McDonnell, Daniel (United Kingdom)

Curriculum vitae

An experienced corporate leader in international and national organisations, I have helped organisations identify and analyse their priorities and problems. Over nearly two decades, I have enabled organisations to advance their strategic goals. I understand complex organisations with global operational footprints and multi-billion-pound budgets. I know how to utilise resources for impact. I deliver strategic coherence, personal impact, influence, and take a thoughtful approach as a leader, prioritising an inclusive and empowered culture.

[Original: English]

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. **Strategic Risk Management and Innovation.** Designed, developed, and implemented effective strategic risk management systems. (UK Government Ministry)
- 2. **Strategic Engagement & Financial Planning and Analysis.** Enabled multi-year and multi-billion pound strategic decision making by transforming financial and business planning processes and analysis. **(UK Government Ministry)**
- 3. Leadership, Business Partnering and Business Management. Oversight of global budgets and accounts ensuring strategic goals and aims were met effectively. (UK Government Ministries)

CAREER HISTORY

Deputy Director Integrated Global Defence Network (IGDN), Ministry of Defence (MOD), London (April 2025

- Present)

IGDN in the MOD coheres, supports and coordinates its persistently engaged overseas footprint.

- Lead on the transformation of IGDN to integrate activity and assets across our overseas network.
- Lead on overseas Defence Network policy issues.
- Redesigned organisational structure to meet UK Government strategy.

Deputy Director Strategic Finance, Cabinet Office (CO), London (April 2024 – March 2025)

The CO aims to bring effective oversight, coherence and strategic direction to HMG's UK Government Ministries.

- Led oversight of Ministry accounts, governance arrangements and business cases over £50m/£75m.
- Ran the corporate services team HR, Finance & Info Cap.

Senior Finance Officer, Ministry of Defence (MOD), London (2020-2024)

MOD is a UK Government Department dealing with unique operational challenges on a global scale.

- Led on the oversight, management, and assurance of budgets c£1 billion p.a.
- Responsible for governance and assurance of innovative capabilities.
- Provided functional leadership. Implemented improved budget management processes and standards across the finance function.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), London (2010-2020)

FCO is a UK Government Department that leads the United Kingdom's global diplomatic effort.

Head of Financial and Business Planning (2017-2019)

- Delivered a multi-year strategic financial plan exceeding £1.7bn p.a.
- Implemented enhanced multi-year financial planning through process and system improvements.
- Designed and developed new business planning function, to take advantage of improved technological coherence.

Finance Business Partner Global Network of Diplomatic Missions (2015-2017)

- Delivered a four-year strategic financial plan exceeding £500m.
- Successfully managed an annual budget in excess of £120m within 0.5%.
- Provided investment and project management advice for all global estate projects.

Financial Adviser, FCO Budget Negotiations with HM Treasury (2015)

- Provided financial advice to the FCO's budget negotiations with UK Treasury including management of foreign exchange fluctuations.
- Developed FCO capital budget bid.
- Advised Finance Director on capital budget negotiations.

Finance Business Partner FCO Middle East operations (2014-2015)

- Successfully managed an annual budget of £75m through multiple crises.
- Managed the financial and business planning processes for the FCO's Middle East operations.
- Enhanced governance and financial reporting in FCO missions in the Middle East region.
- Two months posting in Abu Dhabi to help deliver Corporate Services Transformation and Head of Corporate Services cover.

Private Secretary (Chief of Staff) to the Finance Director (2013-2014)

- Ensured Strategic Direction was implemented by Finance Directorate.
- Three months posting in Cairo, provision of specialist advice to the Ambassador and DHM to rebuild and upskill Corporate Services within the Embassy.

Counter Terrorism Programme Manager (2011-2013)

• Monitoring and evaluation, budget management.

Finance Analyst (2010-2011)

• Data analysis, modelling, and provision of advice on cost sharing arrangements with other UK Government Organisations.

British Gas, Leeds (2005-2010)

Leading national organisation providing smart metering, gas and electricity services to the UK. Roles included: Business Analyst, Data Analyst and Engineer logistics.

- Modelling and forecasting labour requirements across UK operations to meet performance targets.
- Building the organisation's capability to exploit management information systems.

PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION ACTIVITIES

Audit Committee Member, International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague (2023-2025). **Committee of Budget and Finance Member**, ICC, The Hague (2020-2025).

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

ACCA Fellow, FCCA. SCRUM Certified, Agile Management. BA with Honours Economics and Business