

BIOGRAPHY OF PAUL COLLIER

Paul Collier is Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at Oxford University. He took a five year Public Service leave, 1998-2003, during which he was Director of the Research Development Department of the World Bank. He is also a Distinguished Invited Professor at Sciences Po, Paris. His research covers fragile states, democratization, and the management of natural-resources in low-income societies. Collier is the author of *The Bottom Billion*, which in 2008 won the Lionel Gelber, Arthur Ross and Corine Prizes and in May 2009 was the joint winner of the Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book Prize. His second book, *Wars, Guns and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places* was published in March 2009; and his latest book, *The Plundered Planet: How to Reconcile Prosperity with Nature*, in May 2010. Paul Collier is currently advisor to the Strategy and Policy Department of the International Monetary Fund, and advisor to the Africa Region of the World Bank. In 2008, he was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) 'for services to scholarship and development'. In 2011 he was elected to the Council of the Royal Economic Society.