

David Suttie

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EDUCATION

M.Sc. (with distinction) in Sustainable Development

Specialism: Rural Development and Change

School of Oriental and African Studies

March, 2012 – October 2017

M.A. Economic Development and International Co-operation

University of Rome Tor Vergata

Rome, Italy

September 2008 – June 30, 2009

B.A. Business

Major: Economics

Edith Cowan University

Perth, Western Australia

1998 – 2002

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

International Fund for Agricultural Development

Policy Specialist - October 1, 2012 – Present

- Engage in global policy processes, advocating for interests of rural people - in particular smallholder farmers - convening events, participating in panel discussions, preparing speaking points and statements for members of senior management, negotiating policy documents in international and intergovernmental processes.
- Produce and publish evidence-based knowledge products – research papers, corporate policy briefs – to support policy positions in global fora.
- Distil knowledge and lessons from IFAD's operational work in order to contribute to global knowledge based on themes such as youth employment, migration, rural-urban linkages and gender, translating into concise policy recommendations and positions.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Consultant (September 3, 2011 – August 2, 2012); Volunteer (December 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010)

- Formulate capacity development materials on promotion of rural employment & decent work, with particular focus on women and youth (for example, guidance materials on mainstreaming decent rural employment into: (i) M&E frameworks for rural development projects; (ii) project formulation and review processes; and (iii) rural investment projects);
- Contribute to workshops sessions in Malawi and Tanzania as part of the SIDA funded programme “Policy support on rural employment and decent work for the promotion of equitable and sustainable livelihoods under conditions of climate change”;
- Prepare project proposals on rural youth employment, with a focus on gender equity and climate change mitigation and adaptation;

International Fund for Agricultural Development

Junior Consultant (August 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011)

- Conducted background research and prepared 1st and 2nd drafts of concept note for Governing Council 2011 High-level panel “Feeding future generations – young rural people today, prosperous farmers tomorrow” and subsequent proceedings document;
- Contributed to a variety of initiatives on rural youth including supporting the development of research proposals and drafting working paper on rural youth;

- Providing inputs to the Gender Policy Reference Group and supported the process of establishing a knowledge management strategy with respect to gender which will form a part of IFAD's overarching gender policy document;
- Contributed to the coordination of IFAD events, including Governing Council 2011 High-level panel session and IFAD's side event at LDC IV in Istanbul. Supporting the Senior Research Coordinator in preparing presentations and speeches for IFAD knowledge sharing events.

Burma Education Partnership (BEP)

Trainer (August 30, 2010 – November 30, 2010)

- Designed and implemented vocational and academic training programmes for Burmese migrants living in the Thai/Burmese border region;
- Organised and delivered sessions on training workshops;
- Supported the setting up of mobile schools in refugee camps.

University of Rome Tor Vergata

Visiting Lecturer (2012- Present)

- Annually, deliver module on "Sustainable Development and Rural Change" as part of M.A. Development Economics and International Cooperation.

Asociacion Vida Nueva (Association for New Life), Longo Mai, Costa Rica

Community Worker (February 1, 2008 – July 15, 2008)

- Worked alongside locals in farming of coffee and sugarcane in rural village;
- Established training courses in participatory learning for local rural teachers;
- Designed and implemented literacy courses for local adults.

International House

Teacher Trainer/ English Language Instructor (September 2003 – January 2007)

- Posted in Slovakia, Malaysia, Argentina, Korea and Vietnam;
- Taught English classes to university students, high school students, primary school students, business professionals and members of the general public;
- Organised and delivered sessions on teacher training workshops;
- Designed course curricula, materials and exams.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Research papers

Suttie, D. 2019. Smallholder farming, growth linkages, structural transformation and poverty reduction: Lessons and prospects for sub-Saharan Africa. Rome: IFAD.

Suttie, D. and Vargas-Lundius, R. 2016. Migration and Transformative Pathways – A rural perspective. Rome: IFAD.

Suttie, D. and Benfica, R. 2016. Fostering Inclusive Outcomes in African Agriculture – Improving agricultural productivity and expanding agribusiness opportunities. Rome: IFAD.

Hussein, K. and Suttie, D. 2016. Rural-urban Linkages and Food Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. Rome: IFAD.

Hussein, K, Suttie, D and Bleicher, Z. 'Inclusive Economic Development and Investment, Markets, Infrastructure, and Finance in Rural and Urban areas: Examples from Africa.' Regional Development Dialogue Vol. 35 (2014). Nagoya: United Nations Centre for Regional Development.

Vargas-Lundius, R. and Suttie, D. 2014. Investing in young rural people for sustainable and equitable development. Rome, IFAD.

Book Chapters

Vargas-Lundius, R., Basu, E. and Suttie, D. Labour, rural youth and migration. In: Migration and Youth: Challenges and opportunities. 2014. Paris: UNICEF.

De Villard, S., Dey de Pruck, J. and Suttie, D. Consequences of gender inequalities and policy options for gender equitable rural employment. In: Gender Dimensions of Agricultural and Rural Employment: Differentiated pathways out of poverty. 2014. Rome: FAO, IFAD and ILO.

Blogs

Suttie, D. Youth Employment and Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa. 2014. Include Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies. Available at: <http://includeplatform.net/youth-employment-agriculture-sub-saharan-africa/>

Vargas-Lundius, R., Suttie, D. and Lund, A. 2014. Capturing the Potential of Migration for Women's Empowerment and Poverty Reduction. Migrating out of Poverty. Available at: <http://migratingoutofpoverty.blogspot.it/2014/03/capturing-potential-of-migration-for.html>

Conference Reports

Suttie, D. and Hussein, K. 2016. Territorial Approaches, Rural-urban linkages and inclusive rural transformation. Global Policy Engagement Forum and Technical Meeting. 11 December 2015. Rome: IFAD.

Magazine Articles

Suttie, D. 2016. "Youth in African agriculture: Reversing the exodus. Nutfruit Magazine Vol. 68(2), pp. 28-29.

Translations (Italian to English)

Milano, R. Social Banking: A brief history. In: Weber, O. and Remer, S (eds.). 2011. Social Banks and the Future of Sustainable Finance. Routledge: Canada and USA.

OTHER TRAINING

Certificate IV in Education and Training

Livingstone Institute of Vocational Training, Australia

Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Prague, Czech Republic

May and June, 2003

REFERENCES

Available upon request