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He has worked for the past 30 years on agricultural and rural development in Latin America, Africa and Asia as well as in the United States. He holds an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wisconsin and a Ph.D in Agricultural Extension from the University of Maryland. He began his career in Brazil with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), where he worked from 1977 to 1988. This was followed by work at the University of Maryland as Program Director of the University's International Development Management Center. He joined FAO in 1994, first in Mozambique as an advisor within the Ministry of Agriculture and then as head of FAO's country offices in Kenya from 1998 to 2002 and in India where he worked until returning the US in December 2007.