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I have more than 30 years of international experience in environment and health policies and science. My work experience includes sustainable and healthy transport and urban policies and interventions, the promotion of “health in all policies” approaches, climate change, One Health, health impact assessment, violence and injury prevention, and consumer safety. In 2018 I was awarded a Honorary Doctorate by the Swedish School of Sport and Health Science in Stockholm, Sweden, for my “leading engagement in environmental health and active transport”.

I joined the World Health Organization in 1997, initially as an Associate Professional Officer sponsored by the Italian Government. Over time, I have held positions of growing responsibility. I had the privilege of setting up the first programme on Violence and Injury Prevention in the WHO European Region in 2004, served as Head of Office a.i. in the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health in Rome (2007-2012), as Senior Advisor on Multisectoral Policies and Partnerships for Environment and Health in Copenhagen (2012-2018) and took the position of head of the WHO European Centre on Environment and Health in Bonn in 2018.

Before joining the World Health Organization, I was a Section Head, Professional and Regulatory Services at Procter and Gamble, where I worked from 1989 to 1997 on matters related to consumer and environmental safety, products compliance with relevant European Directives and Regulations, and human and environmental toxicology.