

Short Curriculum Vitae of Hossein Shahbaz

1: Personal Details:

- Full Name *Hossein Shahbaz*
- Date of Birth *3rd of Aug. 1966*
- Place of Birth *Khoy-West Azerbaijan, Iran*
- Nationality *Iranian*

2: Education:

- PhD, 2018, Department of Soil, Water and Environment, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Thesis was on climate change impact on the salinity of the rivers and livelihoods of the people entitled: Impacts of Water Salinity on Livelihoods around *Sundarban* Mangrove Forests in Bangladesh: A Socio-Scientific Study;
- MSc., 1994, Natural Resources, *Tehran* University, Iran;
- BSc., 1990, Natural Resources, *Gorgan* University, Iran;
- Post Diploma, 1987, Natural Resources, Mazandaran University, Iran.

3: Occupations and Experiences:

Almost 30 years on Rural Development, Environment, Water, Climate Change, Agriculture development, Food Security, SMEs, and Poverty Alleviation, nationally and internationally as per follow:

- 3.1 Director, Public and International Cooperation, Supportive Fund of Investment Development in Agriculture (SFIDA), Advisor to the Board of SFIDA since May 2021, going on;
- 3.2 Advisor to Basel and Stockholm Conventions Regional Center (BCRC-SCRC), DOE, Iran, since Dec 2020;
- 3.3 Member of advisory committee for the Nordic Report on Addressing Microplastics in a Global Agreement on Plastics Pollution, March 2022- Oct. 23;
- 3.4 International Consultant for Max Foundation, The Netherlands , Feb 2021-Dec. Feb. 2022;
- 3.5 International Consultant, The Centre for Economic Governance and Accountability in Africa (CEGAA) , Feb 2021-Dec. Feb. 2022;
- 3.6 I was a NPM/ team leader/project director of many national and international Pilot projects in Asia and Pacific countries such as Iran, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, **Fiji**, etc.
- 3.7 Chief Executive Officer, Agricultural Crops Development Fund, Ministry of Agriculture, Iran, Oct. 2018-2020
- 3.8 Consultant to mega programme entitled "Urmia Lake Restoration Program" (ULRP) (<http://ulrp.sharif.ir/en>) Sept. 2018-2021;
- 3.9 Consultant to FAO on designing field interventions for FAO project in Urmia lake Basin, Dec 2018 up to April 2019;
- 3.10 Director of Strategic Research division (2017-2018) and International Cooperation division, ULRP since 2015-2017;

- 3.11 **National Project Manager of FAO** Project entitled “Integrated Programme for Sustainable Water Resources Management in the Urmia Lake Basin” 2016-2018 to oversee the project;
- 3.12 Director, Pilot Projects Division, Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Bangladesh, March 2009- Dec 2014;
- 3.13 Director in-charge, Administration and Finance Division, CIRDAP, Bangladesh, 2012-14;
- 3.14 Director in-charge, Research Division, CIRDAP, Bangladesh, 2013-14;
- 3.15 **Officer in charge of the center**, as senior director, 2013-14;

I conducted more than 30 international pilot projects, training programmes/workshops/ Seminars on different topics such Climate Change, Water Resources Management, Environment, food security in collaboration with governments/ NGOs/ International and regional organizations/ universities in many countries such as Bangladesh, Afghanistan, **Fiji**, Lao PDR, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Myanmar, Philippine and Iran. The list of the programmes are available if required.

- 3.15 Director, Support affairs of Rural Development Department, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Iran, 2007- 08;
- 3.16 Programme Officer (PO), senior PO and Deputy Director, Ministry of Agriculture, 1991-2007;
- 3.17 During my career I was advisor to
 - 3.14.1 Sharif University of Technology, Iran;
 - 3.14.2 Institute of Agricultural Planning, Economics Researches and Rural Development;
 - 3.14.3 Department of Environment, Iran;
 - 3.14.4 and some national NGOs.
- 3.18 Delivered many speeches in international events and also as resource person in different national and international workshops and training courses.

4: Qualifications (some):

- As resource person, I conducted many programs in different countries of Asia and the Pacific.

I was awarded many certificates from different countries and organisations. Some of them are from the following organizations:

- Peace Studies Scientific Association on Social work, social diversity and inclusiveness in the eco-social approach
- Basel and Stockholm Regional Center – Iran, 2023;
- **Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia**, 2021;
- Basel and Stockholm Regional Center and Department of Environment – Iran, 2021;
- CSIR- National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)- India, 2021;
- Basel and Stockholm Regional Center and Department of Environment – Iran and BRS, 2021;
- Korea Research Institute for Local Administration and Muhammadiyah University Jakarta, 2020;
- **Balaton Development Coordination Agency** for presenting on the occasion entitled: Global Lake Marathon, Nov. 2020;
- **Korea Research Institute for Local Administration, NIPA School of Administration Jakarta, Muhammadiyah University Jakarta**, As speaker in International Web-Conference, June 2020;
- **FAO and IRPID-IRN**, on Water Accounting: Concepts and Tools, Feb 2019

- **UNDSS**, BSAFE certificate, December, 2018
- **MARDI**, Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute, July, 2018
- **LDTA**, Local Development Training Academy, Nepal, as resource person, Sept. 2018
- **United Nations University** and **University of Tabriz**, on the Nexus Approach in Environmental Resources Management, November 2017
- **Iran chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture**, on Virtual Water, May 2017
- **TWENTE University**, Netherlands, 2017
- **University of Melbourne**, Water Reform Journey in Australia, 2017
- **GSI**, Geological Survey of Iran, as Key Speaker, 2016
- **Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)**, on Towards to a Resilience and Sustainable Society in Turbulent World, August 2014
- **SEARCA**, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture, Philippines, 2014;
- **MRRD**, Ministry of Rehabilitation and Rural Development, I.R. Afghanistan, 2014;
- **MRRD**, Ministry of Rural and Regional Development, Malaysia, 2014;
- **IPDN**, Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia, Horizontal Learning Process, 2014;
- **NIRD**, National Institute of Rural Development, on Result Based Management: Performance Indicators Monitoring and Evaluation, 2010, India, on M&E,
- **Ministry of Rural and Regional Development**, 2009 Malaysia, Success Stories of Malaysia on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation;
- **UNIDO**, TOT of industrial clusters course, 2007, Iran;
- **ECO**, Economic Cooperation Organisation, 2004, Turkey; It was on postharvest losses
- **APO**, *Asian Productivity Organisation*, 2002, Japan;

- **NIRD**, *National Institute of Rural Development*, 2002, India, for participating in a training course for two months;
- **G2** certificate of German language from *Austria Cultural Institute*, 2001;
- **APO**, *Asian Productivity Organisation*, 1999, Japan;
- **University of Guelph, Canada**, 1999 for participating in a workshop about Rural Development.

5: Publications and Papers: (last five of them)

- Book, 2023, Save the Chichester, pages 192-212, published by Sharif University of Technology;
- (Book under editing), Urmia Lake Restoration Program: Challenges and Lessons;
- (Book), 2015, Youth in Development in CIRDAP Member Countries, CIRDAP (Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific), Bangladesh; it was prepared and published under my supervision;
- (Book) Shahbaz, H et al, 2015, Decentralized Approach of Community Development in Bangladesh: “Strengthening of Institutional Capabilities and Rural Population for Territorial Development”
- Shahbaz, H. and et al, 2014, Perception and Vulnerability of People Related to Climate Change: A Case Study on Sundarbans Area in Bangladesh, presented and published in Int. Conference, Malaysia;
- Shahbaz, H. 12 Dec 2011, Developing of New Models and Products in Decentralization, 5th Regional Policy Dialogue of CIRDAP Member Countries, Tehran, Iran;
- Shahbaz, H. May 2010, Local Rural Government in Bangladesh, presented and published at Int. Conference on Rural Settlements, Zahedan, Iran.

6: Researches and Studies: Just three of them

- As director of Strategic Research Division, Urmia Lake Restoration Program (ULRP), I was in charge of almost 40 researches being conducted by different universities. The list is available if required.
- Shahbaz, H. 2012-2018, Impacts of **Water Salinity on Livelihoods around Sundarban Mangrove Forests in Bangladesh: A Socio-Scientific Study**;
- Shahbaz, H. and Hilton, D., 2010-11, Field Study on bridging the gap among Farmers, Private and Public sectors regarding agricultural services in 6 villages, Bangladesh;
- Shahbaz, H. and et al, 2009-11, Retaining Rural School Children at School by maintaining Basic Health Care in 23 villages, Bangladesh;

7: Some of recent speeches at different international events (selected)

- 7.1. Online Horizontal Learning Programme Convention: Sharing Best Practices on Nurturing Leadership in Local Governance, 12-14 September 2023;
- 7.2. Preparatory meetings for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Bali, Indonesia, 27-29 March, 2022;
- 7.3. Learning from COVID-19 Experience and The Future Scenario of Village Governance: Case study: Iran, organized by Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia, 26 Nov. 2021
- 7.4. Online Waste Management System: An introduction to the comprehensive and specialized online waste management system in Iran, organized by Basel Regional Center, 13 July 2021;
- 7.5. Global Lake Marathon, A common Day for Lakes Worldwide, 27 Nov 2020;
- 7.6. First International and fourth National Congress on Iranian Irrigation and Drainage from 13-14 Nov. 2019, Iran;
- 7.7. Challenges of Urmia Lake and lessons learned from its Restoration Program, presented in Aral Sea Region – zone of ecological innovation and technology, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 24-26 Oct 2019
- 7.8. Middle East- Europe Forum (MEEF), Kish Island, Iran, October 19-21, 2018;
- 7.9. Joint actions to mitigate the consequences of the Aral catastrophe: new approaches, innovative solutions, investments, Uzbekistan, June 7-8, 2018;
- 7.10. FAO Expert Workshop, “Applying social-ecological system frameworks to improve sustainable land-use and enhance resilient agro-food systems under water scarcity”, FAO-HQ, German Room, January 23-25, 2018.

8: Skills and capabilities

- Policy and Decision Making
- Planning and Budgeting
- Experienced in Project Management
- Very good to review the reports and provide the comments;
- Skilled in different software such as Microsoft office (WORD, EXCEL, ACCESS, Power Point), ARC GIS, Internet tools and Adobe;
- Working knowledge of English;
- Very good in coordination and communication with different stakeholders, teamwork and leadership;
- Capable to manage the conflicts;
- Love sharing the knowledge and experiences;
- Result oriented person;

- Creative, quick and continuous learner;
- Highly experienced working with Government and international organisations;
- Interested in traveling.

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