

# Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi

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## Work experience:

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**March 2009  
till present**

*European External Action Service, Africa Department (European Commission until 31/12/10), **Head of West Africa Division** (19 staff) in charge of the relations with 16 Countries and 2 Regional Organisations. Bilateral official relations, political dialogue, follow-up of CFSP and CSDP initiatives, programming of EU aid. Main issues: conflict resolution and rehabilitation, crisis mediation and management, art 96 consultations, Ministerial dialogues, follow-up of elections, Sahel Strategy, Gulf of Guinea Strategy, EPA, migration, illegal traffics.  
**Deputy Chair of the Council Africa Working Group** since Apr. 2011.*

**October 2005 –  
March 2009**

***Head of the EU Regional Delegation** to Ghana, responsible also for Togo. Representation; political dialogue (art 8 and 13 of Cotonou); media relations; management of the assistance programmes to Ghana (€ 367 million) and Togo (€ 123 million); trade relations, including negotiation and signature of an Interim EPA; migration matters (Aeneas and Return programmes); offices and staff management (50 in Ghana, 20 in Togo).  
Member of the **Mediation Committee for the inter-Togolese crisis**. Co-chair (in Ghana) of the DAC Donor Group for 2008.*

**June 2004 –  
October 2005**

*The European Commission, EuropeAid Cooperation Office.  
**Head of Unit** for a 6 staff team attached to the Director General in charge of General Coordination and follow-up of devolution. Main files: Devolution, Financial Perspectives 2007-13, preparation of the European External Action Service, G8, Reorganisation of EuropeAid, coordination with donors, Aid Delivery Methods.*

**June 2002 –  
June 2004**

*The European Commission, Directorate General for Development.  
**Assistant to the Director General**. Overall general policy coordination and quality assurance. Various technical and administrative supports to the Management and the Director General.*

**1998 – June 2002**

*The European Commission, DG DEV/EuropeAid, Unit "Economic Cooperation with ACPs". **Administrator** in charge of Macro-Economic Adjustment Programmes and Private Sector Support programmes in Ethiopia, Djibouti, Mauritania, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Tanzania, Zambia. Horizontal tasks: general policy*

*orientations, multidonor SPA-group, Public Finance Management, relations with the Court of Auditors, Stabex, internal and external training.*

- 1993-1997** *The European Commission, Directorate General for Development (DGVIII). Expert “intra muros” and (since 16.1.95, competition COM/ A/764) Administrator at the Evaluation Unit, in charge of the evaluations of projects in Mediterranean countries, economic programmes, Food Aid and Health Sector in the ACP-countries. In charge of the global evaluation of European Aid to the ACP-countries, jointly managed with EU Member States.*
- 1990 - 1993** *Independent consultant and manager of a consulting firm in the field of development (DRN, Rome). Short-term missions to Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe for the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Commission, and other public and private bodies.*
- 1988 - 1991** *Management of a family-owned agricultural enterprise, high-tech laboratory of in-vitro propagation in Italy, Naples province.*
- 1984 - 1989** *Task Manager to CLES, Rome, centre for economic studies led by Prof P. Leon. Development projects for developing countries and Italian Regions (including for Structural Funds), cost/benefit analysis of major infrastructure projects (FIO), market research, regional planning.*
- 1982 - 1983** *Research Fellow at French Centre for Foreign Trade and ITEB in Paris. Studies on the trade and distribution systems of meat and live animals in Europe; focus on France/Italy trade.*

## **Education:**

- 1973** *High school Diploma, “Liceo Virgilio”, Rome*
- 1981** *Degree in Agriculture, Portici University (Italy, Naples). Academic Plan and Final Thesis in Agricultural Economics*
- 1983** *D.E.S.S. (MSc) in Development Economics, Paris 1 University “Panthéon - La Sorbonne” (IEDES)*
- 2004** *Salzburg Seminar, Session 420: “Trade, Aid, Development: Policy Tools for Poverty Reduction”*
- 2009** *Negotiation Learning Path Certificate ESSEC-IRENE*
- 2010** *Coaching programme for senior managers*

## **Publications/Academia:**

- 2011** *Member of “Accademia dei Georgofili”, Florence, Italy*
- 2010** *Organising and co-chairing an international seminar on “Security and Development in the Sahel”. Brussels 25-26 November*

<b>2007</b>	<i>“Collaboration in Action” – Publication + DVD celebrating 50 years of unified Europe and independent Ghana. European Commission, Accra</i>
<b>2001</b>	<i>With other authors “Ethiopia: Public Expenditure Review - Two volumes”. The World Bank, Washington</i>
<b>2000 and 1999</b>	<i>Same publication. The World Bank, Washington.</i>
<b>1994</b>	<i>With other authors “Employment and Structural Adjustment in Ghana”. EC, Luxemburg.</i>
<b>1993</b>	<i>“A successful FAO/Italy program for the support to the Agrarian Reform in the Philippines”. FAO, Rome</i>
<b>1988</b>	<i>With other authors “Agricoltura e sistemi locali di formazione”. Quaderni della Fondazione Brodolini, Marsilio Editori, Rome.</i>

### **Languages:**

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- **Italian (mother tongue),**
- **French – proficient user**
- **English – proficient user,**
- **Spanish – independent user,**
- **Portuguese – basic user.**

### **Skills:**

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- Negotiation/Mediation skills, including at ministerial and presidential level. Member of the EU Negotiator's Club,
- Leadership, management of HR with diverse cultural background,
- Capacity to give conferences; public relations with TV and press,
- Research, analysis, drafting capacity; ability to work under pressure,
- Successful organisation of Commissioners/President/MEPs missions,
- Dozens of missions to third countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe,
- Fluency in the Windows environment, in Word, Excel, and Power Point Applications.