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## Education:

Paul holds a PhD in economics from the University of Rennes 1, and a Masters Degree in Engineering from a French Grande Ecole.

## Professional Experience:

Paul is Lead Economist in the office of the Director, Sustainable Development Department (MNSSD), MENA Region Vice-Presidency at the World Bank since July 2007. At this position, he leads country specific studies and regional initiatives on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP); Infrastructure Regulation and Finance; Economic and Sector Work (Water, Electricity, Transport, etc); and Governance and Anticorruption programs. He also provides support to task teams preparing lending operations.

Prior to joining MNSSD, Paul managed for four years, the Public-Private Partnership in Infrastructure (PPPI) program of the World Bank Institute and established the first global network of PPP units that held annual gatherings (the PPPI Days) in Washington DC in 2006 and 2007.

Paul joined the World Bank Group in 1998 as an infrastructure economist and contributed extensively to the successful implementation of telecommunications reform in developing countries from 1998 to 2004. Before 1998, Paul has worked for both the public and private sectors, and has also taught network economics at a French Grande Ecole.