

Hamidreza Ghaffarzadeh
Curriculum Vitae

a) Personnel Data

Name: Hamidreza
Surname: Ghaffarzadeh
Gender: Male
Date and Place of Birth: March 8. 1949 in Hamadan, Iran
Marital Status: Married with two children
Nationality: Iranian

b) Academic Education

B.Sc. Economics, University of Tehran, Iran, 1972
Diploma. Economics, University of Lancaster, England, 1975
MA. Economics, University of Essex, England, 1976
Ph.D. Development Studies, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, 1980

c) Professional Experience

1981-1986: Senior Contracts Officer: Ministry of Power, Iran

My duties included development of TORs for procurement of good and services, drafting Tender Documents, organization tenders; substantive assistance to tender evaluation process, leading negotiations for purchase of major power plants and transmission equipment and transfer of know-how

1986-1999: UNDP Programme Officer & Assistant Resident Representative; UNDP Country Office, Iran;

I joined UNDP Tehran as a Senior Programme Assistant (SPA) in 1986 and left it as an Assistant Resident Representative (ARR) in 1999. Project formulation, development, implementation and monitoring was at the heart of both SAP and ARR jobs but as ARR I became increasingly involved in the strategy development and policy formulation for UNDP in Iran. I pioneered disaster management and environment management themes in UNDP in Iran and became a member of the Disaster Assessment and Coordination and Disaster Training teams. I was detailed to Bhutan, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan to assist these offices in the development and implementation of their Country Programmes.

1999-2000: UNDP Senior Programme Specialist; UNDP Country Office, Kosovo;

I joined Kosovo UNDP in December 1999 when the breakaway “province” was directly administered by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and UNDP had been assigned a leading role in the emergency response and economic rehabilitation activities. In my capacity as acting DRR and frequently as acting UNDP Representative. I provided substantive assistance towards the leadership and administration of a burgeoning UNDP office with a total programme budget of over \$50 million dollars. This involved liaison and partnership with the UNMK, EC, other donor, a large international NGO community and the local grass root organizations. It included development of new initiatives and projects, resource mobilization, direct execution of

projects and monitoring and supervision over project execution by other agencies and NGOs. The job also included creating an office under challenging conditions.

2000-2003: Environmental Economist; Baku

From August 2000 to January 2003 I worked as Environmental Economist for the CEP based in Baku Azerbaijan. As the acting Deputy Coordinator of the Caspian Environment Programme(CEP), I co-managed the programme which is an inter-governmental regional environmental programme of \$ 15 million Dollars supported by GEF, and EC with over 10 centers of technical excellence around the Caspian Sea with some 50 employees and up to 30 consultants in the five Caspian littoral countries, EU and the USA. I liaised with the CEP's major stockholders including the national authorities of the littoral countries as well as with the international partners including the World Bank, UNEP, UNOPS, EC and a host of other international agencies. As an economist, I produced analysis of the social and economic situations of the littoral countries, wrote TORs for related studies and through close monitoring of same ensured quality delivery. I substantively contributed to the development of the Caspian Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), the Caspian Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and the five National Caspian Action Plans (NCAPs) for each country

2003 – Sept 2004 : Project Manager & Programme Coordinator; Baku

From January 2003 I assumed the dual roles of the Programme Coordinator for the CEP and the Project Manager for the GEF component of the CEP leading the programme through a transitional period towards second phase of GEF support to CEP coupled with enhanced regional ownership of activities. My duties during the transitional period included leading efforts to develop and obtain approval of project documents to receive GEF and EU funding for continued international support to the Programme, assisting the countries to finalize and sign up the Caspian Framework Convention, arranging for the transfer of the CEP headquarters from Baku to Tehran and starting the second phase of GEF support to the CEP. All these objectives have been satisfactorily achieved.

Sep. 2004- March 2009 : CTA CEPSAP Project: Tehran

In September 2004 I transferred the CEP Programme Coordination Unit (PCU) from Baku to Tehran and assumed the responsibility of the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) for the second phase of the GEF support to the Caspian Environment Programme –CEPSAP Project- while also effectively carrying out the duties of the CEP coordinator. During this period I led the updating of the TDA, SAP and the NCAPs , initiated the development of the Public Participation Strategy , Seals Conservation Plan , POPs Regional Action Plan and many other policy and strategy documents. Under my management we launched POPs elimination Pilot Projects and Matched Small Grants in all five Caspian countries. I was substantively engaged in regional efforts stewarded by UNEP towards ratification of the Tehran Convention and the development of the ancillary protocols.

March 2009 – Oct. 2009 : Interim CTA CASPECO Project: Astana

From March 1st 2009 I was stationed in Astana to set up the PCU and initiate the third phase of the GEF/UNDP support to CEP-CASPECO Project . This was successfully completed by October 2009 when I retired from UN to return home and join the academia full time.

1984 till now : **University Lecturer & DG , International Affairs**

I have always maintained an interest in academia and time permitting have teach at universities and management centers covering subjects such as Commerce and Contracts; Sustainable Development; International Environmental Conventions. I have been teaching environment and economics, international contracts And procurement at Azad University, Tehran University and the Industrial Management Institute. Presently I am full time Associate Professor at the Science and Research Campus of the Azad University in Tehran. Additionally I assist the University as the Director General of the International Affairs being responsible for interactions between the university with the international world.

1982 till 2000: **Contracts and Commerce Advisor**

Time permitting I provided advisory services to corporations and firms on commercial issues and on international contracts during the 1982 -2000 when I was based in Iran . I proved a skilled negotiator and was involved in a fairly large number of technology transfer and goods and services procurement contracts negotiations.

c) Competency summary

- extensive experience in environment and disaster management;
- thorough knowledge of the working mechanism& culture of the UN system of organizations; ability to work and interact with international and national governmental and non governmental agencies
- very good social and economical analytical skills; natural trainer-learner; ability to articulate TORs, work plans, projects, Programmes and strategies
- a team-worker able to communicate and establish constructive dialogues; ability to effectively manage and lead work groups towards time bound targets and objectives
- sensitive to cultural diversity and political situations; ability to work under challenging conditions
- fully conversant in English and Farsi, working knowledge of Russian
- fully conversant in international contracts and contracts negotiations having been apart time consultant to many Iranian firms on contracts issues.
- excellent knowledge of the Caspian Sea countries , Caspian issues and Caspian stakeholders
- full familiarity with the Iranian working culture combined with a deep analytical knowledge of the country.
- work experience with the oil industry in the Caspian Sea particularly with regards to oil spill emergencies response.
- Officially Certified English-Farsi Translator

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