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Personal Profile

I am an economist specialized in sustainable development and environmental economics. I have participated in the definition of environmental public policies as well as in various consulting jobs related with productive development.

I have worked for the main development agencies in Latin America such as IADB, FAO, UNDP, UNIDO* as well as with various government agencies, achieving field experience in the region, particularly Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina.

I have expanded my experience to the academic sector starting a PhD researching about ways to measure sustainable development in the long run and teaching at faculty.

Education and Research Experience

Doctoral Student in Social Sciences. Ongoing.

UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III. MADRID, SPAIN.

Thesis title: "Understanding and measuring environmental impacts and sustainability in the long run".

Advanced articles:

"Genuine Savings and sustainability in a peripheral economy. Uruguay in the long run, 1870-2014" (2019; with Henry Willebald and Carolina Román).

"Genuine Savings as a well-being indicator. Testing its predictive accuracy for Uruguay in the long-run" (2021).

Research ongoing: "Ambiente y Sociedad. Uruguay, 1955-2015".

Master in Economic Development and Growth (Master in Science). 06/2015.

UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III. MADRID, SPAIN.

(Graduated with honours).

Thesis title: "Introducing R&D Capital Stock into National Accounts. The Case of Japan".

Economist (Bachelor in Science). 03/2012.

UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPÚBLICA. MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY.

Academic Experience

**FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS ECONÓMICAS, UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPÚBLICA,
URUGUAY**

03/2016 to 03/2018

Assistant Professor.

I have been Assistant Professor of Introduction to the Microeconomics of the bachelor's degree in economics.

Professional Experience

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME **Public policies consultant.**

01/2016 up to now

I am working for the United Nations Development Program assessing the Climate Change National Directorate. Among other tasks, I worked in the elaboration of a climate change national policy during 2016 and in the definition of mitigation and adaptation targets during 2017 (Uruguay First National Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement -NDC-). During 2018 and 2019, I focus my work in developing a monitoring, reporting and verification mechanism for the climate change national policy and first NDC. During 2020 and 2021 y technically coordinate the elaboration of Uruguay climate change long-term strategy.

I have also worked in the definition of economic instruments which promote environmental better practices in the productive sector and in estimating economic impacts of climate change. Specifically, I worked estimating climate loss and damages, in the design of a carbon tax and of a sustainability linked sovereign bond.

CONSUR CONSULTORES **Consulting Manager.**

01/2012 to 08/2014

As consulting manager I was responsible of achieving the main goals of the company, supervising the current consultancy jobs assuring customers satisfaction besides seeking for new work opportunities designing technical and economic proposals.

During this period I have also coordinated specific consultancy jobs where between 5 and 10 Specialists were involved, following the guidelines of the Team Leader in order to successfully fulfill the job.

Some consultancies:

- "Case study on the development of rural areas in Latin America and the Caribbean. Extracting policy recommendations for Paraguay" hired by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Coordinator.
- "Requirements for increasing biotechnology activities in Uruguay" hired by the Inter American Development Bank (IADB). Coordinator.
- "Study of public interventions in Argentinean rural households" hired by the Agricultural Ministry of Argentina. Economic specialist.

ENDEAVOR URUGUAY **Project Manager.**

05/2011 to 12/2011

The Program which I managed facilitated financial advisory and credit access to entrepreneurs and small business. During this period (9 months – length of the Program) I was in charge of selecting the potential beneficiaries, asses them in order to clarify their financial needs and supervising the relationship between entrepreneurs and the financial institution.

Key results:

- More than 50 entrepreneurs and small business received financial advisory.
- More than 25 entrepreneurs and small business benefited with more than USD 2 million in credits (with preferential conditions).

CONSUR CONSULTORES **Research Assistant.**

03/2008 to 04/2011

In this period I worked as research and technical assistant for different Team Leaders and Specialists in various consultancy jobs. I developed and improved my quantitative and qualitative analytic skills through the use of different

research tools such as personal interviews, surveys, focus groups as well as data base analysis. I also worked designing investment projects in order to facilitate private companies their access to financial tools.

I acquired knowledge over rural lives, agricultural production, commodity chains and vertical integration as well as public policies related to these issues. Moreover, I acquired experienced in financial and investment advisory.

Some consultancies:

- “Technical assistance for improving public policies deliver to the wood chain” hired by the Uruguayan Industry Ministry.
- “Development of a renewable energy platform in Latin America” hired by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
- “Developing a food insecurity map in rural Uruguay” hired by the Inter American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

Key Competencies and Skills

Languages: Spanish (native speaker), English (fluent and business proficient with certifications in TOEFL, CAE, FCE, etc), Portuguese (basic level).

Software: Stata, E-Views, SPSS. MS Office (Word, Power Point, Excel).

Some courses: “Human development, inequality and public policies” organized by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Uruguay. 04/2012 to 06/2012.

“Panel Data Econometrics” organized by Centro de Investigaciones Económicas (CINVE) in Uruguay. 10/2011 to 12/2011.

References

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