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Areas of Expertise

- Coordinator on Climate Finance (multilateral and bilateral sources of funding). It includes IDB focal point for the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
- Coordination and monitoring of technical cooperation activities on climate change and forestry, GCF and readiness for Latin America and Caribbean Region

Education

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, Faculty of Agriculture Bologna, Italy
Phd in International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies.

Dissertation on “Biofuels sustainability certification schemes: challenges, feasibility and possible approaches”. Advisor: Prof. William Clark, Harvard Kennedy School.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Harvard Kennedy School Cambridge, MA

Master in Public Administration 2008, Giorgio Ruffolo fellow.

Concentration in: Energy Technology and Policies (Prof J. Holdren and Prof. H. Lee); Agribusiness (Prof. R. Goldberg); Competitiveness (Prof M. Porter); International Trade (Prof R. Lawrence); Advanced Negotiation and Mediation Analysis (Prof. B. Mandell).

SCUOLA SUPERIORE S. ANNA DI PISA

Pisa, Italy

Master in Environmental Management and Control, 1995-1996

Attended with grant

UNIVERSITY OF ROME LA SAPIENZA

Rome, Italy

Bachelor in Political Science, 1990 - 1995. Dissertation on “The reform of the European Common Agriculture Policy and its implications on sustainable development”.

Professional Experience

September 2009 to present

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Washington D.C.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION (CCS/INE)

Climate Change Lead Specialist

- IDB Focal Point for the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs)
- IDB focal point for the Green Climate Fund. Coordinated IDB accreditation and the design and submission of IDB projects to GCF. Lead of IDB technical cooperation for facilitating the access to GCF resources by LAC countries
- Responsible in the CCS Division for the area of climate finance (multilateral and bilateral sources of funding)
- Responsible in the CCS Division for the Forest Investment Program (FIP)
- Member of the Multilateral Technical Support Unit for the design of the Green Climate Fund
- Team co-Leader of different lending operations, including the design of the FIP Investment Plans of Peru and Mexico, the loan agreement for the creation of a dedicated credit line for sustainable management in the forestry and agriculture for small farmers in Mexico, a technical assistance cooperation agreement in Mexico co-funded by the IDB Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF)
- Coordination and monitoring of technical cooperation activities on climate change and sustainable bioenergy
- Liaison with Multilateral Development Banks and UN agencies in the area of climate finance and REDD+

- May 2008 to August 2009
(Part time position
From July 2008 to January 2009)
- MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF ITALY** Rome, Italy
Senior Adviser - Office of the Director General
- Project manager in the framework of the bilateral cooperation with Brazil, Mexico and United States on climate change and sustainable development
 - Representing Italy in the Global Bioenergy Partnership, with a specific contribution to the Task force on Biofuels and Sustainability;
 - Acting Chair of the Italian Task Force on Sustainability and Biofuels;
 - Working at the preparation of the 2009 G8 Environment Ministerial meeting
- July 2008 to January 2009
(Part time position)
- PRIME MINISTER OFFICE** Rome, Italy
G8 SHERPA TASK FORCE
Senior Adviser
- Focal point for climate change and environment for the 2009 G8 Summit;
 - Drafting and technical negotiation of background documents and position papers for the 2009 G8 Summit;
 - Liaison with G8 Sherpa Offices and International Organizations working on environment and energy;
 - Drafting and editing of speeches and dossiers for the Prime Minister.
- Feb. – July 2007
- HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Harvard Kennedy School** Cambridge, MA
Practitioner Fellow at the Center for International Development, Sustainability Science Program and Associate in the Energy Technology Innovation Project at the Belfer Center
- Investigated trade, agribusiness and environment implications of bioenergy, with a particular reference to developing countries;
 - Contributed to the design of Harvard’s Research program on Bioenergy and Globalization;
 - Coordinated Harvard’s Sustainability Science Program workshop on “Implications of a Future Global Biofuels Market for Economic Development and International Trade at Harvard University”.
- 2003-2006
- MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF ITALY** Rome, Italy
Chief of Staff - Director General, Dep. Research, Environment and Development
- Managed Italian side of bilateral cooperation agreements, namely “US-Italy cooperation on research and new technologies for combating climate change” and “New Eden Program for the Restoration of the Marshlands in Southern Iraq”. Coordinated first steps of bilateral cooperation with Brazil and Mexico with the negotiation of Memoranda of Understanding in sustainable development and climate change fields.
 - Designed and negotiated Global Bioenergy Partnership’s (GBEP) contents for G8 Summit endorsement in 2005 (Gleneagles);
 - Managed relationships with the private sector, international financial institutions, NGOs and Governments, mainly in energy, environment and sustainability fields;
 - Represented the Ministry in G8, UNFCCC, UNCSD, OECD, IEA negotiation processes;
- 1998-2002
- MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OF ITALY** Rome, Italy
Expert
- Co-chaired the OECD Transport Group and led the study on Environment Sustainable Transport (2000-2002);
 - Coordinated the position of Italy in the negotiation process of the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development and negotiated the Energy chapter of its Plan of Implementation;
 - Negotiated European Directives at the European Council, Environment Working Group, in the field of fuel quality standards, exhaust emissions limits from motors

- vehicles, car fuel consumption;
- Managed and coordinated the organization of the first International Forum on Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development, in cooperation with UNDESA and UNOPS.

March-July 1998

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Bruxelles, Belgium

Intern

- Analyzed and evaluated environment components of projects financed by European Commission in Latin America, with particular reference to the promotion of renewables;
- Wrote briefing materials for European Commissions functionaries.

1996-1998

NATIONAL AGENCY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY - ENEA Rome, Italy

Research Fellow

- Analyzed and evaluated the legislation on air quality standards in European Member States;
- Analyzed correlation between regional laws on atmospheric pollution and index of economic development.

Publications

- Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Expert Reviewer, “*Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources*”, Chapter 2 Bioenergy, May 2011;
- Henry Lee, William Clark, Robert Lawrence, Gloria Visconti. “*Implications of a Future Global Biofuels Market for Economic Development and International Trade*”. Cambridge, Mass.: John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, June 5, 2007;
- Contribution to the “*White Paper on Bioenergy*”, prepared by the Ministry for the Environment of Italy and the Imperial College of London, October 2005;
- Gloria Visconti, Massimo Cozzone “*Sustainable Transport in the Alpine Region*”, *Sinergie*, 20 (59), 2002, pp 103-114;
- Contribution to the OECD Synthesis Report on Environmental Sustainable Transport (EST), 2002;
- Gloria Visconti, “*Analysis of the Regional Policy on Air Pollution. Interlinkages among Regional Laws, Economic Development Indicators and Emissions Factors*”. Technical Report of the National Agency for the Environment and Energy (ENEA), October 1998

Public speaking

Presented in different international fora such as COPs, G20 working groups, WB, OECD, CPI etc.

Affiliations

Fellows Network, Sustainable Science Program, Center for International Development, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University;

Alumni network Professor Michael Porter, Microeconomics and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School;

2007 Young Leader Alumni, Council For the United States and Italy.

Language Skills

Fluent in English and Spanish, Mother Tongue Italian

Computer Skills

Windows Office applications and tools (Word, Excel, Power Point).

Travel:

Travelled extensively throughout Latin America, Europe and Asia.