

Oli Brown

SUMMARY

- Seventeen years of experience in environment and development programme management, strategic planning, research, training and communication.
- Expertise in environmental politics, peacebuilding and conflict mediation, trade policy, extractive sector management and international relations.
- Extensive experience in transitional and conflict countries in Africa (Sierra Leone, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, DRC), Central Asia (Afghanistan), Asia (Nepal, Thailand) and Latin America (Bolivia)
- Strong communicator, confident in multiple languages, excels in multicultural, challenging environments

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EDUCATION

Environmental Management, Master of Science
SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES (SOAS)

London, UK
Feb 2014 - Oct 2018

Non-profit Leadership, Executive Certificate
DUKE UNIVERSITY
Durham, NC, USA
Sept 2014

International Studies, Master of Arts, with Distinction
UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO
Dunedin, New Zealand
Feb 2003 - March 2004

Anthropology & Modern History, MA Honours, with Distinction
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
Glasgow, UK
Sept 1994 - June 2000

LANGUAGES

English – mother tongue
French – fluent/ C1, UN Language Proficiency
Spanish – fluent/ UN Language Proficiency (written)
Nepali – Fluent spoken/ basic written
German – A-Level

AWARDS

Otago University International Masters Scholarship (2003)

Merchant's House Scholarship for contributions to University Life (2000)

WORK EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE FELLOW

Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs/ London, UK/ Aug 2018

- Member of expert working group advising Germany for its 2019-2020 Security Council membership
- Projects on forest crime in Africa and sustainable reconstruction in the Middle East and North Africa

SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGER (P5 level)

Coordinator, Resilience to Disasters and Conflicts/ Coordinator, Extractives

UN Environment (UNEP)/ Nairobi, Kenya/ October 2014 – July 2018

- Coordinated UN Environment's Resilience to Disasters and Conflicts Programme - one of UNEP's seven thematic priorities with an annual budget of \$25 million, a team of 120+ and operations in c. 30 countries. Direct management of a team of six coordinators and staff.
- Lead on strategic planning, project quality and approval measurement and reporting, engagement with UN Environment's Committee of Permanent Representatives.
- Lead UN Environment's work on migration and displacement, helping to develop the 2018 Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular migration.
- Coordinated UN Environment's work on extractives (oil, gas and mining), bringing together a multimillion-dollar portfolio with 70+ staff.

ASSOCIATE FELLOW

Chatham House/ London, UK/ June 2012 – Sept 2014

- Produced reports and policy recommendations and analysis on natural resource dispute resolution, investment in fragile states and mining in Afghanistan.

VISITING PRACTITIONER

Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University, NC, USA/ Sept-Oct 2013

- Organized and delivered an intensive series of talks and workshops.

VISITING PROFESSOR

University for Peace/ Ciudad Colon, Costa Rica/ Oct 2012

- Taught an intensive Masters' level course on environmental security and peacebuilding.

COUNTRY PROGRAMME MANAGER (P4 Level)

UN Department of Political Affairs & UNEP/ Freetown, Sierra Leone/ July 2010 – April 2012

- Senior level representation with Government, UN Country Team and NGOs.
- Lead on strategic planning, new business development, proposal writing, donor relations, capacity building, M&E frameworks and progress reporting
- Advised Executive Representative of the Secretary General on natural resource management for peacebuilding in Sierra Leone
- Managed an ambitious programme of work that delivered technical support on environmental impact assessments and environmental legislation, a network of weather stations across the country, a major toxic waste clean-up in Freetown

SENIOR RESEARCHER AND MANAGER

International Institute for Sustainable Development/ Geneva, Switzerland/ Sept 2004 – June 2010

- Coordinated IISD's environment and security programme, and the Trade Knowledge Network

TRAININGS

Competency-based selection and interviewing skills, UN, Nairobi, Kenya/ 2015

UN Management Development Programme
UN, Nairobi, Kenya/ Nov 2014 - June 2015

Prevention Intensive Executive Leadership Programme
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, Oxford, UK/ 2014

Improving the Strategic impact of Peacebuilding Programmes
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, London, UK/ 2013

Conflict Analysis
KOFF SWISS PEACE, Bern/ 2006

- Designed and delivered research projects to analyse developmental, security and environmental challenges and trade and environmental issues
- Produced an extensive list of publications including four books and five peer-reviewed articles
- Communicated research findings through reports, presentations (including to the European Commission, the Danish Foreign Affairs Committee, and the UK International Development Committee), training packages, lectures and in the media to raise public awareness and influence decision makers.
- Managed complex budgets and oversaw staff in Latin America, Europe, southern Africa and Southeast Asia.

DIRECTOR, DUKE-IN-GENEVA SUMMER GRADUATE PROGRAM ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

Sandford School on Public Policy, Duke University, NC, USA/ July 2009 & July 2010

- Delivered two one-week graduate level summer courses on environmental politics in Geneva, Switzerland, and mentored the group of 12 students during their three month stays (2009 and 2010), helping them make the most of their stay.

POLICY RESEARCHER

Oxfam GB/ Oxford, London/ June-Sept 1998, March 1999, June-Sept 1999, June 2000-Sept 2001

- Provided research to Oxfam International's Education for All, Make Poverty History, Make Trade Fair, On the Line campaigns.
- Helped to develop a statistical index of global educational achievement.

ASSISTANT PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

Student's Partnership Worldwide (renamed Restless Development)/ Kathmandu, Nepal/ Aug 1997-June 1998

- Managed the welfare and progress of 64 overseas and Nepali volunteers during their eight-month programme with the SPW.
- Developed and delivered training programmes on development theory, environmental management, appropriate rural technology and cultural sensitivity.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books/ Reports:

- Carius et al, (2015) *A New Climate for Peace: Taking action on climate and fragility risks*, Adelphi research
- Brown, O & E. Blankenship (2013) *Natural Resource Management and Peacebuilding in Afghanistan*, United Nations
- Matthew R., O. Brown & D. Jensen (2009) *From conflict to peacebuilding: the role of natural resources and the environment*, UNEP
- Brown, O., A. Crawford, & J. Gibson (2008) *Boom or bust: How commodity price volatility impedes poverty reduction, & what to do about it*, IISD
- Brown, O. (2008) *Migration and climate change*, Geneva: International Organization for Migration
- Brown, O., M. Halle, S. Moreno and S. Winkler (2007) (eds.) *Trade, Aid and Security: An Agenda for Peace and Development*, Earthscan

Peer reviewed articles/ chapters:

- Brown, O. & B. Wittbold (2017) 'Human Mobility in the Anthropocene: Perspectives from UN Environment' in Routledge *Handbook of Environmental Migration and Displacement*, London: Routledge:
- Brown, O. & M. Keating (2015) *Addressing Natural Resource Conflicts: Working Towards More Effective Resolution of National and Sub-National Resource Disputes*, Chatham House: London
- Bailey, R., S. Bradley, O. Brown, J. Ford (2015) *Investing in Stability: Can Extractive-Sector Development Help Build Peace?*, Chatham House
- Brown, O. (2013) *Encouraging Peacebuilding through better Environmental and Natural Resource Management*, Chatham House
- Brown, O. & R. McLeman (2012) 'Climate Change', in I. Ness (ed.) *The Encyclopaedia of Global Human Migration*, Wiley-Blackman
- Thummarukudy, M., O. Brown & H. Moosa (2012) 'Remediation of Polluted Sites in Iraq, the Balkans and Sierra Leone', in Bruch and Jensen (eds) *Natural Resource Management and Peacebuilding*, Earthscan
- Brown, O., M. Hauptfleisch, H. Jallow, & P. Tarr (2012) 'Environmental Assessment as a tool for peacebuilding and development: initial lessons from capacity building in Sierra Leone', in Bruch and Jensen (eds) *Natural Resource Management and Peacebuilding*, Earthscan
- McLeman, R. & O. Brown, (2011) 'Climate change and human migration' in K. Khoser and S. Martin (eds) *The Migration-Displacement Nexus: Patterns, Processes and Policies*, Berghahn
- Brown, O., & A. Crawford (2010) 'Climate Change and the risk of conflict in Africa' in Mangala, J (ed.) *New Security Threats and Crises in Africa: Regional and International Perspectives*, Palgrave MacMillan: London.
- Brown, O. & R. McLeman (2009) 'A Recurring Anarchy?: The emergence of climate change as a threat to international peace and security' in *Conflict, Security and Development*, University of London, London.
- Brown, O. & A. Crawford (2008) 'Climate change: A new threat to stability in West Africa? Evidence from Ghana and Burkina Faso', *African Security Review*, vol. 17, no. 3, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria
- Brown, O. (2008) 'The Numbers Game', *Forced Migration Review*, Vol. 31, Oxford University
- Brown, O., A. Hammill & R. McLeman (2007) 'Climate Change as the 'new' security threat: implications for Africa', *International Affairs*, Chatham House

