

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born: South Africa, July 30, 1948

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### Education

1965-1969: B.Sc (first class honours) in Civil Engineering, University of Cape Town

1970-1972: MS in Environmental Engineering, Harvard University

1972-1976: Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering, Harvard University;

Major field: Water Resources Engineering; Minor fields: economics and demography

1993: Leadership Course at Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, North Carolina

1998: Executive Development Program -- Harvard and Stanford Graduate Schools of Business

## **Awards and Honors**

### **University of Cape Town:**

- 1965: Alan Spiers Memorial Bursary  
Max Michaelis Scholarship  
Barney Barnato Scholarship
- 1966-69: Electricity Supply Commission Bursary
- 1967: University Medal in Mathematics
- 1968: University Medals in Hydraulics, Hydrology, Transportation, Highways, Soil Mechanics and Thesis;  
City of Cape Town Gold Medal as Best Graduating Engineering Student at the University;  
South African Steel Institute Award for Best Structural Design;  
E. Oliver Ashe Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study;  
Cape Town City Scholarship for Post-Graduate Study.

### **Harvard University:**

- 1970-74: Harvard University Fellowship
- 1974: Clemons Herschel Prize (awarded annually to the outstanding graduating student in Environmental Engineering)

As an employee of the World Bank was prohibited from receiving awards. Since leaving the World Bank has:

- o Received The President's Award from the International Water Association (2009).
- o Received the Grande Medalha de Inconfidencia, one of Brazil's highest civilian honors (2009).
- o Been nominated by students for the Harvard University Joseph Levenson award to recognize exceptional teaching of undergraduates.

## **Professional Registration**

Registered Professional Engineer (South Africa, No. 848025)

## **Employment**

John Briscoe has had a career which has focused on the issues of water and economic development.

This has included employment in the following:

- Major universities (Harvard and the University of North Carolina);
- A major international public health research institution (the Cholera Research Laboratory, now the International Center for Diarrheal Diseases Research);
- A non-governmental organization (OXFAM);
- Government water management agencies (South Africa and Mozambique) and
- The World Bank, the premier development agency in the World, in a variety of research, operational, policy and management roles. Briscoe's role in affecting the evolution of the World Bank was the subject of Chapter 13 in Sebastian Mallaby's definitive history, "The World's Banker," Penguin 2006.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Major responsibilities</b>
1967	3 months	ESCOM (the South African electricity company)	Trainee	Construction of the Arnot and Hendrina thermal power stations.
1968	3 months	John Mowlem Co.	Trainee	Construction of the King George Dock, Hull, England.
1969	3 months	Ninham Shand and Co., Consulting Engineers	Engineer-in-training	Design of secondary sewerage treatment plant for town of Mossel Bay (population 50,000).
1970	1 year	Department of Water Affairs, South Africa	Planning Engineer	Hydrological and economic planning of water resource investments.
1973-5	3 years	Harvard/India Water Resources Program, Harvard University	Project Coordinator	Water resource planning for Narmada and Ganges river basins in India.
1976	1 year	Harvard School of Public Health and MIT	Research Scientist	Responsible for assessment of effects of infection on nutrition for World Bank-funded study of urban malnutrition.
1976-7	2 years	Epidemiology Division, Cholera Research Laboratory, Bangladesh	Epidemiologist	Design and execution of field research on water demand, health impact of water use, and political economy of rural energy.
1978	6 months	OXFAM, Bangladesh	Advisor	Review of role of NGOs in development in Bangladesh.
1978-9	1 year	Division of Applied Sciences, Harvard University	Research Fellow	Research projects on water demand, diarrheal disease epidemiology, and social structure and energy use in Bangladesh.
1979-81	2 years	National Directorate of Water, Mozambique	Water Engineer	Management of a provincial water supply service. Design, planning and supervision of water and sewerage projects in rural areas and medium-sized towns.
1981-87	5 years	School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Assistant/Associate Professor	Research and teaching on water supply and water resources management. Manager of the UNC component of the Camp, Dresser and McKee-led Water and Sanitation for Health project.
1986-7	1 year	Water Supply and Urban Development Dept, World Bank	Consultant (full-time)	Design and execution of multi-country research study on demand for water; preparation of World Bank Policy Paper on Rural Water Supply.
1988-90	2 years	Brazil Department, World Bank.	Senior Economist	Lending and analytic work on health in Brazil.
1990-96	5 years	Water and Sanitation Division, The World Bank	Chief	Responsible for providing specialized support to Bank operations, and for Bank research and policy in the water and sanitation sector. By 1996 the division comprised a professional staff of about 100 and the budget was \$16 million.
1996-2005	8 years	The World Bank	Senior Water Advisor	The senior water professional position in the World Bank. Responsibility for corporate policies and strategies on water and oversight of a portfolio of about \$40 billion of water resources, irrigation, hydropower, water and sanitation and

				water environmental projects. Author of the Water Strategy of the World Bank (2003). From 2003 to 2005 served both as Senior Water Advisor for the South Asia Region while continuing to serve as Bank-wide Senior Water Advisor.
2005-2008	3 years	The World Bank	Country Director for Brazil	Responsible for designing and managing the World Bank's program of lending and analytic and advisory services to Brazil, the World Bank's biggest hard loan borrower, with a loan portfolio of about \$12 billion, and lending of over \$3 billion in my final year.
2009 - date	2 years	Harvard University	Professor	Responsible for teaching, research and developing a new Harvard Water Security Initiative. Faculty member of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, School of Public Health and Kennedy School of Government. Fellow of the Harvard University Center for the Environment and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Serves on the Advisory Committees of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin America and the South Asia Initiative.

### **Recent Consultancies:**

Briscoe has provided advisory and consulting services for many institutions in the private sector, government and non-profit sectors. Recent clients include McKinsey and Company, Exxon, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Murray Darling Basin Authority, the Australian National Water Commission, the Commission of Enquiry into the 2010 Pakistan Floods, and the National Intelligence Council of the United States.

### **Membership of Professional Boards and Societies**

- Was a founding member of the major global water partnerships. These include the World Water Council, the Global Water Partnership, and the World Commission on Dams.
- Served for six years on the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Research Council.
- Member of the International Water Association's Council of Distinguished Water Professionals.
- Member of the UNEP Advisory Board on Water.
- Member of the Murray Darling Basin Authority Advisory Council.
- Member of the World Economic Forum (Davos) Global Agenda Council on Water.

## **Interviews and Speeches**

John Briscoe has had extensive interaction with the major print, television and radio media. Interviews with, and articles by Dr. Briscoe have been run by major media, including the BBC, CNN, CSPAN, Fortune, National Public Radio, The Economist, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, The New Yorker, The Economic Times and The Financial Times.

Dr. Briscoe has given many speeches at major water, environment and development conferences throughout the world. Recent keynote speeches include those to: the International Water Association, the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, the International Hydropower Association, the World Water Fora, the Water and Environment Federation, the National Waterways Conference, the World Hydropower Conference and The National Summit.

## **Scientific and Professional Publications**

John Briscoe has published widely in journals from many disciplines, including public health, nutrition, epidemiology, water resources, demography, anthropology, political science and economics. His publications include:

### **a. Books**

1. Briscoe, John, Richard G. Feachem and Mujibur M. Rahaman, Evaluating Health Impact: Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Education, IDRC Press, Ottawa, Canada, 80 pages, 1986.
2. Briscoe, John and David de Ferranti, Water for Rural Communities: Helping People Help Themselves, World Bank, Washington DC, 32 pages, 1988.
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4. The World Bank (Main author), The Water Strategy of the World Bank, Washington DC, February 2003.
5. John Briscoe and RPS Malik, India's Water Economy: Bracing for a Turbulent Future. Oxford University Press, 2006.
6. John Briscoe and RPS Malik (editors), Handbook on Water Resources Development and Management in India, Oxford University Press, 2007.
7. John Briscoe and Usman Qamar, Pakistan's Water Economy: Running Dry, Oxford University Press, 2007.
8. The World Bank (Main author), Country Partnership Strategy for Brazil, 2007-2010, Washington DC, 2007.

### **b. Papers, articles and chapters in books**

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2. Briscoe, John, "Health and Politics," Bichitra, Dhaka, Bangladesh, pp. 36-39, Dec. 23, 1977.
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15. Briscoe, John, "Cholera in the measles' ward?," in Tropical Doctor, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine, London, vol. 14, pp. 140-141, 1984.
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