Brief Curriculum Vitae Erwin Garzona Estrada



Studies

- Environmental & Development Policies, University of Geneva, Switzerland (1994-95)
- Sociology, San Carlos de Guatemala University (1988-1992).

Certified Trainer of Trainers

Participatory Approach for Safe Shelter Awareness (PASSA). International Federation of Red
 Cross and Red Crescent-Habitat for Humanity International. Nicaragua, January 2012.

- Common Operational Recovery Essentials (CORE). Shelter Centre-Red R India. Thailand, July 2011.
- Sphere standards for Humanitarian Response. 14th International Workshop. Oxfam GB. Peru, November 2006.

Labour history

- Humanitarian Action Project Coordinator. AWO International e.V., Office for Central America and Mexico. 1995-until today.
- Humanitarian Manager for Habitat for Humanity International (2011-2012). Humanitarian officer for Christian Aid (2008-2010), and Norwegian Church Aid (2003-2006).
- Humanitarian consultant (2012-2014; 2010; 2007-2008). including among others: Save the Children, Environmental Hydraulics Institute of the University of Cantabria/Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Practical Action Consulting, International Organization for Migration (IOM), ACT Alliance, Diakonia, Citizen's Convergence for Risk Reduction/Lutheran World Federation/Oxfam GB, Cuban Council of Churches, Inter-Church Emergency Committee of Chile, Guatemalan National Coordination for Disaster Reduction (CONRED)/ECHO, Intermon Oxfam.
- Environmental consultant (2012-2014; 2010; 2001-2003; 1998-1999; 1996; 1992), including among others: Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD)/Catholic Organization for Relief and Development AID (CORDAID), Diakonia, Danish Cooperation (DANIDA), Pesticides Action Network (PAN), World Resources Institute (WRI), Conservation International (CI), Ministry of Cooperation for Development from The Netherlands, Netherlands Service for Cooperation for Development (SNV), Chemonics International Inc., Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD).
- Coordinator of the Sustainable Development Department, Association for Social Research and Studies -ASIES (1999-2000).
- Senior Environmental Officer, United States Agency for International Development -USAID (1997-1999).
- Program Officer, Joint Training Program of the United Nations Environment Program -UNEP- and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research -UNITAR (1994-1995).
- Campaign's Coordinator, Greenpeace Central America/Greenpeace Latin America (1997; 1991-1994).
- Executive Secretary, Journeys for Life and Peace. Ecumenical Movement supporting the Peace Process in Guatemala (1989-1990).
- Researcher, Pro-Desarrollo, S.A. (1983-1989).

Academic and Training Experience

- Teacher of environmental and humanitarian courses at Rafael Landivar University (2001-2002), Mariano Galvez University (2001-2002), Del Valle de Guatemala University (1999) and Latin American Faculty for Social Sciences -FLACSO (2000).
- Trainer in humanitarian and environmental matters for national and international NGO, governmental entities and multilateral institutions (1991-2016).

Publications

Nineteen publications on environmental and humanitarian matters, including articles, books and chapters of books.

Memberships

- Member of the Social Studies Network for Disaster's Prevention in Latin America (La RED), 2011.
- Member of the network Understanding Risk (UR), 2011.
- Sphere Focal point, Sphere Project, Guatemala (2007-2013; 2016).

Languages proficiency:

- Spanish: Mother tongue.
- English: Advanced level. Languages Training Centre, San Carlos University, Guatemala.
- French: Mid-level. Ecole de Langues des Nations Unies, Geneva, Switzerland.

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