

## Europass Curriculum Vitae



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Nationality

Dual nationality: Canadian and Great Britain

Date of birth

17 February 1958

Gender

Male

# Desired employment / Occupational field

## Work experience

Dates

August 2005 to present

Occupation or position held

Research Scientist

Main activities and responsibilities

- Research, estimation and modelling of greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture, forestry and other land-use (AFOLU)
  - My specific interests are the development of methods to estimate and estimation of climatic impacts of carbon stock and albedo changes from land use change and management

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- Research, estimation and modelling of greenhouse gas emissions from bioenergy systems

  Bioenergy systems have two components that affect greenhouse gas emissions: energy use
  and AFOLU. Of specific interest to me are the timing of emissions and the interaction between
  bioenergy demand.
- 3. Development, evaluation and modelling greenhouse gas offset projects

  I specifically focus on AFOLU, landfill gas reduction, energy efficiency, urban and employee programs. This work has an emphasis on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in Africa, India, Pakistan and numerous Latin American countries. It includes the preparation and submission of project design documents to the CDM Executive Board and carbon finance documents to the World Bank BioCarbon Fund.

Name and address of employer

Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH Leonhardstrasse 59; A-8010 Graz, Austria

Type of business or sector

Research institute

Dates

June 1996 to present

Associate

Occupation or position held

Main activities and responsibilities

- Development, evaluation and presentation of greenhouse gas offset projects with an emphasis on LULUCF in the CDM
- Modelling of greenhouse gas emission reductions from offset projects Specific emphasis on Land-use, land-use change and Forestry (LULUCF), and landfill gas reduction projects.
- Preparation of greenhouse gas emissions inventories for assorted Canadian companies They were prepared for the following companies: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., Enbridge Gas New Brunswick Inc., Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Enbridge Pipelines (Athabasca) Inc., Enbridge Pipelines (NW) Inc., Enbridge Pipelines (Saskatchewan) Inc., Gazifère, Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd., Government of Ontario, Town of Caledon,
- Assessment and evaluation of greenhouse gas emission reductions from specific project activities
- Climate Change strategy development

I have provided strategic papers and policy briefs for: Canadian International Development Agency, Enbridge Inc., Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd., Government of Argentina, Sinks and Forest Sector Tables of Canada's National Climate Change Process

Name and address of employer

Woodrising Consulting Inc.

91 Scott Street, Belfountain, Ontario, Canada

Type of business or sector

Private consultancy

**Dates** 

May 2007 to present

Occupation or position held

Methodological expert

Main activities and responsibilities

- Considering draft recommendations regarding the establishment, revision or withdrawal of methodological standards, guidelines and clarifications for CDM project activities;
- Considering draft recommendations for methodological requirements for CDM project activities;
- Providing advice and recommendations to the Board regarding the need and priority areas for methodological guidance.

Name and address of employer

UNFCCC Secretariat, CDM Executive Board

Haus Carstanien

Martin-Luther-King-Strasse 8, 53175 Bonn, Germany

Type of business or sector

International organization

**Dates** 

December 1981 to June 1996

Occupation or position held

Senior Research Geophysicist

Main activities and responsibilities

Project development and implementation, supervision of junior geophysicists and summer students, seismic processing, interpretation, research, modeling and inversion. Natural gas and oil exploration. Seismic support for natural gas and oil field development

Name and address of employer

Chevron Canada Resources Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Type of business or sector

Multi-national oil company

## **Education and training**

**Dates** 

**Dates** 

1981

Title of qualification awarded

MSc.

Principal subjects/occupational skills

Geophysics (seismology)

Name and type of organisation

University of British Columbia

providing education and training

1979

Title of qualification awarded

BSc.

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Principal subjects/occupational skills

Honours Solid Earth Geophysics

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

# Personal skills and competences

**English** 

Mother tongue(s)
Other language(s)

French, Spanish, German

Self-assessment

European level (\*)

French Spanish

German

Understanding				Speaking				Writing
Listening			Reading	ading Spoken interaction		Spoken production		
	C2		B2		B2		B2	B2
	C2		C2		C2		C2	B2
	B2		B1		B2		B2	A2

(\*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

From 2000 to 2004, I was president of the Belfountain Community and Planning Organization From 2000 to 2004, I was captain of the Belfountain Mixed Doubles Tennis Team. Both these positions required cooperative and leadership skills because I was working with multiple stakeholders and personalities.

Organisational skills and competences

Good experience in project management

Computer skills and competences

- Fully competent in PC environment including all Microsoft software (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access).
- Developed a proprietary version of GORCAM for modelling project based LULUCF emissions
- Familiarity with CENTURY, LUCS and ArcView.
- Experience in UNIX environment.
- Programming languages: FORTRAN, Visual BASIC

Artistic skills and competences

Music I am a reasonable classical pianist (completed to pre-university level training)
I am a good singer and perform regularly as a bass / baritone in a semi-professional choir in front of audiences of more than 200 people (see <a href="https://www.mondo-musicale.at">www.mondo-musicale.at</a>)

Other skills and competences

Sports – tennis, soccer, hiking, ocean kayaking and cycle touring. From 2000 to 2004 I was the treasurer of the Belfountain tennis club From 2007 to present, I was the treasurer of Mondo Musicale Graz Choir.

Driving licence

Class B (vehicles < 3500 kg)

### Additional information

In 2007 I was appointed as a member of the UNFCCC Secretariat Afforestation Reforestation Working Group. From 2007 to 2012, I was the Task Leader of IEA Bioenergy Task-38

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List of Publications and Presentations

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