

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Born in: Luino (Varese), 10th December 1971
Nationality: Italian
Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (excellent), French and Spanish (advanced).

EDUCATION

1999 – 2000	University of Cape Town (UCT) MPhil in Environmental management (with distinction) <u>Thesis:</u> How Natural are Natural Disasters? Vulnerability to Drought in Southern Namibia Communal Areas.	Cape Town, South Africa
1993 – 1996	London School of Economics (LSE) BSc (Honours) in Physical Geography <u>Thesis:</u> A Foretold Disaster: the 1991/92 Flooding Event in Northern Italy.	London, UK
1991 – 1993	Westminster College Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency ('A') and Cambridge First Certificate in English ('A').	London, UK
1985 – 1990	Istituto Tecnico Commerciale 'L. Einaudi' Diploma in Accountancy (58/60).	Piombino, Italy

WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2012 – current **Independent Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation & Sustainable Development consultant** - Geneva, Switzerland

Working with different organizations on issues related to vulnerability and disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, sustainable development, natural resources management and community based participatory approaches. Recent consultancies included:

IFRC - to support: i) Revision and finalization of the IFRC 5 year Climate Change Programme for Action; ii) Finalization of the Risk Management Framework, in close cooperation with different departments at the Geneva Secretariat; iii) Start-up the IFRC online course on Climate Change; iv) Development of Guidelines for Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies on (a) how to link RC/RC to governmental National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) (b) Accessing Climate Change financing; and v) Revision and finalization of the Climate Change and Urban Risk Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) publication.

ProAct Network – Supporting the coordination of the EPIC project (Eco-systems protecting infrastructures and communities) a 5 year project financed by BMU aimed at implementing ecosystems based disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation solutions in 5 different countries to support policy development. Other activities include provide input to ProAct participation in the Swiss Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction including the organization and facilitation of Learning Events.

03/2011 – 10/2012 **International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent** – Geneva, Switzerland

Senior Officer Climate Change Adaptation – Working in the Community Preparedness and Risk Reduction Department (CPRR), main task was the mainstreaming of climate change adaptation within the IFRC secretariat programmes both at headquarter and at Zone/regional offices levels. This was carried out in the context of contributing to building greater resilience of local communities and reducing their vulnerability: climate change was not addressed as a stand alone issue, but rather integrated into different sectoral interventions. Amongst the others, this entailed: providing input to different policies and strategic papers, development of IFRC Climate Change Strategy, development of knowledge

materials for IFRC staff and partners alike, capacity building of staff, provision of technical support to different programmes/projects (country, regional, headquarter levels), fundraising, coordinating research and revision/development of tools and methodologies to support the mainstreaming of climate change concerns into programming, advocacy and representation in major environmental and climate change fora.

05/2006 – 03/2011 International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - Rome, Italy
Disaster risk reduction specialist with the Office of the Chief Development Strategist: tasked with the development of Guidelines on Disaster Early Recovery. The Guidelines provide practical guidance to IFAD staff at headquarters and on the field on what steps need to be taken in the aftermath of a disaster in one of the member countries.

Project Coordinator (IFAD Environment and Climate Division) of a project focused on IFAD approach to participatory mapping to support the social inclusion of vulnerable communities in decision making over natural resources. The project focused also on: i) participatory communication; ii) participatory M&E; and iii) community based adaptation to climate change. Tasks included: recruitment and supervision of consultants, technical inputs to project documents and publications, knowledge management, liaising with partners and ensuring a continuous flow of information, organization of seminars and workshops. Other tasks: mainstreaming of NRM/climate change issues into IFAD operations (loans and grants, policy and thematic papers, Country Strategy Papers); development of new proposals; contributions to scientific papers, internal reports and documents (i.e. IFAD Environmental and Social Assessment Procedures, IFAD Strategy on climate change; IFAD policy on environment).

01/2005- 05/2006 UNDP Eritrea – Environment and Energy - Asmara, Eritrea
Programme Analyst: the main focus of my work was the supervision of 2 GEF funded projects: the Eritrean Coastal, Marine and Islands Biodiversity project and the NAPA (National Adaptation Programme for Action). Tasks included: recruitment and supervision of international and national consultants, supporting government counterparts and partners in the development, implementation and co-ordination of GEF funded projects; liaising with local and international partners, monitoring of project work-plan and budget expenditures, technical backstopping to different projects when needed.

10/2004 – 11/2004 Provincia di Reggio Emilia - Reggio Emilia, Italy
Development of a EU LIFE proposal for the Province of Reggio Emilia.

02/2004 – 08/2004 Focus-Lab – Consultancy for Sustainable Development Modena, Italy
European Project officer: formulation, writing and management of Projects, fund raising activities. Training for local authorities and facilitation of meetings and participated processes for local sustainability. Development of the **Resilient Cities initiative** for Italy, focused on reducing disaster risk at the local level and on promoting adaptation to climate change.

11/2001 – 12/2003 ICLEI - International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, European Secretariat – Freiburg, Germany
Project Officer for the Urban Governance Programme. Main tasks were the co-ordination of DISCUS a EU funded project investigating good practice and governance in sustainable urban policies in 40 European cities and research undertaken in several European cities; reporting to the EU; liaising with partners; facilitation of Project meetings and development of new proposals to be submitted to the EU, amongst which a proposal on **Resilient Cities** focused on reducing the vulnerability of cities to disasters. I also worked as a **Project Officer (ICLEI Africa Secretariat – Johannesburg)** for the Local Government Session of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002). Main tasks were: co-ordination of logistics and human resources, liaising with local and international partners and participants, management of budget, progress reporting, events planning and co-ordination, supervision and training of volunteers, preparation of conference material and editing of documents (6 months).

06/2000 – 06/2001 Environmental Evaluation Unit - Cape Town, South Africa
Researcher: focused on the re-development of the Waterfront in Cape Town and the impact of inner city redevelopment on local communities. Tasks included: drafting questionnaires, interviewing stakeholders, analysis of data and report/article write up.

03/1999 - 12/2000 Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (DIMP) –
Cape Town, South Africa

Researcher: focused on risk management, disaster prevention and vulnerability reduction of local communities (urban and rural), with a specific emphasis on drylands and drought. Supported the setting-up and management of the resource centre at DIMP and of the internet based database on disaster events in the Western Cape (MANDISA).

01/2000 – 08/2000 Department of Environment and Tourism of Namibia (DEAT) – Namibia
and South Africa

Environmental consultant: part of an interdisciplinary team that produced an Environmental Situation Analysis of the Orange and Fish River Catchment Areas. The team put forward recommendations for the management of the catchment areas, giving particular attention to the problems of land degradation and desertification. A Strategic Environmental Analysis (SEA) framework was developed to support further planning for the Hardap and Karas regions.

08/1997 - 09/1997 Environmental Evaluation Unit - Cape Town, South Africa

Researcher for an Initial Environmental Analysis commissioned by the World Bank to assess the Environmental Implications of the Cape Peninsula Biodiversity Conservation project. The study was a prerequisite for the South African National Parks funding application to the World Bank and one of the key documents used to access the 59 million Rand grant from GEF.

05/1997 - 07/1997 Chesham Fine Art – Singapore

Art consultant: tasks included liaising with clients, preparation, and presentations of portfolios and project proposals (including costing), budgeting and project co-ordination.

02/1997 - 04/1997 Environmental Evaluation Unit - Cape Town, South Africa

Researcher: worked on the background document “Towards the Formulation of an Environmental Management Strategy for the Cape Town Metropolitan Area”. The study provided guidance on how to develop an integrated environmental management strategy for Cape Town, adopted in October 2001.

TRAINING:

03/2003 FORMEZ and Regione Sardegna – Cagliari, Italy

Organised and delivered a 2-days workshop for local authorities and other stakeholders on governance, Local Agenda21 and participation techniques.

09/2012 International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent (IFRC)

Organized, developed (including course materials) and delivered a 7 days capacity building training on climate change for both IFRC staff and RC RC National Societies. The course had a specific emphasis on practical work to mainstream climate change related issues into RC RC programming and on communicating climate change to different audiences.

COURSES

IFAD MARCH 2010 – 2 days training course on Delivering Dynamic Presentations delivered by Learning Tree International (UK).

IFAD, May 2009 – 2 days training course on Leadership Skills Development delivered by Learning Tree International (UK).

IFAD, May 2007 – 4 days training course on Creative Problem Solving delivered by Know Innovation (UK).

PUBLICATIONS

- ‘How Natural are Natural Disasters? Vulnerability to Drought of Communal Farmers in Southern Namibia’ in *Risk Management: An International Journal*, (2001) Vol. 3, No.3, Perpetuity Press Ltd, England.

- ‘Environmental Situation Analysis with regard to Land degradation in the Orange and Fish River Catchment Areas’, (July, 2000), Boonzaier *et al.*, Environmental Evaluation Unit, University of Cape Town Press.

- 'Towards a SEA Framework for the Orange and Fish River Catchment Areas', (July, 2000), Boonzaier *et al.*, Environmental Evaluation Unit, University of Cape Town Press.

PUBLICATIONS I have coordinated/provided input to:

- IFRC Guidelines for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change into RC RC programming, IFRC Geneva (2013)
- IFAD Disaster Early Recovery Guidelines (2011), IFAD, Rome (**main writer**)
- Guidelines for Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Participatory Mapping Initiatives (2010). IFAD, Rome
- Participatory mapping and communication: a guide to developing a participatory communication strategy to support participatory mapping (2010). IFAD, Rome
- IFAD Adaptive Approach to Participatory Mapping (2010). IFAD, Rome
- Good Practices in Participatory Mapping: An International Review, (2009). IFAD, Rome
- IFAD's response to climate change through support to adaptation and related actions: Strengthening IFAD's capacity to mainstream climate change adaptation in its operations, (IFAD, 2009)
- IFAD's Environmental and Social Assessment Procedures (2008). IFAD, Rome
- Agenda 21 Locale in Italia 2004: indagine sull'attuazione dei progetti di Agenda 21 (2004). Focus Lab, Modena.
- Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook/ The World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization, and International Fund for Agricultural Development (2009) (inputs provided as reviewer of some modules)

PAPERS

- 'Livestock and Climate Change', IFAD Thematic Paper (2009).
- 'An IFAD Approach to Participatory Mapping for Specific Livelihoods Systems (Pastoralists, Indigenous People, Forest Dwellers) - Natural Resource Management and Conflict Reduction; Challenges and Opportunities' submitted to the Panel on "Participation and Development Frontier of Development Anthropology" at the IUAES, (July 2009, China).
- 'Solving *Brown* Issues with *Green* Fingers', paper on the greening of informal settlements presented at the 1999 IAIA Conference in Bloemfontain, and published in the Conference proceedings.

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Interviewed (in-studio) by SAT 2000 to discuss issues linked to desertification, poverty reduction and climate change. (Rome, 2009)

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