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Urban planner, Essec, Enpc and PhD from Sorbonne University.

Visiting post-graduate scholar in European and Latin American universities and from 2004 to 2006 lecturer in Urban Planning at Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Coordinated numerous Research and Research & Development programs in Asia Latin America, African and Arab partners institutions on urban and municipal governance - related issues: participatory planning and budgeting, municipal poverty reduction and social inclusion innovative practices, revitalization of urban centers, community based micro finance, urban agriculture, low income housing and appropriate technologies for local development.

Regional Coordinator (1997-2003) of the UN Habitat/UNDP *Urban Management Program* for Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to joining the UMP, worked for ten years in Northeast Brazil, for various NGOs, grassroots and Local Governments on low-income housing, income-generating activities and slum improvement in very poor communities.

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