

CURRICULUM VITAE

ROBERTO OTTOLENGHI

Date of Birth: 5 September 1945

Nationality : Italian

Education : Doctorate in Architecture & Urban Planning (1970)-Politecnico of Milano;
Post-Doctorate Fellowship (1972-74)-School of Planning & Architecture- New Delhi

Languages : Italian (mother tongue), English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

Summary of professional experience :

He has more than 30 years' professional experience and has worked in over 60 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe; 21 years working with UN-Habitat (1981 onward) from which he took early retirement at the end of 2002, his last assignments with the agency having been Director of Technical Cooperation Division (2002) and Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (1996-2002). He is currently a free-lance consultant working mainly for international and bilateral agencies and collaborating as visiting professor with academic institutions. His main fields of specialization are : urban development and management, urban governance, post-conflict recovery, post-disaster rehabilitation and vulnerability reduction, urban settlements upgrading policies and programmes; his main experience in the above fields relates to policy development; programme identification and formulation; project execution, management and monitoring.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

2007

- July: **Albania** – Urban Development Consultant for the European Union, under the Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for Urban Development and Housing, in charge of supporting the definition of housing policy guidelines and formulating programme of public-private partnership in housing development within the forthcoming loan of the International Finance Corporation.
- June: **Somalia** – Monitoring and evaluation Consultant for UN-Habitat in the framework of the EU funded Somalia Urban Development Programme (SUDP).
- May: **South Eastern Europe** – Urban Development Consultant for the European Union in charge of launching Inception Phase of the Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for Urban Development and Housing.
- April: Visiting Professor at Master Course on Urban Development in developing countries – University of **Venise**.
- February-March: UN-Habitat - Preparation of Global Handbook for Habitat Programme Managers.

2006:

- November-December: **Albania, Montenegro, Serbia** – Urban Development and Housing Consultant for UN-Habitat and EU (Stability Pact) to set up pilot projects as part of the Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for Urban Development and Housing.
- July-October: Evaluation Consultant (Country case studies: **Colombia, Mexico, Mozambique, Senegal**) for UN-Habitat to provide global evaluation of Habitat Programme Managers for the Agency's Governing Council.

- June: **Somalia** – Urban Development and Management consultant for the UN-Habitat/EU Somalia Urban Development Programme (SUDP).
- June: Presentation at the **World Urban Forum – Vancouver** of the Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for South Eastern Europe, formulated in January-May (see below).
- May: Visiting Lecturer at Master Programme on Urban Development for developing countries in the University of **Venise**.
- January –May: **South Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia)**: Urban Development and Housing Consultant to prepare Programme Document for the Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for Urban Development and Housing for E.U. (Stability Pact) and UN-Habitat.
- April: Lecturing as Visiting Professor at **Venise** University at Master Programme on Urban Development.

2005 :

- November-December: **Southern Sudan** – Urban Development Consultant for UN-Habitat and UNDP to prepare Project Document on Urban Governance and Management.
- November: Visiting Professor at **Barcelona** (Universitat Internacional de Catalunya) at Master Course on International Co-operation in Architecture and Urban Development.
- October : **Afghanistan** – Urban Development and Governance Consultant for UN-Habitat to prepare Document for institutional support to Ministry of Urban Development and Housing and to provide inputs to formulation of Urban National Development Strategy.
- September : **Southern Sudan** – Urban Development Consultant to prepare Programme proposal for UN-Habitat and UNDP for submission to Multi-Donor Trust Fund.
- August : **Somalia** – Preparation for UN-Habitat on behalf of UN Country Team of Programme Document ‘ Reconstruction and Recovery of the Puntland coast and related hinterland affected by the Tsunami’.
- July : **Somalia** – Preparation for UN-Habitat of Inception Report for EC/UNDP funded ‘Somalia Urban Development Programme’ and of Project proposal on ‘Strengthening local urban management in Somalia’ for the Government of Finland.
- June : **Afghanistan** - Urban Development and Governance Consultant for UN-Habitat to prepare Project Document for Urban Sector for EU funding.
- May : **Sri Lanka** – Reconstruction and Recovery Consultant for UN-Habitat to prepare strategy for Post-Tsunami reconstruction.
- April : Lecturing (3 weeks) at Master Course on Urban Development for developing countries at the University of **Venise**.
- March : **Afghanistan** – Urban Development and Governance Consultant to prepare Urban Sector Analysis.

2004 :

- November-December : Consultant for UNDP-BCPR (**Geneva**) to prepare joint UNDP-OCHA-ISDR Document and proposal for Post-Disaster International Recovery Platform.
- October : **Somalia** - Consultant for UN-Habitat (Nairobi) to prepare joint UN-Habitat-UNDP-ILO bidding proposal for EC grant for Somalia Urban Development Programme.
- June-July : **Somalia** - Interim Chief Technical Advisor for UN-Habitat and UNDP for Urban Sector Programme.
- April-May : Visiting Professor at Master Courses on ‘Urban Development in developing countries’ at the Universities of **Venise** and **Barcelona**.
- February : **Iran** - Post-Disaster Reconstruction Consultant for UN-Habitat and UNDP to assist Government and UNDP in an international workshop and the formulation of a Project Document for assistance in post-earthquake reconstruction in the city of Bam.

2003 :

- November-December : **Somalia** - Governance Consultant for UNDP to prepare a 4-year Governance Programme for Somalia.
- May-June and October-November (follow-up) : **Somalia** - Urban Development and Management Consultant for UN-Habitat, in charge of preparing a 4-year Urban Sector Programme for submission to donors and, in follow-up mission, initiating programme implementation with preliminary UNDP financing.
- April 2003 : Visiting Professor at Master Course on Urban Development for developing countries at University of **Venise**.

July to December 2002 :

- UN-Habitat (Nairobi) : Director of Regional and Technical Cooperation Division, in charge of management and supervision of all **Regional Offices** and responsible for the agency's global portfolio of operational projects. In charge of resource mobilization, agreements with donors, inter-agency collaboration and responsible for strategic development of operational activities. Temporarily, also OIC of the Disaster Management Programme. Specific emphasis on programme supervision in Iraq, the Balkans, Afghanistan, East Timor with technical missions to the last two. He took early retirement from the U.N. on 31-12-2002.

September 1996 to June 2002 :

- UN-Habitat (Rio de Janeiro) : Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean being newly established in Rio de Janeiro. Responsible for both the normative and operational components of UN-Habitat programme in the region; as part of the normative programme, responsible for developing regional campaigns on Urban Governance and Secure Land Tenure, on developing policy dialogue with sectoral Ministries in each country; responsible for developing the operational portfolio through project identification and design, resource mobilization and partnership agreements with multilateral, bilateral and national agencies, multilateral and regional banks; main challenge was to secure external and national cost-sharings to maintain viability of the portfolio.

September 1989 to August 1996

- UN-Habitat (Nairobi) : Coordinator of the newly created Latin America and Caribbean Unit of Technical Cooperation Division (previously attached to Asia); responsible for developing the operational projects portfolio in the region, mobilizing resources, defining new mechanisms for project implementation and execution and maintaining financial viability of the Unit. Responsible for liaising with the main Inter-governmental bodies and developing the agency policy in the region. Chairman of the Task Force on decentralization responsible for establishing UN-Habitat Regional Offices. Responsible for coordinating the region's participation in the Global conference Habitat II in Istanbul (1995).

July 1987 to August 1989

- UN-Habitat (Nairobi) : Human Settlements Adviser in charge of Central America and the Caribbean in the Asia & Pacific, Latin America & Caribbean Unit, responsible for project identification and design, supervision and monitoring, resource mobilization in the sub-regions assigned to him.

- **May 1981 to July 1987**

UN-Habitat (Nairobi) : Human Settlements Officer in the Research and Development Division, in charge of Programme Elements 'Demonstration Projects on Upgrading of Slums and Squatter Settlements' and 'Upgrading of Inner-city Slums'. Responsible for the identification and design of Demonstration Projects as well as for resource mobilization, implementation and documentation through publications and global expert meetings. Main projects designed and implemented in **Sri Lanka** through large-scale technical and policy support to the 'One million houses Programme', mobilizing sizable third party cost-sharings and in **Thailand** with the Land-sharing Programme in Bangkok. Technical support extended also to **India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo**. Research component extended to **Peru, Chile, Brazil**.

- **September 1980 to March 1981**

National Council of Research of Italy : Research Grant to carry out field research in **Calcutta (India)** on issues of land tenure and slum formation, resulting in publication and, at the same, time to manage a multi-author research and publishing initiative 'On India' as Guest Editor (see below 'Publications')

- **July 1974 to July 1979**

Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation) – Government of Italy: University Lecturer (J. Nehru University- New Delhi – India and, part time, at School of Planning and Architecture) and Bilateral Cooperation Officer attached to Italian Embassy . He carried out field research with attachments to Indian institutions like the Town and Country Planning Organization (Delhi) and the Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organization; he collaborated with the Italian Embassy (Cultural Department) in developing cultural and scientific programmes and agreements.

- **October 1972 to April 1974**

Post-Doctorate fellowship at School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi with research period in Calcutta (Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority) producing dissertation on slum upgrading policies.

- **December 1968 to April 1970 and December 1971 to September 1972**

Nizzoli Associati, private Architecture and Urban Planning firm in Milano : he worked part-time, initially as an architectural student, in developing urban plans for Northern Italian municipalities

- **April 1970 to July 1971**

Italian Army, military draft; served as Second Lieutenant in the Engineers' Branch.

Publications :

- 'On India' Lotus International 1981, Guest Editor
- 'The Calcutta Syndrome' , monograph in 'On India' - Lotus International
- 'Upgrading of Inner City Slums' , UN Publication, 1984
- 'Rehabilitation of Inner City Areas', UN Publication 1986
- 'The Sri Lanka Demonstration Project'- Part I and II, UN Publications, 1984, 1987