' data and information responsibly and professionally.
- Acting as middleman between customers' and the bank as the customer service desk is where all enquiries are made and complaints lodged.
- Meeting team and individual targets to improve the bank's services.
- Making customers feel welcome and appreciated.
- Counselling customers on the most beneficial products for them.
- Marketing/Sales of various bank products.
- Relationship management with existing customers.
- Creating customer satisfaction through service excellence.

C) <u>Education</u>

2012 - date Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria

PhD. Economics (in view)

2009 - 2011 SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom

M.Sc. Finance and Development

2002–2006 Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria

B.Sc. Economics

1995–2001 AirForce Girls' Military School, Jos, Nigeria

WASSCE/NECO, Secondary School Leavers' Certificate

D) Additional Offices of Responsibility

Positions of responsibility as unit leader, school representative and ambassador of any organisation I find myself in. Some of these include:

- Associate Chaplain, Covenant University, August 2013 date
- Chaplain Assistant, Covenant University, February 2013 August 2013
- Assistant Chaplain, Department of Economics and Development Studies, Covenant University, October 2012 date
- SOAS Investment Banking and Entrepreneurial Society (SIES), 2009
- Benevolence Department, The Rock Foundation, 2008

- Treasurer, Air Force Girls' Military School Alumni, 2007.
- Deputy Provost Marshall, NYSC Federal Road Safety Club, 2006 2007.
- Covenant University Development Initiative, 2006.
- Director of Finance, Covenant University Theatre Group, 2003 2005.
- Financial Secretary, Covenant University Chess Club, 2003 2005.

E) Skills Profile

- Problem solving and the ability to analyse situations brilliantly.
- Good use of initiative and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent creative and organizational skills.
- The ability to work as part of a team and manage people accordingly.
- Proactively working under pressure and the ability to multitask.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- The ability to prioritize tasks for best outcomes.
- Good knowledge of Microsoft office suite.
- Admirable level of confidence, flexibility and good presentation skills.

F) Relevant Publications

- 1) **Forthcoming:** 'Macroeconomic Consequences of the Black Sunday in Nigeria'. Book chapter for the Politics and Economics of Removing Subsidies on Petroleum Products in Nigeria, Jideofor Adibe (Ed). (Paper Accepted).
- Forthcoming: 'Financial Inclusion and Exclusion in Nigeria: Micro-econometric Evidence'. Special Issue of Review of Development Finance, published by Elsevier, 2013. (Paper Accepted).
- 3) **Forthcoming:** Osabuohien E. S., Efobi, U., and Beecroft, I., 'Free Trade versus Protectionism: New Empirical Insights into the Unending Contradiction', published by Global Trade Alert-GTA in the Global Trade Report of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), United Kingdom, Evennet, S., and Chauvin, D.N (Eds.), 2012. Paper presented at the GTA-CEPR-ACET Joint Conference held in Ghana, 19th -20th June, 2012.
- 4) Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., and Osabuohien E. S., (2013), 'More Trade, More Protection: Insights and Implications of the Unending Contradiction'. *Paper won 1st Place in the FLACSO Argentina WTO Chair Competition, result announced on the 18th of December, 2012. Available online at http://catedraomc.flacso.org.ar/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/FLASCO-AWARD_Paper.pdf*

G) Conferences Attended with Papers Presented

1) **Upcoming:** Paper accepted for presentation at the 54th Annual Conference of the Nigerian

- Economic Society (NES) on "Institutions, Institutional Reforms and Economic Development", Abuja, Nigeria, 17th 19th September, 2013 *Osabuohien, E. S., Beecroft, I., Efobi, U., and Oluwatobi, S., (2013), 'Economic Transformation and Institutions in Nigeria: Quadruple Analyses'.*
- 2) 4th Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS), hosted by University of Ibadan (UI) Centre for Sustainable Development (CESDEV) in collaboration with the African Sustainable Development Network (ASUDNET), Ibadan, Nigeria, 13th 15th August, 2013 Paper Presented Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., Onya, O., and Osabuohien, E. S., (2013), 'Poverty and Corruption in Nigeria: How Close is the Link?' Web link to access abstract: http://cesdev.ui.edu.ng/sites/default/files/ISDS%202013%20BOOK%20OF%20ABSTRACT.pdf
- 3) 18th Annual Conference of the African Econometric Society (AES), hosted by the University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana, 24th 26th July, 2013
 Paper Presented Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., and Osabuohien, E. S., (2013), 'Access to and Use of Financial Services in Nigeria: Micro-Econometric Evidence'.
- 4) Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis (RSSIA), Moscow, Russia, 29th June 5th July, 2013.
 - **Paper Presented** Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., Oluwatobi, S., and Osabuohien, E. S., (2013), 'Politician Attributes and Debt Sustainability in Africa', (Revised version).
- 5) United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) Conference on L2C-Learning to Compete: Industrial Development and Policy in Africa, Helsinki, Finland, 24th 25th June, 2013
- 6) Centre for European Economic Research ZEW Conference on Fiscal Performance: The Role of Institutions and Politicians, Mannheim, Germany, 11th 12th April, 2013.
 Paper Presented Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., Oluwatobi, S., and Osabuohien, E. S., (2013), 'Dynamic Linkage Between Politician Attributes and Debt Sustainability in Africa'.
- 7) National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference, Sheraton New York, and United Nations Building, New York, USA, 17th 21st March, 2013 German Delegate on the Model United Nations (UN) Security Council Committee for Peace and Security.
- 8) National Business Administration Conference on Promoting Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in Nigeria, Benson Idahosa University (BIU), Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, $27^{th} 28^{th}$ September, 2012
 - **Paper Presented** Omoke, P., and Beecroft, I., (2012), 'Venture Capitals as a Financing Option for Small and Medium Scale Enterprises in Nigeria'.

9) GTA-CEPR-ACET Joint Conference on Analyses of Contemporary Protectionism, La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra, Ghana, 19th - 20th June, 2012.

Paper Presented - Osabuohien E. S., Efobi, U., and Beecroft, I., (2012), 'Free Trade versus Protectionism: New Empirical Insights into the Unending Contradiction'.

H) Awards and Grants

- 1) In-country grant by Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, to present paper at the Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis, 29th June 5th July, 2013.
- 2) Research Grant from UNU-WIDER to attend conference on L2C-Learning to Compete: Industrial Development and Policy in Africa, Helsinki, Finland, 24th 25th June, 2013.
- 3) Research Grant from Centre for European Economic Research ZEW to attend Conference on Fiscal Performance: The Role of Institutions and Politicians, Mannheim, Germany, 11th 12th April, 2013.
- 4) Research Paper won First (1st) Place in the FLACSO WTO Chairs Awards, 2012 Edition (December), Research grant of 1,000USD awarded by FLACSO Argentina WTO Chairs Programme

Title of Paper - Efobi, U., Beecroft, I., and Osabuohien E. S., (2012), 'More Trade, More Protection: Insights and Implications of the Unending Contradiction'.

5) Research Grant of 4,000GBP from Global Trade Alert (GTA) to conduct research on 'Free Trade versus Protectionism in Africa: The Unending Contradiction' (as co-author), Centre for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), United Kingdom, June 2012.

Courses Taught at Covenant University

- ECN 334 Statistical Theory (2013)
- ECN 331 Monetary Economics (2013)
- ECN 211 Principles of Economics I Micro (2013)
- CBS 211 Maths for Business and Social Sciences II (2013)
- ECO 321 Macroeconomics (2013)
- ECO 325 Applied Statistics (2013)
- ECO 316 Econometric Methods (2012-2013)
- ECO 211 Introduction to Microeconomics (2012-2013)
- ECO 215 Mathematics for Economists I (2012-2013)
- ECO 225 Mathematics for Economists II (2012-2013)
- ECO 121 Introduction to Macroeconomics (2012)

J) <u>Referees</u>

1) ALEGE Philip O. (*PhD*)

Head of Department,
Department of Economics and Development Studies
Covenant University, Nigeria
philip.alege@covenantuniversity.edu.ng

2) OSABUOHIEN Evans (*PhD*)

Alexandra von Humboldt Postdoctoral Research Fellow German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Germany, and Department of Economics and Development Studies Covenant University, Nigeria pecos4eva@gmail.com; osabuohien.evans@covenantuniversity.edu.ng

3) PETER Ada Sonia (PhD)

Covenant University Chaplain, and Department of Mass Communication Covenant University, Nigeria ada.peter@covenantuniversity.edu.ng