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CV

I. Basic Information

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II. Positions Held

1. International Coordinator

Project of the Enhancement of Diversity of Genetic Resources in Asia
(PEDIGREA)
January 2000 to December 2004

The International Coordinator is the executive officer of the project. PEDIGREA is a project for the strengthening of the role of small farmers in the management of agricultural biodiversity for food security and sustainable agriculture. The international scientific centers are the Centre for Genetic Resources of the Netherlands, and the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (Rome and Kuala Lumpur). The national partners are 3 national NGOs in the Philippines, Indonesia and Cambodia. The plant breeding institutes of the 3 countries are also collaborators of the project. The coordinator is also in charge of raising the funds of the project.

2. Project Development Officer

Biodiversity Utilization and Conservation in Asia Programme (BUCAP)
January 1998 to December 1999 (50% of my time)

BUCAP is a project to broaden the genetic base of the rice crop under intensive production systems through the empowerment of farmers' seed management. The projects are implemented in Bhutan, Laos and Vietnam. The Project Development Officer's tasks is to design the project (both technical and socio-political), identification and establishment of national partners (both NGOs and government institutions), and in drafting the approaches and instruments of the project.

3. International Coordinator

Community Biodiversity Development and Conservation Programme (CBDC)
1998 to 1999 (50% of my time)

CBDC is an international programme funded by Norway, the Netherlands and Germany and Canada on community biodiversity management for food security. CBDC is implemented in 15 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America in collaboration with scientific centers in Norway, the Netherlands and Canada. The international coordinator leads the implementation of the programme, relates with donors, and chairs the programme coordinating committee. (As executive coordinator of SEARICE earlier, I was the Asian coordinator of CBDC for 4 years.)

4. Executive Director
Southeast Asia Regional Institute for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
January 1992 to December 1997

SEARICE is an international NGO covering the Southeast Asian region. The executive director leads the design and implementation of agro-biodiversity related projects in 7 ASEAN countries. Also helped national governments in the ASEAN (including Bhutan) in developing their policies on agro-biodiversity, trade related intellectual property rights and biodiversity, advice on bio-safety issues. The executive director also leads the policy advocacy for changes in international agricultural research, especially that of the CGIAR institutes. Fund raising for SEARICE and for the different country projects is one of the responsibilities.

5. Programme Officer, SEARICE
Agricultural Biodiversity Programme
1989 to 1992

As programme officer, I was in charge of the main portfolio of SEARICE, developing the main programme on plant genetic resources from the beginning. This was also the main effort to build SEARICE as an institution.

6. National Coordinator
Sibol ng Agham and Teknolohiya (SIBAT)
1986 to 1988

SIBAT is a network of 42 NGOs in the Philippines working on appropriate technology and sustainable agriculture. The national coordinator is in charge of harmonizing programmes and projects of the network members, coordinates the advocacy on different issues, and facilitates exchanges of knowledge and experiences. SIBAT also developed and maintained a library for the members.

7. National Trainer
National Training Center
Community Organization of the Philippines Enterprise (COPE)
1981 to 1984

COPE is an NGO focused on the organization and empowerment of the poor (farmers, indigenous people, urban poor, and fisherfolks). The national trainer is in charge of the intensive training, 6 months to one year, of community organizers.

8. Community Organizer and Center Coordinator
COPE – Province of Albay, the Philippines
1977 to 1980
9. Community Organizer and Volunteer Activist
On different organizing efforts (indigenous people, workers, small farmers) mostly under the umbrella of the Catholic Church during the early 1970s at the height of the Marcos dictatorship.
1971 to 1976

III. Positions of Responsibility

1. International Consultant
FAO Project in Laos PDR on Livelihood Systems and Farmer's Access to Seeds
February 2005 to date (part-time)

The project objectives are to strengthen farmers' access and control of seeds for their livelihood and food security.

2. International Consultant
FAO Special Programme on Food Security for Sierra Leone
2003 to date (part time)

I am in charge with the design and implementation of a national food security project under post-war conditions. The project has to build on diversity and farmers' empowerment. The project is funded by UNDP, FAO, World Bank and the EU.

3. Member of the Board of Trustees
International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI)
1999 to 2004

IPGRI is one of the centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Its headquarters is in Rome, Italy. The institute employs around 180 senior agricultural scientists.

3. Member
Philippine Delegation to the negotiation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
1996 to 2002

I helped draft the Philippine government's position on the issues related to plant genetic resources. Some of these issues are on intellectual property rights, food security, trade issues, biosafety, and "Farmers' Rights. I was the chief negotiator at the UN FAO conferences that shaped the Treaty. I also coordinated and facilitated the development of common negotiating positions for ASEAN member countries, and often also of the G77.

5 Member

The Crucible Group

The Crucible Group is an international dialogue group on the issue of intellectual property rights (IPR), trade issues and biodiversity. The group is composed of economists, biological scientists, industry leaders, policy makers, donor organizations, and NGO leaders.

1994 to 1999

6. Member

Board of Trustee of SEARICE

1998 to date

7. Member

Genetic Resources Policy Committee (GRPC) of the CGIAR

2000 to 2002

The GRPC guides the international agricultural research institutes of the CGIAR on its policy regarding seeds of their breeding programmes, in their genebanks, IPR regimes, research partnerships and seed exchanges, etc. The GRPC is composed of senior scientists from the CGIAR, from seed companies and from NGOs.

8. Team Leader

GreenPeace

Food Security Team

2003-04

The Food Security team was tasked to develop an analysis of agricultural issues, especially those affecting developing countries, and recommended a strategy for GreenPeace on agricultural campaigns.

9. Member

Evaluation Team for the FAO Asian Integrated Pest Management Programme

2002