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An industrious Policy Specialist and Programme Manager with expertise in delivering effective leadership, vision, innovation, strategy and growth in developing countries

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A PhD-qualified Policy Specialist and Leader with 20 years' operational, project and programme management experience within the UN, NGO and non-profit sectors. Has an outstanding record in reducing poverty within developing countries as well as forming high-yield partnerships, leading programme design, performance management, as well as driving strategic initiatives and evaluating their impact. Has a robust understanding of how strategic development deliver benefits for communities and beneficiaries. Empowers individuals and teams valuing their contribution and resolving differences without conflict. Demonstrates resilience and the ability to maintain clarity and focus amid complexity easily switching between the big picture and the finest of details.

KEY SKILLS

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| • Program Management | • Fundraising | • Monitoring & Evaluation | • Business Growth |
| • Strategy & Planning | • Budgetary Control | • Networking & Facilitation | • Governance |
| • Catalyst Leadership | • Research & Analysis | • Negotiation & Diplomacy | • Project Reporting |
| • Community Engagement | • Capacity Building | • Stakeholder Management | • Conflict Resolution |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR POLICY SPECIALIST

DEC 2021 – Present

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD, www.ifad.org), Santa Cruz - Bolivia

- Supports IFAD's Data Use Team to implement 50x2030 Initiative to prompt countries to heighten the use of agricultural and rural survey data for planning, policy making monitoring, evaluation of rural development, food systems transformation, environmental and food security-related policies.
- Leads technical assistance to implement country-level activities related to producing indicators for evidence-based decision-making, including policy implementation, development of training materials, connecting national and international stakeholders, promoting policy dialogue, fundraising, advocacy, and negotiations. Developed capacity development strategies, knowledge sharing, and training of trainers sessions.

AGRICULTURAL POLICY SPECIALIST

JUN 2019 – NOV 2021

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO, www.fao.org), Rome - Italy

- Led AGRISurvey's Data Use component delivering technical leadership for policy analysis of agri-food systems transformation; Strengthened policy analysis and improved evidence-based policies and decision-making processes; and Delivered capacity building activities in various countries including Uganda, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Senegal.
- Promoted and applied science, technologies and innovations in economically viable, cost effective and cooperative based agribusiness; Promoted in-country policy dialogue; Supported programme formulation in line with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31; Collaborated project evaluation among key user groups (ministries of agriculture, line ministries, farmer associations, UN sister organizations, NGO, and research centers); and Collaborated in mobilizing funding with multiple agencies, including USAID, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Italian Cooperation.
- Authored mission-critical technical documents, reports for donors, preparing project and budget proposals, representing my programme in meetings with beneficiary countries, international institutions, local NGOs and UN line agencies thus maximizing cohesion across the programme while ensuring transparency between stakeholders.

UN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

SEP 2016 – MAY 2019

FAO / World Food Programme (WFP) / World Bank

Investment Specialist – World Bank, Santa Cruz - Bolivia

Mar 2019 – May 2019

- Brought into the team to identify key policies, programming and investment plans needed in Bolivia to address structural problems of poverty, food security and climate change, and to improve resilience of domestic food production systems.
- Developed successful approaches to analyse the impact of climate change effects on food security and its dimensions (availability, access, utilization and stability), as well as formulating adaptation policies to address effects of climate change by gender and by vulnerable populations.
- Successfully identified current policies, programmes and projects in Bolivia that suffered from institutional barriers

and constraints and have prevented the government in assisting age and gender-differentiated groups.

- Formulated and recommended new measures and approaches, including strengthening institutional capacity, provision of technical assistance, and more effective prioritization of investments.

Senior Policy Evaluator – Econometria / WFP, Santa Cruz - Bolivia

Jul 2018 – Feb 2019

- Worked under WFP-Bolivia in rural areas of Bolivia where poverty is high, livelihoods depend on agriculture, government interventions were limited and had strong barriers to reduce poverty and improve household nutrition.
- Developed methodologies for identifying good practices, lessons learned, and cost-benefit assessments in relation to food security, nutrition, agriculture and climate change.
- Evaluated projects to improve livelihoods of small farmers, production systems and adaptation to climate change, including government programmes to reduce hunger and enhance domestic food production.
- Developed approaches to gather primary information, classification of secondary information, construction of databases, data processing, result analysis, generation of conclusions, and socialization of results.
- Played an integral role in highlighting family-resilience projects, including construction of: small dams, schools, irrigation canals, solar tents, terraces for agricultural production, household water systems, local roads, flash flood gabions, greenhouse infrastructure, drainage ditches, water harvest infrastructure, and communal gardens.

IPC Policy and Investment Officer – FAO, Bolivia, Bangladesh, The Philippines and Uganda

Sep 2016 – Dec 2017

- Led coordination and technical implementation of a policy-related project in Bangladesh, the Philippines and Uganda to test and identify enhancements to projects for food security and poverty reduction.
- Evaluated underlying causes explaining chronic food and nutrition insecurity among children, stunting and wasting in boys and girls, including the coping mechanisms used to make livelihoods more resilient to natural hazards.
- Supported ministries of agriculture and line ministries in formulating strategies for better infrastructure, better access to electricity, water and social security.
- Prepared technical reports for donors, prepared different quantitative, qualitative and participatory methodologies, budgets, deliverable matrices, and other materials as needed.
- Organised senior level workshops to validate findings from country case studies, identified capacity development needs, and formulated policy proposals to enhance visibility of outputs.

AGRICULTURAL POLICY SPECIALIST

AUG 2011 – JUL 2015

International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA, www.icarda.org), Amman - Jordan

- Led agricultural policy-related activities, including coordinating research for development projects with ministries of agriculture and national agricultural research systems of Middle East and North African (MENA) governments.
- Won donor funding for many collaborative projects, such as CRP2 for the government of Morocco funded by the CGIAR system, CACILM project for Uzbekistan funded by IFAD, project Forage Options for Afghanistan funded by the Australian Government, and project on-farm salinity management for Iraq funded by the Italian government.
- Assisted Moroccan government with solar energy project to improve sustainable agriculture, more efficient irrigation systems, enhanced agricultural productivity, and to reduce emissions of CO₂.
- Led a multi-country project in Jordan, Tunisia and Syria to develop strategic portfolio of promising agricultural technologies and management practices that improve farmers' livelihoods and promote sustainable agriculture.
- Worked with local communities from Morocco, Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Syria and Iraq, often against the backdrop of political and social conflict.
- Implemented new monitoring and evaluation system to assess household food security and poverty reduction programmes in Afghanistan. Trained government teams and community leaders in areas of agricultural policies, international trade, subsidies, prices, inputs and project writing.

LECTURER AND PHD PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

MAR 2008 – JUN 2011

Autonomous University Gabriel René Moreno (UAGRM), Santa Cruz - Bolivia

- Supported delivery of modules at PhD level, working 50% at the Business School of the UAGRM university, and 50% for a Bolivian NGO called National Working Group for Participation (GNTP).
- Coordinated two PhD programmes: "PhD in Economics and Finance" and "PhD in Administration and Business Sciences", including preparation of research projects.
- Supported several municipalities in Beni and Pando departments in the implementation of several projects related to poverty reduction, empowerment of adolescent and youth development, and gender equality.
- Lectured in multiple subjects, including "Microeconomics of Consumption and Production" (taught to Economics and Finance PhD students) and "Regional Integration and International Trade" to International Trade MSc students.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

AUG 2005 – DEC 2007

University of Reading – Reading, UK

Performed teaching assistant lecturing for multiple modules while studying PhD: 1) “*Management of not-for profit organizations*”; 2) “*Agricultural Policies for Developing Countries*”; 3) “*Economic Aspects of the Food Supply Chain*”; and 4) “*Food Business Group Project 2*”.

AGRICULTURAL POLICY OFFICER, ECONOMIST

MAY 2002 – MAY 2005

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO, www.fao.org), Rome - Italy

- Brought into the team to support work of the FAO Policy Assistance Division, including its agricultural-trade policy group as well as contributing to formulation and implementation of agricultural policies.
- Provided technical assistance to governments of Angola, Panama, Kyrgyzstan, Sudan, Tanzania and some small states of the Pacific Islands.
- Authored background papers in support of countries negotiating access to WTO. Published on regional integration studies for CARICOM vis-à-vis WTO agreements (market access, domestic support and export competition).

EARLIER CAREER

Agricultural Economist – ICARDA, Aleppo - Syria

Apr 2001 – Apr 2002

Economist – PRODEVAT, Cochabamba - Bolivia

Jul 1998 - Jul 1999

Junior Economist – FAO, Cochabamba - Bolivia

Jan 1997 - Jun 1998

EDUCATION

PhD Economics – University of Reading, UK

Jan 2005 – Dec 2007

MSc Agricultural Development Economics – University of Reading, UK

Sep 1999 – Sep 2000

Bachelor of Economics – National University of Córdoba, Argentina

Feb 1990 – Dec 1995

KEY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- World Bank (WB), “*Bolivia: Resilient Agriculture and Food Systems*”. La Paz, Bolivia, March 28 - 29, 2019.
- Food and agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), “*Integrated food security phase classification - Chronic Food Insecurity*”. Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 5-9, 2016.
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), “*Global Futures and IMPACT Training*”. WorldFish, Malaysia, April 28-May 9, 2014.
- Florida International University and Miami-Dade County – USA. “*Building the Productive, Efficient, and Equitable Municipality: New Challenges – New Opportunities*”. Miami, June 16 – 19, 2008.
- Purdue University, West Lafayette - USA. “*12th Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis - GTAP*”. Web-based modules from May 17 to July 18, 2004, and on-site training from August 7 to 13, 2004.
- Harvard University - John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge - USA. Two-week training course on “*The Practice of Trade Policy: Economics, Negotiations & Rules*”. September 28 - October 10, 2003.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Proven skills on writing project proposals, reports and research papers: 50 publications, including two books (one as editor), six book chapters, 16 ISI peer-review papers, and 26 working papers. All available in internet (<https://robertotelleriajuarez.com>) as well as upon request. 23 Presentations at international conferences.

AWARDS

- University of Reading **doctoral scholarship**, from Oct/2005 to Oct/2007.
- British **MSc "Chevening" scholarship**, from Oct/1999 to Sep/2000.
- **PhD thesis - Merit**, University of Reading - UK, December 2007.
- **MSc thesis - Distinction**, University of Reading - UK, September 2000.
- Several institutional distinctions, including prizes to research papers.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Status: Bolivian, married, two children

Date of Birth: December 29th, 1970 (52 years old), La Paz - Bolivia

Languages: Spanish (mother tongue), English (fluent), Italian (advanced), and French/Portuguese (beginner)