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Education: (March 1982) “Laurea” Political Sciences (main subjects Economics, Statistics). Università la Sapienza (1982). Rome

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

He has accumulated 40 years of experience of development cooperation. Since the 1980s he has worked as an expert at the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation. He was Director of the main Italian Cooperation offices abroad, in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, Ethiopia and South Sudan, Lebanon and Syria, Kenya and East African countries (Uganda, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda , Burundi). For several years he coordinated the humanitarian aid of the Italian cooperation.

In 2002, in his capacity as Director of the Italian Cooperation Office in Mozambique, he conceived and promoted the creation and development of CinemArena, an innovative format for the promotion and implementation of communication and awareness campaigns in rural areas through the mobile cinema. In the following years, he was able to deepen and strengthen this communication tool by designing and organizing CinemArena campaigns in the countries where he was director of Italian Aid (Ethiopia, Lebanon) as well as in various other areas where the campaigns were implemented. Having his retirement, he participated in the establishment of the Imagine ESG Foundation to continue the CinemArena experience in promoting information and communication campaigns through mobile cinema.

December 2022 – Present

President and founding member of Imagine Esg Foundation. Drawing on the over 20 years' experience of its founding partners, Imagine esg Foundation has developed and adopted its own specific format for social campaigns. The goal is to reach, in an innovative and participatory way, using mobile cinema caravan, fragile communities, particularly rural ones often with poor access to services and excluded from traditional information channels.

October 2019 – March 2022

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). Head of the Office in Kenya (covering Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo). Responsible for the Italian government development cooperation activities for the East Africa region.

March 2017 – September 2019

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS). Head of the Office in Mozambique (covering Zimbabwe, Malawi and Swaziland). Responsible for the Italian government development cooperation activities for the Southern Africa region. Design and implementation of Cinemarena campaign.

January 2016 – February 2017

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) Headquarter. Responsible of Humanitarian Aid managed by the Italian Agency

April 2015 – December 2015

Expert – Ministry of Foreign Affairs - General Directorate for Development Cooperation- Central Technical Unit - Rome

Responsible of Humanitarian Aid.

Head of the Transition Team in charge to manage the transfer of responsibilities and function between the General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the new established Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

April 2011 – March 2015

General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Head of the Italian Cooperation Office in Addis Ababa (covering Ethiopia, South Sudan and Djibouti). Responsible for the overall Italian development

cooperation activities in the three Countries. Design and implementation of Cinemarena campaign.

September 2007 – Mars 2011

General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Head of the Italian Cooperation Office in Beirut (covering Lebanon and Syria). Responsible for the overall Italian development cooperation activity in Lebanon and Syria. Design and implementation of CinemArena campaign.

January 2004 – August 2007

Expert – Ministry of Foreign Affairs - General Directorate for Development Cooperation- Central Technical Unit - Rome

Responsible of Humanitarian Aid (Chief of Emergency Technical Unit) and coordinator of Africa technical cooperation activities. Main humanitarian operations carried out: tsunami in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, earthquakes in Pakistan and Indonesia, conflict in Lebanon.

January 2001 – December 2003

General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Head of the Italian Cooperation Office in Maputo (covering Mozambique and Swaziland). Responsible for the overall Italian development cooperation activity in Mozambique and Swaziland.

Main tasks were related to ensure the overall management of the Cooperation presence in the country. Activities included: policy dialogue with host government, programme identification and evaluation, monitoring of programme execution, design the information and communication campaign CinemArena, human resource management, coordination of overall activity of NGOs financed by the Italian cooperation, promotion of decentralized cooperation and Italian civil society participation in the development activities.

October 1986 – December 2000

Expert – Ministry of Foreign Affairs - General Directorate for Development Cooperation- Central Technical Unit - Rome

Responsible for identification, appraisal, direct management and monitoring of development projects and programmes.

In this capacity I have been directly responsible for the definition and implementation of several development programmes in the Mediterranean area: Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestinian Territories (e.g.: Programme for Strengthening of Civil Protection in Tunisia through the reorganization of information systems for emergency management and risk prevention; programme for strengthening national capacity to monitor, evaluate and manage international migration flows in Egypt). Responsible of the cooperation activities in the field of ICT, statistical systems, private sector development.

During my work as Cooperation Expert in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs I have continued to work as a consultant for the United Nations system and for the European Union. Follows a listing of main consultancy work.

January 1996 – February 1996

Consultant – European Commission

Mission to Egypt and Jordan. Responsible for the formulation of the MEDSTAT programme for strengthening national statistical capacity in the Mediterranean area.

August 1989 – September 1989

Consultant UNDP New York

Analysis of UNDP Information System – Project evaluation system

August 1988

FAO Consultant Harare-Zimbabwe (GCP/ZIM/011/DEN). Early Warning System for food security. Responsible for the creation of a computerized model for the definition of the Hydrological Balance. Setting up a meteorological database.

June 1987 – August 1987

FAO Consultant Nouakchott-Mauritania (MAU/80/996)

Responsible for data processing of agricultural surveys and statistical analysis of agricultural census data.

May 1987

Consultant – Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Rome

Representing Italy in the Joint Italy/ILO mission to China for the formulation of a national programme for labour statistics support.

November 1985 – May 1986

FAO Consultant Niamey-Niger (GCP/RAF/128/CILSS)

Early warning systems for locust desert monitoring. AGHRYMET centre Niamey. The AGHRYMET centre is responsible within the Sahel region (Niger, Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania) for the provision and analysis of agro meteorological data and early warning systems for food security.

November 1984 – August 1985

WFP Consultant. Cotonou - Benin

Responsible for establishing a monitoring and evaluation system for WFP country programme in Benin.

March 1983 – October 1984

NGO Volunteer Porto Novo – Benin

Responsible for setting up a data processing centre at the Nutrition Department of the Ministry of Health.

October 1979 – March 1983

Officer – National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)

Responsible for the computerization of evaluation and planning system. Responsible for national surveys on agricultural and industrial production and other statistics. Studying and testing of advanced programming languages (application oriented packages).

1996 – 2000 Member of the CESD board (Italian centre for statistical development). The CESD-Rome was part of an European network of similar centers and jointly constituted by the National Statistical Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Teaching professor:

1) Master in Development Cooperation at STOA (Istituto di Studi per la Direzione e Gestione di Impresa) – Ercolano 2000

2) Master in Development Cooperation at ISPI (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale) – Milan 2005 – 2007 – 2008

2005, 2006 Special advisor for Rome Municipality for decentralized Co-operation activities.

Languages:

ITALIAN (mother tongue)

FRENCH

ENGLISH

PORTUGUESE (intermediate)

Rome, June 2022

Fabio Melloni