

PATRICIA ANN COLBERT

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PERSONAL DETAILS:

Date of Birth: 13th March 1961

Nationality: Irish

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

GENDER CONSULTANT/TRAINER January 1998 to Present

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UN Agencies, Rome, Italy

Senior trainer/facilitator for the Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis (SEAGA) Programme and the Local Knowledge, Gender and Agro-biodiversity in Food Security (LinKS) Project. I am responsible for promoting, designing and facilitating workshops that use gender sensitive participatory approaches to rural development and agricultural livelihoods issues in FAO member countries.

I have been involved in the formulation; monitoring and evaluation of educational programmes that promote gender sensitive participatory approaches in many African countries. I have organised, implemented and evaluated seminars, workshops, training courses, the preparation and editing of related documentation and materials, to ensure the smooth running of the events concerned.

Based on experience arising out of my missions I have designed and tested training materials and case studies that look at gender mainstreaming in:

- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Agro-biodiversity Management
- Natural Resources Management
- Food Security/Seed Security
- Local Knowledge
- The Impact of HIV and AIDS on Agricultural Livelihoods
- Gender, Rural Women and Entrepreneurship
- Gender and Integrated Water Resources Management
- Gender Mainstreaming in the Organisation
- Gender Mainstreaming in IFAD's Projects in West Africa and Europe.

Over the past seven years, in my capacity as Senior Trainer/Facilitator for the SEAGA programme, the LinKS programme and IFAD, I have travelled extensively in Africa (Benin, Cape Verde, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Mali, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe) and Asia (Cambodia, India, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam), as well as France, Moldova and Slovenia on training workshop missions that have ranged between 2/3 weeks to 2/3 months' duration.

CONSULTANT/RESEARCHER (Part time) - February 1996 to August 1996

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN, Rome, Italy

Responsible for researching and compiling a comprehensive international directory of NGOs and Private Fishermen's Associations for the dissemination of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

RESEARCHER - August 1995 to November 1997

Composite Flour Programme, Rome, Italy

Responsible for research into Composite Flour products (Research and Development publications), using FAO Library and CD-ROM resources, and online sites (DIALOG and Internet). Editing of abstracts and bibliographies for the International Directory of Composite Flours. Use of Optical Character Recognition software with scanned documents, proofreading of documents for print set-up. Supervising the editorial work of two other staff members.

TRAVEL ASSISTANT - February 1993 to September 1994

World Food Programme, (WFP), UN Agency, Rome, Italy

Ensuring that all people undertaking official travel for the organization were provided with full documentation and information necessary to make their trip safe and successful. Investigating and resolving all issues

arising from travel undertaken, or to be undertaken. Achieved a reduction in the time necessary for the preparation of travel arrangements from 45 minutes to a half an hour.

DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANT - July 1992 to January 1993

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UN Agency, Rome, Italy

Responsible for ensuring that documents being presented for printing in English, French, Italian, and Spanish were error free and met with the standard required for international circulation. Key support person on the delegate's information desk, for a series of international conferences (attended by over 140 countries).

TRANSLATION ASSISTANT - November 1991 to May 1992

Winner Advertising SRL, Rome, Italy

Personal Assistant to the director, providing translating and interpreting services at international conferences in Libya, Turkey and Italy. Editing publicity material for the Libyan government and a major oil marketing client. Coordinating work with typesetting firms and printers. Responsible for final printing and distribution stages of key documents.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR - June to November 1991

Italpromo Service SRL, Rome, Italy

Coordinating and editing, proofreading and translating of medical texts and press releases for an international conference on oncology. Translation and production of daily press releases. Organized and staffed the information desk for medical journalists, providing conference and local information.

DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANT - January 1990 to March 1991

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UN Agency, Rome, Italy

Responsible for ensuring that documents being presented for printing in English, French, Italian, and Spanish were error free and met with the standard required for international circulation. Key support person on the delegate's information desk, for a series of international conferences (attended by over 140 countries).

EFL/TRANSLATOR - September 1986 to December 1989

Taught English in private institutions in Rome. I organised daily class timetables, classroom rotas and examinations, designed course materials, and examination paper. I also translated a book from French into English, on Bantu Mysticism and other texts also from French into English, over this three-year period.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

MA in Sustainable Development, Staffordshire University, UK will be awarded 2005

Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop in FAO - January 1998

Training for a 10-day period in PRA methodologies towards conducting ToT trainings with FAO partners/target groups in the field. The training was undertaken at FAO headquarters.

Post Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies, UCD, Dublin, Ireland 1994-1995

Created a Relational database for recording; conducted on-line searches using DIALOG; examined management procedures for information agencies and human resources management; cataloguing; classification; I also examined the use of bibliographic information resources and their applications in the organisation of information; accessed remote database resources on the Internet and World Wide Web.

Various in-house computer training courses (WordPerfect, Wang at IFAD/WFP) 1986-1993

Interpreting/Translating course in French, B grade certificate obtained from the Irish Management Institute, Sandyford, Dublin, Ireland. 1984-1985

Joint Honours MA, in French and Italian from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. 1980-1984

Qualifications:

1995 Honours Post Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies (DLIS), UCD, Dublin, Ireland.

1984 Master of Arts, French and Italian from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

Personal Achievements and current activities:

Elected Vice President of the Irish Club of Rome 1993

Elected Chairperson of the Celtic Ball Committee, 1994

Established a Book Club in Rome, 1998

Member of:

The Institute of Information Scientists (ISS), UK

The Library Association of Ireland (LAI)