

TONY BARCLAY

Dr. Tony Barclay is the Founder and President of the Development Practitioners Forum, an innovative nonprofit organization established in January 2009. For 30 years, he was a senior executive at DAI, and led the firm through a process of steady growth while enhancing its reputation for technical excellence and increasing shareholder value for DAI's employee owners. He is known for blending intellectual rigor and his deep passion for development with a practical, results-oriented management style.

Honored as Executive of the Year in the October 2008 Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards ceremony, Dr. Barclay has had a long career as a global development professional. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in western Kenya in the late 1960s, and returned there for his Ph.D. research in anthropology on an agro-industrial development project. After a two-year assignment on a United Nations study of the African sugar industry, he joined DAI's development consulting staff in 1977, moved onto the management team in 1979, and succeeded the founding CEO in 1999.

Dr. Barclay has played a leadership role in the development community for many years. He is current President of the nonprofit arm of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, and was a founding board member of the Coalition when it was first established in 1995; is a past President of the Washington Chapter of the Society for International Development; and has testified in Congressional hearings as chair of the Professional Services Council's International Development Task Force, which he helped create. He also served for two terms as a board member of the Corporate Council on Africa.

DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS FORUM (Jan 2009 – Present)

Dr. Barclay founded the Forum in order to pursue his passion for spreading knowledge and realizing the potential of Development 2.0 in a rapidly changing global environment. A nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization, the Forum was established with generous seed funding from DAI. Its mission is to build and strengthen online and offline knowledge networks for practitioners who work at field sites in developing countries. The Forum envisions a world in which empowered practitioners produce better development results. "Better results" translate into quicker spread of practices that foster long-term sustainability and faster scaling up of successful interventions. These outcomes depend on how well practitioners communicate and learn from each other, globally and locally.

Through its web presence www.devprac.org and its grounding in country chapters (the first of which are launching in Liberia and Kenya in 2010), the Forum facilitates crowdsourcing of solutions to complex development problems, and creates new channels for Southern practitioners to share their personal experiences, case studies, and other forms of testimony.

EXPERIENCE WITH DAI (1977–2008)

As its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Barclay left DAI with a strong legacy. The firm has more than 2,500 employees working on more than 100 development projects in 60 countries, and its annual revenues in 2008 were \$375 million. Over almost four decades, DAI has earned a reputation for innovative, critical analysis of development issues and a results-oriented record in implementing projects. DAI's multinational staff includes many leading analysts and practitioners in sectors such as post-conflict reconstruction, small enterprise, economics, trade policy, local government, agribusiness, and natural resource management. In January 2009, fulfilling DAI's internal succession plan, Dr. Barclay passed the CEO's duties on to a long-time DAI colleague, James Boomgard.

Chief Executive Officer (September 2006–December 2008)

Reporting to the firm's Board of Directors, provided leadership and strategic direction for DAI and its affiliated companies. Accountable for setting DAI's strategic direction, guiding strategy execution, and coaching and developing the company's leadership team. Promoted DAI's reputation as a firm that attracts, retains, and motivates top-flight professionals in every job, at every location. Served as the principal advocate for DAI interests with clients, policy makers, and the development community. Traveled extensively overseas (100 days/year) to visit DAI projects and clients.

President and Chief Executive Officer (April 1999–September 2006)

President and Chief Operating Officer (1990–1999)

Supervised the company's business unit managers and senior executives responsible for finance, human resources, and business development. Directed DAI's geographic expansion through subsidiary companies in the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, and the Middle East. Reported to the Board of Directors on performance against strategic, financial, and market expansion goals.

Senior Vice President (1984–1990)

Supervised DAI's operating divisions in agriculture and natural resources, economic policy and private enterprise, and design and evaluation services. Managed six regional and worldwide projects in economic policy analysis, microenterprise development, private sector development, and management of fragile lands. Directed and coached managers responsible for projects in Afghanistan, Bolivia, the Eastern Caribbean, Honduras, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, and Sri Lanka.

Vice President for Operations (1979–1983)

Directed home office technical consulting staff, with responsibility for quality control and client relations, during a critical growth period for the firm. DAI's annual revenues tripled in the first year of this period and the staff doubled, as several large overseas contracts were added to the portfolio, broadening the firm's scope to emphasize project implementation.

Senior Development Specialist (1977–1979)

Served as team leader or social science analyst on six projects, including a comparative evaluation of 17 private voluntary organization projects in Kenya and Niger. Co-authored a seven-country comparative study for USAID's Research and Development Bureau, and a

multidisciplinary rural sector analysis of Botswana. Provided evaluation, data collection, and management support to DAI's first large technical assistance project in Shaba (Katanga) province, Democratic Republic of Congo.

DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE OVERSEAS (1968-1977)

African Sugar Industry Study (1975–1977)

Nairobi-based social scientist on a multidisciplinary study of technology choice and environmental impact for the sugar industry in Africa, on a project financed by UNEP and executed by UNIDO, based on field work in Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Egypt, and India.

Sugar Belt Cooperative Union, Ltd., Kenya (1976–1977)

Analyzed potential for the cooperative union to promote more balanced rural development in the sugar cane monoculture zones of the Lake Victoria Basin in western Kenya, financed by a German development organization.

Research Associate, University of Nairobi (1974–1976)

Conducted doctoral dissertation research on the socio-economic impact of the Mumias sugar project, Kenya's largest agro-industrial enterprise. Presented major findings and their policy implications to Kenyan government officials. Helped plan and organize follow-up studies by Kenyan researchers.

Peace Corps Volunteer (1967–1970)

Taught African history, English, and other subjects at Kapsabet High School in Rift Valley Province, Kenya. Helped four Kapsabet graduates gain U.S. university scholarships, three of whom are now in senior positions in the Kenya government and leading Kenyan universities.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Applied Anthropology, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1977

B.A., History, Yale University, 1967

Executive education courses at Sloan School (M.I.T.) and Stanford Graduate School of Business.

LANGUAGES

French (fluent); Kiswahili (proficient); Luluyia, a western Kenya vernacular (working knowledge)