

Sébastien Merceron

French citizen, male

Date of birth: May 1st 1977

Statistician at DIAL, Paris.

Household Surveys in Development Countries, Survey Design and Data Collection, Data Treatment and Methodological Issues, Socio-economic Analysis, Firms strategies and Innovation, Micro econometrics.

INSEE Principal Statistician

(The French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies)

✉: DIAL, 4 rue d'Enghien 75010 Paris – France.

☎: +33 1 53 24 14 70; Fax: +33 1 53 24 14 51

@ merceron@dial.prd.fr

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

• Positions

From September 2006 to present

Statistician at DIAL (Development, Institutions and Long-term Analysis, www.dial.prd.fr), European think tank in development economics, Paris.

Responsible for Labour Force surveys in developing countries (original tool “*1-2-3 Surveys*” on employment, labour conditions, informality and consumption), and methodological issues: developing questionnaires, sample design, tests, data treatment, correction of missing data, project management, empirical analysis.

Involved in capacity building in the fields of statistics, survey design, and labour markets.

Conduct studies on job precariousness, informal sector characteristics, over education (professional underemployment) and monetary poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa.

September 2003 – September 2006:

Policy advisor at the French Ministry of Sustainable Development, Paris, France.

Carried out statistical studies on greenhouse gases emissions and energy reports.

Setting up a general equilibrium model (“*SAGESSE*”) to base cabinet’s decision making.

In charge of a market-based economic tool (European Emissions Trading Scheme).

Represented France in international negotiations on climate issues: Kyoto Protocol in Buenos Aires (2005), European Climate Directives in Brussels (2003 to 2006).

September 2000 – September 2003:

Statistician, leader of field surveys in Commerce and Services sectors at INSEE, Toulouse, France.

Coordinated new and innovative surveys on:

1/ E-commerce; 2/ Innovation; 3/ Corporate partnerships and strategies; 4/ International financial linkage.

Managed a team of 30 interviewers during 3 years, planned all the computing controls over collected data.

• *Consultancies and missions*

- *October 2008, Djibouti*: mandated by AFD, identification of the baseline for the impact evaluation of the “Integrated Urban Development Project” in Balbala, Djibouti. Preparation of the data collection.
- *September 2008, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*: consultant for UN-ESCAP for the treatment (consistency checks, imputation and assessment) of the data sets of the Mongolian Informal Employment & Informal Sector Survey.
- *June 2008, Antsirabe, Madagascar*: mandated by ILO, trainer of a team of experts and civil servants on labour market economics (concepts and measurement).
- *April 2008, Amman, Jordan*: consultant for UN-ESCWA for the implementation of a mixed survey in Palestine.
- *November 2007 & March 2008, Castries, St Lucia*: customized a module survey on informality for UN-ECLAC. Presented 3 keynote statements at the National Advocacy Workshop (for stakeholders and governments officials). Trained a team of 25 enumerators and supervisors on how to conduct the Survey.
- *October 2007, Hanoi, Vietnam*: implemented a pilot survey on household businesses. Team trainer.
- *July 2007, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*: implemented a module survey on informality for UN-ESCAP’s “Development Account Project 0607A”.
- *From March 2007 to January 2008*: Treated and analysed collected data, trained staff in documentation and archiving, as a consultant for the WORLD BANK: « *Accelerated Data Program* » in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- *May 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania*: Helped the Lithuanian Ministry of Environment with methodological issues of the European Emissions Trading Scheme.
- *December 2002-2003, Rennes*: trained students for statistical projects in the National School for Statistics.

• *Conferences*

- *WORLD BANK /IZA - Rabat, Morocco, May 2008* – Conference on Employment and Development. Chairman of the parallel session “*Overeducated ?*”
- *CSAE, Oxford, March 2008* – Economic Development in Africa. Presented a paper on “the over education in Sub-Saharan Africa”
- *SFDS, Marseille, November 2007* – 5th Seminar on sampling design. Presented a paper on mixed surveys.
- *WORLD BANK /IZA – Bonn, June 2007*– “Labour Markets in Developing and Transition Economies”: presented a paper on “Urban labour market dynamics in Cameroon, 1993-2005: Do households benefit from growth?”
- *AFRISTAT/ WORLD BANK – Bamako, December 2006* – “Survey Documentation and archives”.
- *AFRISTAT /UNPD/ WORLD BANK – Bamako, November 2006* – “Information systems on Labour Markets”.
- *UN Climate Convention Conference (UNFCCC) – Buenos Aires, December 2005* - “10th Conference of Parties”.
- *INSEE development program for New Technologies of Information and Telecommunications – Paris, March 2002* – Presented the French Survey on e-commerce to East European statisticians.
- *INSEE, “E-commerce conference”- Paris, December 2001*- Gave a conference on “B to C e-commerce”

EDUCATION

1998-2000: **Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse de l'Information**, www.ensai.fr.
(National Superior School for Statistics, Economics, Informatics, Computing tools; Master equivalence).

1995-1998: Preparatory courses for *Grandes Ecoles* (mathematics), Poitiers.

1995: Graduated from High School, scientific section (with highest honours: "A").

Other trainings from 2000 to now (sample):

- Participated in seminars on computing systems for statistics (SAS Macro, Survey tool BLAISE, World Bank's TOOLKIT, statistical cartography MAPINFO, PHILCARTO),
- Attended management classes («team leader» - 2 weeks-, Project management -1 week-, communication),
- Attended additional trainings on methodology issues: passed 20 technical training modules on statistics and empirical economics ("*Formation Continue Diplômante des Attachés*", FCDA): data treatments, spatial analysis, data mining, sampling...
- Took additional English lessons at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 2006.
- Learned safety procedures and first medical aid techniques, 2005-2007.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS *(sample)*

- *Herrera, Merceron (2008)* "Over education in Sub-Saharan Africa", DIAL Research Paper to be published.
- *Merceron, Roubaud, Torelli (2008)* "Dynamique du marché de l'emploi à Yaoundé entre 1993 et 2005: des déséquilibres persistants", STATECO n°102.
- *Merceron (2006)* «Comparaison Quantitative des Plans Nationaux d'Allocations des Quotas» (comparative analysis of the European Allocation Plans), D4E Working Paper, French Ministry of Sustainable Development.
- *Merceron (2005)* «Le Plan National d'Allocation des Quotas» (National Allocation Plan and European Emissions Trading Scheme), D4E Working Paper, French Ministry of Sustainable Development.
- *Merceron (2002)* «l'innovation, une stratégie dans le tertiaire lié aux entreprises », Insee Première n°874
- *Merceron (2001)* « le commerce de détail s'initie à la vente sur Internet », Insee Première n°771.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTING SKILLS

Languages:

French: native.

English: very good.

German: fair.

Spanish: basic.

Computing skills:

Database management (Excel).

Statistical packages (SPSS, STATA, SAS, SPAD).

Statistical cartography tools (MAPINFO, PHILCARTO).

PERSONNAL INTERESTS

Guitar, volley ball, theatre, karate, travel, ecology.