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Development and consultancy experience

The founding director and head of a Regional NGO PENHA (Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa **1990 - 2017**, currently serving as senior advisor to PENHA.

PENHA works and partners with development agencies in several countries in the Greater Horn of Africa (IGAD Region).

I have also worked in the Far East, Western Europe and South America, 13 countries in all. Countries where I worked include: Ethiopia, South Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Somaliland, UK, Peru and Japan. Working visits include the following countries: Zambia, South Africa, Tunisia, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, USA, Australia, Canada and Poland.

Over the past three decades, I have worked on medium and short term consultancies, external evaluations and applied research with a variety of UN, international and national development agencies including, among others: the European Union (EU), Japanese Agency for International Cooperation (JICA), European Development Fund (EDF), Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD), Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), UNICEF, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Oxfam-GB and others.

Examples of my work:

- FAO/IFAD/EU programme formulation missions.
- Livestock and agricultural production systems in Arid and semi-Arid land areas.
- Drought impact assessment and restocking studies in several countries.
- Integrated agricultural and livestock project design as a strategy for sustainable development.
- Land tenure policy and food security studies and project design and environmental impact assessment studies.
- Mid-term evaluations for EU in several countries of the Horn and East Africa.
- Extensive fund-raising experience and have raised several millions of dollars for NGOs through negotiations with multiple funders, embassies and other donors.

Academic experience

Lecturer and course tutor at University College London - 2002 to present

I am currently based in the Bartlett Development Planning Unit within UCL. My research and teaching stems from my work experience in development planning, dry land agriculture, land use policy, food security, urban-peri-urban agriculture, indigenous knowledge systems, role of women in food production and management, NGOs and social movements, project monitoring and evaluation, fund raising/resource mobilization and approaching funders. Currently teach the MSc modules, Land, Food and Agriculture and Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture: Knowledge Systems in the Global South. I have supervised more than 80 Masters Dissertations and co-supervise several PhDs.

Language skills: *English, Italian, Latin, spoken Arabic and five Horn of Africa languages (namely Tigrigna, Bilen, Tigre, Amharic and Geez).*

Detailed CV and major publications and journal articles (available on request).