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She also coordinated the input on climate change, extreme weather events and energy to three Ministerial Conferences on Environment and Health; and provided for eight years the secretariat to the working group on health and climate change (HIC). Before joining WHO, she worked with UNICEF, UNOPS, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University of Perugia, mainly planning, implementing and evaluating activities on the prevention and treatment of communicable diseases in several developed and developing countries.

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