

Curriculum Vitae

Name: VALENGHI, Daniel
Birth: January 12th 1962, at Lucerne
(Switzerland)
Nationality: Swiss and Italian
Marital status: Married
Languages: Fluently in Italian, German,
English, French and Spanish
Diploma: Engineer in Agriculture (*dipl. ing.
agr. ETHZ*)
at the Swiss Federal Institute of
Technology ETHZ in Zurich
(Switzerland)



Skills:	<i>Project planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating; organisational and management skills.</i>
Topics:	<i>Agricultural Research and Extension, Organic and Fair-trade Production and Trade, Certification schemes, Value chain management, Seed production and trade, Plant variety rights protection and biodiversity.</i>

Professional experiences

Program Director, Helvetas, Swiss Association for International Cooperation in Vietnam (since September, 2006)

Represents Helvetas in Vietnam and has the overall responsibility on all the projects that Helvetas is planning, implementing and monitoring in the country in the sectors of Governance, Natural Resources Management and Infrastructure in Rural Areas (see also <http://www.helvetas.org.vn/>); keeps contacts and negotiates with project partners as Government at national and local level, donors, line departments, private sector, etc.; is in charge to formulate a new country program 2007-2010; acts as advisor for the "Governance-Extension-Market support project" of Helvetas in Cao Bang and for the Eco-Cacao program in the South.

Program Director, Helvetas, Swiss Association for International Cooperation in Burkina Faso/Senegal (2004-2006)

Represented Helvetas in Burkina Faso and negotiated first cooperation contract between Helvetas and the Government of Burkina Faso; opened first Helvetas office in Ouagadougou; organised and supervised local (18) and international (3) staff; implemented Helvetas strategy through 2 programs: Rural Road Program and Organic Cotton Program; initiated expansion of the country program in regard to infrastructure in rural areas (i.e. water, sanitation, micro-irrigation) and support to local governments; participated in regional coordination and knowledge sharing (Mali, Senegal and Burkina Faso); managed the 2 Helvetas projects in Senegal (Organic Cotton Support Program and the Support of local NGO's in the sector of organic agriculture).

Program manager, Helvetas Mali (2001-2003)

Planned, implemented, and monitored the first Organic Cotton Promotion Program of Helvetas in Mali; supervised accounts and financial reports; established integrated vertical chain from production through processing and manufacturing of organic fair-traded cotton, involving private and public sector; planned Organic Cotton Programs in Burkina Faso, Senegal and Kirghizstan.

Advisor in sustainable agriculture, Helvetas Mali/Bénin/Togo (1999-2001)

Coached and supported local Helvetas staff in project planning, managing and monitoring; introduced and developed knowledge about organic and fair-trade production and marketing; promoted private sector through a support program for small enterprises in agricultural extension.

Chief Swiss Seed Certification, Federal Research Station in Agroecology and Agriculture in Zurich (1990-1999)

Carried out the mandatory controls on agricultural seed production, processing and marketing; supervised variety property rights applications; participated in the establishment of Swiss Seed Laws; participated in international working groups on seed and variety rights.

Teacher in Ecological Farming, independent activity (during 1990-1999)

During winter season, participated as teacher in Ecology and Organic Agriculture in an European Support Program for mountain farming in South Tyrol (Italy).

Associate Expert, FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (1988-1990)

Supervise, trained and monitored local staff in carrying out seed and variety testing in a seed production farm near N'Djamena, Chad.

Scientific assistant, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETHZ in Zurich (1987-1988)

Managed a long term monitoring program on soil fertility in Switzerland; advised students in statistics and data processing.

Other relevant experiences

- Short term consultancies in Cameroon, Kirghizstan and Togo.
- Participated in several workshops and Conferences on strategies in development cooperation (Switzerland, Sri-Lanka, India, Morocco, Ghana, etc.).
- Training at the International Research Centre on Maize and Wheat (CIMMYT) in Mexico.

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