

PERSONAL INFORMATION Juan Pablo Sciurano

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Male | 25/02/1978 | Argentina/Italy

EDUCATION

September 2018 to September 2021

Ongoing PhD in “Economy and management of innovation and sustainability”

University of Parma –Italy

- Stake holder and social network analysis for agricultural development
- Nutrition and sustainability dimensions in food production policies
- Market development for small holders

March 2005 to November 2005

1 Level Master Degree in “Fair trade, Organic Agriculture and Voluntary Standards for Argo-alimentary chains”

University of Bologna –Italy

- Organic and fair trade certifications process for Agro-alimentary chains
- Value chain development for certified products
- International Cooperation and sustainable development for smallholders

January 1996 to December 2001

Bachelor Degree in Sociology

University of Buenos Aires – Buenos Aires / Argentina

WORK EXPERIENCE

From September 2017 to September 2018

Consultant

Argentinian Ministry of Agroindustry / Pampa Organica Group - Buenos Aires / Argentina

- Elaborate and implement a set of instruments for sustainability reporting in a pilot group of organic and agroecological producers involving 1.000 hectares of production.

From June 2012 to August 2017

Consultant

ICEA (Istituto Certificazione Etico Ambientale) – Bologna / Italy

- Support ICEA partnerships in EU research programs (Horizon, Seven Framework program)
- Support ICEA activities in Argentina, Ecuador and Mexico and facilitate the communication with Bologna central office.

From May 2009 to February 2010

Central America Regional Coordinator

Progetto Continenti (Italy) – Based in Poptun / Guatemala

- Implement an Integrated post emergency program funded by the Italian Ministry of foreign Affairs in Peten Region; main activities:
- Housing reconstruction, family and collective agro-ecological farms preparation, reforestation and value chain development to strengthen agricultural local cooperatives of tropical fruits and corn involving 500 small holder producers

from January 2007 to
December 2008

Palestinian Territories Country Coordinator

ACS (Associazione di Cooperazione e Solidarieta – Italy) - Based in Ramallah / Palestinian Territories

- Project Manager for "Integrated Rural Development Project in Palestine," funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: main activities:

- Coordinate the activities of creation and strengthening of 80 Women's Clubs in rural areas; support income-generating activities through Women Save and Credit Associations; establish a Palestinian company - COAP - for the certification of organic products in compliance with International and European standards and support Al Reef company (local agriculture BDS) and more than 30 agricultural cooperatives of olive oil, dates, almonds and couscous in terms of trainings, value chain development and market access. Involving more than 3.000 small holders producers.

from January 2006 to
December 2006

Palestinian Territories Country Coordinator

RC (Ricerca e Cooperazione) Italy – Based in Jerusalem and Jerico / Palestinian Territories.

- Project Manager for the project: "Introducing Organic Farming in Palestine " Funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: main activities:

- Training in organic farming for agronomists and farmers, technical and infrastructural support to organic associations and cooperatives spread over 5 regions in West Bank and Gaza Strip involving more than 1.000 small holder producers.

Main Short term Consultancies

November 2016
(Three weeks)

Project: “ Correct Coffe” Funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Implemented in Manabí, Santo Domingo, Carchi y Quito - Ecuador.

April and July 2016
(Three weeks)

Project: “Coalition for inclusive and sustainable Palestinian livestock value chain” Funded by the Emilia Romagna Region. Implemented in Gerico and Ramallah - Palestinian Territories

April and July 2016
(Three weeks)

Project: “ Pro-Swasi: Promotion of Rural Opportunities in Swaziland” Funded by the European Union
Implemented in Sitake – Swaziland

May and June 2016
(two weeks)

Project: “ Promotion of Rural Development in Goba - Mozambique” Funded by the Emilia Romagna Region - Italiy. Implemented in Goba and Maputo – Mozambique .

December 2014
(two weeks)

Project: “ Support to organic cooperatives in Angola” Funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Implemented in Luanda and Waku Kungo - Angola

February 2013
(three weeks)

Project: “Support to Honduras public administration for Regional Integration (PAAPIR)” - Funded by the European Commission. Implemented in Marcala / Honduras

April 2013 and
November 2013
(four Weeks)

Project: “Brasil Proximo” funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Implemented in Brasilia and Porto Alegre / Brazil

October 2012
(two weeks)

Project: SAMCERT “Strengthening Smallholders ' Access to Markets for Certified Sustainable Products” financed by International Funds for Agricultural Development – IFAD.
Implemented in Kenema / Sierra Leone

February / March 2011
(four weeks)

Project " SUMAJ KAUSAYMAN: Organic agriculture, food security and market access for potato producers” Funded by Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Implemented in Llallagua and La Paz - Bolivia.

Presentation to Agroecology Europe Board

Juan Pablo Sciurano



I am a 43 years old Argentinian- Italian sociologist specialized in rural cooperation.

In 2002 I had my first agroecological experience taking part in a small group of farmers in Valtellina (Italy), place where my grandfather, was born. Farming in the same area where he used to farm 80 ago; we were producing old varieties of “local” Buckwheat, barley, potatoes and different types of vegetables, selling directly to consumers and participating in fairs at local and regional level. Between 2006-2009, I moved to Middle East, based in Palestine, I coordinated a network with PARC (Palestinian Agriculture Relief Committee), the Arab Agronomist Association (AAA) and different Italian NGOs implementing different projects on training in agroecological practices, local market development for food sovereignty, and value chain development for income generating activities. From 2009 to 2010, living in Peten Region (Guatemala), I coordinated the implementation of different projects with Ketchi communities for food security and sovereignty, seed saving and supported local marketing activities.

From 2011, based in Bologna- Italy, I collaborated in ICEAs International Relations and cooperation units, supporting several activities within IFOAM EU and with different cooperation projects for PGS, smallholders and family farming development in: Ecuador, Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, El Salvador, Honduras, Swaziland, Mozambique, Angola and Sierra Leona. Collaborated in the Secretariat of IFOAM ABM supporting the organization of the first Mediterranean Forum of Agroecology and organic agriculture and coordinated the workshop of sharing experiences on Guarantee Systems between Europe And Brasil in the Agroecology world Congress of Porto Alegre 2015.

Since 2018 I'm a PHD student at Parma University (Italy) centering my research on the relation between Food Access, Healthy diets and Environmental and Social Sustainability through the implementation of Agroecological Biodistricts / Eco Regions.

The lasts 2 years I've actively participated in the Agroecology Europe Board and I am offering to renew my candidacy willing to continue supporting the association with a collaborative and enthusiastic approach.

I see agroecology as the primary practice for the respect of environment, land and people where it values of diversity and mutuality can guarantee worldwide food sovereignty in the hands of farmers.

Main interests:

- Biodistricts / Ecoregions for upscaling Agroecology
- Food Access and Food Sovereignty
- International relations with other Agroecological Associations and Movements

Best regards and thanks