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Jon is INASP's Director of Programmes. He has over 10 years' experience working at the intersections of research capacity, higher education and international development. He is currently project director of two DFID funded programmes -- the Strengthening Research and Knowledge Systems programme (2013-18) and Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa, part of the SPHEIR portfolio (Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education Innovation and Reform). For the last four years he has led INASP's work to improve access to research in developing countries, including relationships with international publishers. During six years with the Association of Commonwealth Universities he managed a two-year consultation process with African academics and university managers to understand needs and priorities for support from UK partners, contributed to the design and inception phases of the DFID-funded Partnership for African Social and Governance Research, and worked on the first phase of the DFID-Development Research Uptake in Sub-Saharan Africa programme.

Qualifications

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| 2010 | MSc African politics (Distinction), SOAS, University of London |
| 2004 | BA (Hons) Archaeology and Anthropology (1 st class), University of Oxford |

Languages

English, mother tongue; French, moderate; German, moderate

Main country experience

Professional experience in Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa.

Posts held

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| 2018 - | Director of Programmes, INASP |
| 2018 – 2021 | Director, Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa |
| 2015 – March 2018 | Director, Strengthening Research and Knowledge Systems programme |
| 2013 – 2018 | Senior Programme Manager, Research Access and Higher Education, INASP |
| 2011 – 2013 | Programmes Manager (Research Capacity), Association of Commonwealth Universities |
| 2007 – 2011 | Programme Officer (Research), Association of Commonwealth Universities |
| 2007 | Research Assistant, Association of Commonwealth Universities |
| 2005 – 2006 | Research Intern, HIV/AIDS & Governance, Justice Africa, London |
| 2005 – 2006 | Information Officer, University College London |



2004 – 2005 Information Assistant, University of Oxford
 2001 English Teacher, Kwemaramba Secondary School, Lushoto District, Tanzania

Selected assignments and publications

- 2015 – 2016 Consultant to Mott MacDonald: [Evaluation of DFID Online Research Portals and Repositories](#)
- 2015 Reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2014-2015 INASP – scoping missions to undertake preliminary mapping of research and knowledge systems in Nepal and Tanzania
- 2014 [The Experiences and Needs of African Doctoral Students: Current Conditions and Future Support](#), *Higher Education Policy*, 27
- 2014 Reviewer, Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development
- 2014 'Dazzled by digital? Research environments in African universities and their implications for the use of digital resources', in [Dis/Connects? African Studies in the Digital Age](#) (Brill)
- 2013 '[Strengthening research in African universities: reflections on policy, partnerships and politics](#)' in *Policy & Practice: A Development Education Review*, issue 16
- 2013 Consultant to ITAD, to evaluate the second phase of the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information
- 2012 Consultant to IDS to review the international knowledge and information programme of the British Library of Development Studies
- 2012 [Foundations for the Future: Supporting the early careers of African researchers](#) (British Academy and Association of Commonwealth Universities)
- 2012 Peer reviewer to the Wellcome Trust centres for global health research, engaged to advise on the approach to capacity development of proposals
- 2012 Development of the DFID-funded Development Research Uptake in Sub-Saharan Africa programme, including business case, theory of change and programme planning
- 2011 – 2012 Reviewed project management processes in African universities for the EU/ACP-funded 'Research and Innovation Management for Africa and the Caribbean' project
- 2011 Consultant to the evaluation of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's master's funding programmes, based on survey data gathered by the Commission
- 2011 Consultant to AusAID, advising on the design of the Australia-Africa Research Partnerships Programme
- 2010 – 2013 Co-editor of ACU Insights, a policy briefing for vice chancellors and HE policymakers
- 2010 [Growing Knowledge: Access to Research in East and Southern African Universities](#). (Association of Commonwealth Universities)
- 2009 – 2010 Consultant, design and inception phases of the DFID-funded Partnership for African Social Governance, now an independent organisation based in Nairobi. Led scoping studies on postgraduate training and research support in the region.
- 2009 [The Nairobi Report: Frameworks for Collaboration in the Social Sciences and Humanities](#). (British Academy and Association of Commonwealth Universities)
- 2008 DFID Higher Education Briefing Note (DFID practice paper series)
- 2007 [Frameworks for Africa-UK Research Collaboration in the Social Sciences and Humanities: African University Perspectives](#) (British Academy/Association of Commonwealth Universities)

