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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. Student in Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, 2017 to 2022  
M.A. Policy Economics, Williams College, Massachusetts, USA, 2014  
Bachelor of Statistics, Makerere University, Uganda, 2010

**AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Policy Analysis, Applied Econometrics, Natural Resource Taxation, Development Economics

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Head of Tax Analysis and Revenue Forecasting Unit, Tax Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Uganda (January, 2016 – July, 2017)  
Short term Tax Policy Advisor, Afghanistan Public Finance Management Project, Kabul (November – December, 2016)  
Statistician, Tax Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Uganda (January, 2011 – December, 2015)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Silver Namunane (2016), “An assessment of Uganda’s effective corporate tax rate”**

*The findings from the analysis showed that; the corporate income tax burden differed by firm size, the statutory corporate tax rate of 30 percent did not show the true burden of the tax which was actually less than 10 percent and it was discovered that large firms paid less in corporation tax because their operational expenses were “very high” and they had the resources to minimize their tax liability through tax planning as compared to the smaller firms.*

**Silver Namunane and Abebual Z. Damilew (2014), “Responsiveness of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flow to Effective Corporate Tax Rates” (Presented to the Economics Faculty at Williams College)**

*In our analysis, we estimated the effect of first and five year effective corporate tax rates and statutory corporate tax rates on the dependent variables; worldwide FDI, the rest of the world FDI, and United States FDI. From our analysis we discovered that with the use of more recent data, effective tax rates had a significant negative effect on FDI, while statutory tax rates did not. Our estimates suggested that non-U.S. FDI was a lot more responsive to effective tax rates than U.S. FDI.*

**Silver Namunane and Chisomo Faith Chakachadza (2014) “Is there a long run relationship between exports and economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa? If so, what is the direction of causality?”**

*We explored whether there was a cointegrating relationship between exports and economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa using a panel cointegration approach. Our results showed that; a cointegrating relationship existed in 71 percent of the countries in the sample, both on average and pervasively there was evidence that supported the export-led growth hypothesis and the sign of the long run effect (as a group) of exports on real output was negative.*

**SKILLS:**

**Computing:** MS Office, EViews, SPSS, STATA, MATLAB, RATS

**PERSONAL:**

Ugandan Citizen

Native in English and Lugisu, Fluent in Swahili and Luganda

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