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## PROFILE:

*DIRECTOR OF POLICY & GOVERNANCE | SENIOR ADVISOR: STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY | INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & MULTILATERAL POLICY*

With over 12 years working in the Rome-based multilateral agricultural policy environment, including FAO, OECD and WTO, I have developed expertise in governance and policy support, stakeholder engagement, and programme coordination. My experience includes drafting briefs, speeches, and reports for senior leadership, servicing committees, and facilitating consensus-building among Member States and partners. I bring legal training (Juris Doctor) and a master's in development economics, combined with strong analytical and diplomatic skills to shape narratives and influence multilateral processes.

My track record reflects successful coordination of intergovernmental processes, strategic communication, and delivery of results-focused governance initiatives. I thrive in multilateral settings, applying my legal, analytical, and representational skills to strengthen stakeholder engagement and effectively address priorities within existing frameworks and mandates.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- January 2024      *Independent Consultant – UN engagement Rome-based agencies*  
Diverse stakeholders from public, private and philanthropic organizations.
- Designed and implemented effective engagement and communication strategies for FAO, IFAD, WFP, and CFS, mapping governance entry points and aligning client priorities with FAO policy frameworks.
  - Mapped governance processes and technical bodies, identifying collaboration opportunities and targets for policy and governance outcomes.
  - Aligned initiatives with FAO Strategic Framework and CFS policy processes to optimize impact and visibility.
  - Established and maintained relationships with FAO and Rome-based agencies to advance effective governance and policy objectives.
- April 2019-  
February 2024      *Director, Strategic Engagement at Rome-based agencies*  
International Agri-Food Network, FAO Committee on World Food Security

- Led multi-stakeholder communications and engagement for >400 actors across the agrifood chain, servicing FAO CFS committees and ensuring consensus positions for UN delivery.
- Facilitated timely information exchange and consolidated positions into actionable messages aligned with FAO governance frameworks.
- Managed programme activities, engagement strategies, and reporting to strengthen partnerships and governance outcomes.
- Drafted negotiation briefs and key messages for FAO governing bodies, supporting consensus-building and strategic advocacy.

Sept. 2014-  
March 2019

*Agriculture Advisor – Department of Agriculture, Australia*  
Australia Embassy Rome

- Strengthened partnerships with FAO and Member States; delivered policy analysis and reporting on governance and technical issues within FAO's mandate.
- Represented Australia in FAO governing bodies (Conference, Council, Finance Committee, COAG, CCP, CCLM), providing analysis, speaking points, and policy advice.
- Enhanced Australia's influence through alliances, events, and capacity-building initiatives aligned with FAO governance priorities.
- Organized ministerial visits and bilateral meetings, strengthening agricultural diplomacy and governance engagement.

March 2009-  
August 2014

*International Project Manager*  
Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi

- Identification, design, submission to calls for applications, management of projects within the framework of European Programmes.
- Provision of technical assistance during the proposal and management phase of projects funded by European Commission and the implementation of the Project Cycle Management methodology.
- Drafting, review, and analysis of partner contracts, MoU, and similar consortium agreements.

October 2003-  
December 2008

*Legal Officer, Assistant to General Counsel*  
International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

- Research, analysis and drafting of documentation to be submitted to contracting Member States, committees, executive board, councils, and partner organizations.
- Drafting of memoranda in response to administrative legal issues related to: Member State requests, contractual issues; staff rules, institutional policies, and procedures, MoUs, HQ agreements and bylaws.

### Legal Editor

- Research in support of publication and research initiatives; provide legal inputs on current development law issues.
- Development, drafting and dissemination of communication outputs such as monthly newsletter updates, and assistance to contributing authors to the IDLO scholarly publications.
- Management of the IDLO knowledge management research forum and interns.

### EDUCATION

- June 2006     ***Master's Degree in Development Economics and International Cooperation***  
University Rome-Tor Vergata, Faculty of Economics
- May 2002     ***Juris Doctor in Law***—specialization in international and comparative law  
DePaul University College of Law—*conferred cum laude*
- May 1998     ***Bachelor of Arts in Political Science***—minors in environmental sciences  
Loyola University-Chicago—*conferred magna cum laude*

### OTHER INFORMATION

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Nationality: American | Place, DOB: Chicago, USA 1/8/76 | Languages: native English and Spanish speaker, fluent in Italian.