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Qualifications / Memberships	1970 Reading University – BSc. Agriculture (Hons) 1973 Reading University – MSc. Agricultural Management  Tropical Agriculture Association
Languages (1 basic – 5 fluent)	French 2
Key skills information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural Project Manager with 19 years experience of managing both large scale and small scale projects in North, East and Southern Africa, Mauritius and Russia.</li> <li>• In addition, 12 years experience in the identification, planning, preparation and appraisal of agricultural development projects in Africa, Central America and Russia.</li> <li>• Recent experience with EC MEDA and Tacis Projects and knowledge of EC procedures including project cycle management, budgetary control, reporting and monitoring and evaluation.</li> <li>• Considerable experience in both temperate and tropical livestock and crop production systems including both rain fed and irrigated crops, annual crops and tree crops, seed production and processing.</li> <li>• Pilot project implementation, adaptive research trial programmes, storage, processing, transport, marketing, procurement and all aspects of agricultural mechanisation including machinery specification, repairs and maintenance.</li> <li>• Implementation of agricultural extension services including establishment of demonstration units, production of technical literature and training materials, use of mass media; press, radio, television and video films to promote services developed.</li> <li>• Establishment and operation of agricultural credit line programmes, including loan impact monitoring, working through the commercial banking systems.</li> <li>• Management of both large-scale estate and small farmer projects.</li> <li>• Considerable experience of dealing with Government Departments and Organisations at district, regional and national levels and with international development agencies including the World Bank, EC, DFID, CDC, IFAD and USAID.</li> </ul>
Country experience	Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius, Russia, Swaziland, Tanzania. (all exceeding 6 months input)
<b>Work experience</b>	
Current / most recent positions	<p>2005 to date - TA Team Leader, Financial Investment &amp; Sector Cooperation - Rural Component, Egypt.</p> <p>1996-2004 - Chief Technical Adviser / Team Leader, Multi Sector Support Programme, Egypt.</p> <p>1994-1996 - Team Leader, Tacis Demonstration Farms Project in Orekhovo-Zujevo District, Moscow Region, Russia.</p> <p>1994 - Dairy Sector Specialist, Tacis Food Distribution Project, Serpukhov District, Moscow Region, Russia.</p> <p>1993 - Agronomist, Evaluation of the Salhia Agricultural Production Project, Egypt.</p>

Recent assignment (examples)	<p>2005 to date EGYPT - TA Team Leader, Financial Investment &amp; Sector Cooperation - Rural Component - a follow-on project to MSSP below also funded by EC to provide loans through commercial banks to small &amp; medium scale enterprises involved in post harvest activities, input supply and marketing of agricultural produce. In addition training provided to bank managers and credit officers in agricultural / rural SME lending and institutional support provided to intermediary organisations to make the available credit more easily accessible to the target group of farmers and processors in the rural areas.</p>
	<p>1996-2004 EGYPT - Chief Technical Adviser / Team Leader, Multi Sector Support Programme (MSSP)- a nation-wide project of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation funded by the EC to establish a revolving credit line for the provision of concessionary loans, technical assistance, institutional support, training and demonstration activities to small and medium scale farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs operating in the following four sectors: aquaculture; horticulture; poultry and; on-farm irrigation and drainage.</p>
	<p>1994-96 Russia - Team Leader, Tacis Demonstration Farms Project in Orekhovo-Zujevo District, Moscow Region. Implementation of eight demonstration units on newly emerging private farmers' land forming the basis for the development of a pilot Extension Service for the private farming sector in Orekhovo-Zujevo and surrounding districts. The eight demonstration units cover the principal types of animal and crop production and storage currently undertaken by private farmers in the district and are being used as the focus for farmer training and extension purposes and for obtaining information on yields, costs of production, investment costs and farm incomes.</p>
	<p>1993 Russia - Dairy Sector Specialist, Tacis Food Distribution Project: A Study of the Milk and Fruit and Vegetable Sectors and Establishment of a Food Control Programme in Pushchino and Serpukhov District, Moscow Region. The project objectives were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To undertake a study of the Dairy Sector in the Serpukhov District in order to identify major problems and constraints in the production, processing and distribution of milk and dairy products;</li> <li>2. To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the supply of dairy products;</li> <li>3. To train selected key personnel from the various organizations which make up the dairy chain;</li> <li>4. To identify potential investment opportunities and to collaborate in the preparation of business plans.</li> </ol>
	<p>1993 Egypt - Evaluation of the Salhia Agricultural Production Project a 23,000 hectare integrated irrigation scheme in Ismailia Governorate producing: wheat, maize, potatoes, citrus and deciduous fruit as well as milk and eggs principally for the local markets. The study, which was funded by AAAID, included an assessment of the project's current status and the preparation of proposals for its privatisation in line with Egyptian Government Policy.</p>
CDC career	1970 – 1992
	<p>1989-92 - Controller of Agriculture, Tanganyika Wattle Company Ltd, Tanzania.  1985-89 - Senior Agriculturist, CDC London Office.  1983-85 - General Manager, Irrigation Authority Mauritius.  1978-83 - Regional Agricultural Officer, Nairobi, Kenya.</p>
Earlier career	British farmer's son familiar with intensive cereal, sheep and beef cattle production.