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HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation

Function in Organisation: Senior Advisor Resource Governance – Land, Forest and Biodiversity (since April 2011);

Immediate former function: Programme officer Environment and Climate Change (January 2009-April 2011); Programme Officer Forestry and Environment (1995-2009)

Educational background: PhD (Forest, Wildlife & Range Sciences); M.Sc. (Manejo de Bosques); B.Sc. (For.)(Hons)

Years of professional experience: 31, including 3 of Government experience

Years in development/international cooperation: 14

Year started in Organisation: 1996

Thematic competences:

Tropical forest management; International Forestry; Political Economy of Natural Resource Management, Transboundary Protected Forest Areas Management; Integrated Coastal Areas Management; Sustainable Land Management.

Process competences:

Project and programme cycle management and related capacity building skills

Country experience long term:

Africa (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda)

Country experience short term:

Africa (Gabon, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Sudan, Togo); **Zimbabwe**; **Latin America** (Bolivia, Costa Rica, Colombia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Surinam); **Asia** (Bhutan, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Cambodia, Thailand, China.); **New Zealand**

Mother tongue/other working languages: Kinyarwanda / French, English, Spanish

Other experience: Analysis of natural resource related conflicts; post-conflict development planning and evaluation, country cooperation program evaluation.