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Work experience

-August 2001-March 2004: **policy officer in the European Parliament** attached to the head of the Belgian Social Democrat Delegation.

Following up of proceedings plenary sessions, committee of development cooperation, committee of women's rights and equality of chances, european parliament working group on population and development; networking with ngos, contacts with constituencies.; preparation briefings, speeches and amendments.

Topics: trade and development (WTO, GATS, TRIPS), health in developing countries

Co-editor of European Parliament Resolution on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the European Union

-January 2004-March 2004: **Thematic Expert on Fair Trade /Commodities for Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC)**, executive agency of Belgian Development Cooperation (Department Operations, Thematic Experts Unit)

-March 2004: **Research fellow, Research Unit Global Governance, Department Political Sciences, University of Ghent, Belgium.** Specialisation: Global Health Governance, Global Public-Private Partnerships, GFATM and the CCM mechanism.

-December 2005: **Programme/M&E Officer SRH/EC/ACP/UNFPA Programme, UNFPA Sub-regional Country Support Team, Senegal**, Management Coordination Unit. 10 project countries (Tanzania, Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Suriname, Jamaica, Niger, Ethiopia, Ghana). : EC reporting, advocacy, M&E. Programme Management and M&E missions (strengthening skills of programme implementers in results-based management, selection of indicators, health centre and health district-level data collection and data consolidation) undertaken to Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Niger.

-October 2007: **Programme Manager Africa and Latin America, Marie Stopes International HQ, London.** Managing country programmes (Ghana and Sierra Leone) and several donor grants with monitoring missions (leadership, management and clinical quality). Field investigator for expansion/starting up country programmes in Francophone West Africa.

-June 2008: **Research Fellow Department of Public Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium**

Consultancies

-Consultancy for BTC: arbitrage on Belgian NGO cofinancing proposals

-April 2009: evaluator final evaluation European Commission PASSAGE Project : adolescent sexual and reproductive health services in Mali, Burkina Faso and Cameroon.

Education

University education

1993-1995: BA in Political and Social Sciences, University of Antwerp, Belgium

1995-1998: MA in Cultural Anthropology, University of Ghent, Belgium, with 'great distinction'

1998-2000: MA in Political Sciences, option International Relations, University of Ghent, with 'great distinction'

Other

December 2001: diploma of Belgian State Secretary for Development Cooperation for development cooperation workers

June 2006: certificate of International Program for Development Evaluation Training, World Bank and Carleton University, Canada

June 2007: MDF Course Programme Management and Implementation & MDF

Course Financial Management for non-financial managers

UNFPA Distance Learning on Population Issues (2006)

Training EC grant management, Mango (2007)

Ongoing: PhD Candidate Institute of Tropical Medicine /London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Department of Epidemiology/Population Health

Skills

Languages:

Dutch: mother tongue

English: IELTS 8.5

French: moderate to good speaking and writing skills

Spanish: basics

Computer skills

MS Office, Internet, Outlook

Internships / Memberships / Voluntary work

- 1998-1999: delegate international solidarity for Red Cross Flanders (voluntary)

- july-sept. 1999: internship at United Nations Information Centre Benelux based in Brussels
- february 2001-july 2001: Francis Vals Scholarship of PES Group in the European Parliament; scientific assistant
- 2005-....: member Executive Board Politologisch Instituut vzw (Flemish Association of Political Scientists)
- 2006: member of IDEAS – International Development Evaluation Association
- 2007: member of UNFPA Caring for Us Committee on HIV/AIDS in the workplace
- 2007: participation in production of UNFPA Pan-African Film Festival on Gender Based Violence

Publications

- LESAGE, D., ORBIE, J., VANDERVELDEN, T., VAN BELLE, S., (2005) 'De Staat in drie generaties van Global Governance', *Res Publica*.
- VAN BELLE, S. (2006), 'Gezondheid als mondiaal publiek goed' In: *Het beheer van de wereld*, Gent: Academia Press.
- VAN BELLE, S. (2006), 'Civil Society Decision Making Mechanisms in The Global Fund Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria', Paper presented at WISC conference, Istanbul, august 2006.