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Overview

With over 27 years of experience in environmental management, dryland restoration, and sustainable development, I bring a unique blend of technical expertise, regional knowledge, and leadership.

My career has focused on translating science into practice — designing and implementing projects that restore landscapes, improve livelihoods, and ensure long-term ecosystem resilience in fragile and arid regions.

Building on this extensive experience, I am now seeking to serve as Regional Councilor for West Asia in the upcoming IUCN Council elections. My aim is to amplify the region's voice in global conservation efforts, foster collaboration among stakeholders, and promote inclusive, science-based solutions to our shared environmental challenges.

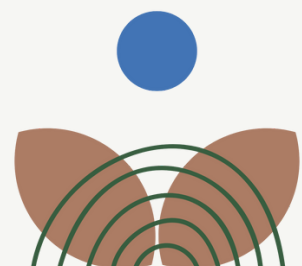
Profile

Ecosystem Management Expert

I am an environmental and sustainable development professional with over 27 years of experience in my work has focused on advancing ecosystem management, climate-resilient agriculture, natural resource conservation, and community-based environmental solutions, particularly in contexts affected by fragility or humanitarian challenges. I have extensive experience collaborating with international donors and institutions to design and deliver impactful environmental programs that are tailored to local needs and priorities.

Key Areas of Expertise:

- Environmental project Designing - planning and implementation.
- Climate change adaptation and resilience strategies.
- Sustainable land and rangeland rehabilitation.
- Integrated water resource management.
- Biodiversity protection and restoration.
- Community engagement in conservation.
- Strategic partnerships and donor coordination.



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Member – IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)

I have been a proud member of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) since 2013. Through this role, I actively engage in initiatives and expert dialogues that promote holistic ecosystem management—integrating environmental, social, cultural, and economic considerations. This membership has provided me with valuable opportunities to collaborate with international experts and contribute to advancing global understanding and practices in sustainable natural resource governance.

Projects Leadership Experience

Over the course of my career, I have had the privilege of leading and coordinating several key environmental projects in collaboration with prominent international organizations. These experiences have allowed me to contribute to impactful programs that promote sustainability, climate resilience, and the protection of natural ecosystems:

- **World Bank** – I led the Ecosystems and Livelihoods Project for Local Communities, which aimed to strengthen ecosystem services while improving local community livelihoods through sustainable practices.
- **IUCN** – I worked on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration initiatives that focused on preserving natural habitats and enhancing ecological integrity.
- **GEF (Global Environment Facility)** – I was involved in GEF-funded initiatives that supported biodiversity protection, sustainable land management, and environmental mainstreaming within national development priorities.
- **IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development)** – I contributed to rural development projects that integrate sustainable agriculture and land restoration to enhance community resilience.
- **WFP (World Food Programme)** – I supported efforts to improve food security through environmentally sustainable strategies, particularly in vulnerable rural areas.
- **UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)** – I collaborated on environmental governance and adaptation policy work to address the impacts of climate change.
- **Adaptation Fund** – I engaged in projects aimed at implementing concrete climate adaptation measures for communities exposed to environmental risks.
- **USAID and the US Forest Service** – I was involved in initiatives targeting natural resource management, forestry restoration, and institutional capacity building.
- **ICARDA (International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas)** – I supported research-based interventions in dryland agriculture and rangeland rehabilitation, focusing on sustainable use of scarce resources.



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Work Experience

Director of Projects Directorate

The Hashemite Fund for Development of Jordan Badia
(2010 - Present)

Director of desert projects (Bedouin Settlement Project)

Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture
(2007 - 2010)

Chief Division in Department of Project and Gender Unit

Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture
(2004 - 2007)

Highland development project

World Food Program "WFP"
(2000 - 2004)

Agriculture Resources Officer - Karak

International Fund for Agricultural Development "IFAD"
(1998 - 2000)

Education

BS degree in Agricultural Engineering - Plant Production.

(1992 - 1996) University of Jordan

Publication

SECURITY CONCERNS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR OIL SUPPLY: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

S. Stec and B. Baraj (eds.), Energy and Environmental Challenges to Security, p 225.

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Skills

- Languages: Arabic, English
- IT: MS Office Suite, International Computer Driving License Syllabus (ICDL)

Professional Training & Capacity Building

Throughout my career, I have actively pursued professional development opportunities that enhanced my expertise in sustainable agriculture, environmental management, rangeland rehabilitation, rural development, and project leadership. These trainings have enriched my technical and strategic capabilities while strengthening my engagement with international networks and best practices. Key programs include:

- Agricultural Best Practices – (NCARE), Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), Amman, Jordan | 2014
- Environmental & Social Safeguards – World Bank, Amman, Jordan | 2014
- International Seminar on Rangeland Management – USA | 2015
- Validation of Monitoring and Evaluation Tools (MENA-DELP Project) – NCARE and OSS, Tunisia | 2014
- Validation of Oases Products and By-products (MENA-DELP Project) – NCARE and OSS, Tunisia | 2014
- Range School Program – (Trainer) Rangeland Management Training, Jordan | 2014
- Agricultural & Rural Development Training – Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt | 1999
- Agricultural & Rural Development Training – Ministry of Agriculture, Syria | 2002
- Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis – Participated as a trainer | 2002
- Land Tenure & Rural Development – Taiwan, Republic of China | 2004
- Regional Workshop on Logical Framework and Project Cycle Management – (NEMTA), 40 hours | 2004
- International Seminar on Protected Agriculture – Republic of China | 2007
- Advanced Research Workshop: Energy and Environmental Challenges to Security – Hungary | 2007
- Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation – NEMTA Training Program, 40 hours | 2007
- Extension & Project Management – Colorado State University, Fort Collins, USA | July 12–27, 2008