

CURRICULUM VITAE 2021



1. **Surname:** Mesbah
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3. **Date of birth:** February 16, 1968
4. **Nationality:** French/ Swiss
5. **Civil status:** Married
6. **Education:**

<i>Institutions: (Date from – dates to)</i>	<i>Degree(s) or diploma(s) :</i>
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, University of Geneva and UNEP, Switzerland, April 2008-April 2009	Certificate of Advance Studies in Environmental Diplomacy
Department of Plant Genetics, Free University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, January 1994-December 1999	Ph.D in Plant Genetics
Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg, France, September 1992- July 1993	Molecular Biology Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies (Master Sc)
Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg, France, September 1987- July 1992	Biochemistry and Plant Physiology Maitrise (Bachelor Sc)

7. **Language skills: (1 = excellent - 5 = basic)**

<i>Language</i>	<i>Passive</i>	<i>Spoken</i>	<i>Written</i>
French	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
Dutch	2	2	2
German	2	2	2
Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian	2	2	2

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**

- Member of the **International Environment Forum** (IEF) since its creation 1997. Elected Member of the Governing Board on April 15, 2017 <https://iefworld.org/genass21> <https://iefworld.org/conf21> and re-elected since every year.
- Management Committee Member of COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) on **Integrated Crop Protection and production** March 2015 to November 2019 http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/fa/Actions/FA1405 Using three-way interactions between plants, microbes and arthropods to enhance crop protection and production
- Management Committee Member of COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) action on **waste water reuse** since October 2014-October 2019

[HTTP://WWW.COST.EU/COST_ACTIONS/ESSEM/ACTIONS/ES1403?MANAGEMENT](http://www.cost.eu/COST_ACTIONS/ESSEM/ACTIONS/ES1403?MANAGEMENT)
[NT](http://www.nereus-cost.eu/people/management-committee/)

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- Management Committee Member of COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) **on snow monitoring as indicator to climate change** 2014- 2018
[HTTP://WWW.COST.EU/COST_ACTIONS/ESSEM/ACTIONS/ES1404?MANAGEMENT](http://www.cost.eu/COST_ACTIONS/ESSEM/ACTIONS/ES1404?MANAGEMENT)
[NT](http://www.nereus-cost.eu/people/management-committee/)
- Member of the Consumer Citizenship Network. Acting on behalf of IEF, participated in the CCN Working Group meeting in Budapest on 17-18 February 2006.
- **Project Cycle Management Training for EC** externals completed in Brussels in May 2006 with Euronet Consulting.
- Took part as an expert for BiH in the (April 18-20, 2012) **European Commission (EC) workshop on Ecosystem Services Mapping and Assessment** of EU enlargement and integration countries, at the **JRC in Ispra** Italy.

9. **Other skills (e.g. computer literacy, etc.):**

Computer literate. Great capacity for teaching others gained through experience as teacher but also work on leadership workshops. Artistic and creativity skills in drawing and painting. Garden design and maintenance with a good knowledge of European and tropical plants. Provides online knowledge and guidance in plants and gardening skills called *plantus nobilis*

https://www.facebook.com/plantus.nobilis/?modal=admin_todo_tour

10. **Present position: Faculty, Wilmette Institute**

11. **Years within the company: 4**

12. **Key qualifications (relevant to the project):**

More than 20 years experienced as **Expert** for the **EU** and the **UN** including in the **Balkans** and around the world. **EU expert evaluator** as Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) of **EU** projects related to Protected areas and biodiversity conservation. Trained and well experienced in **EU Project Cycle Management** and EU Project proposals, including project **review** and **evaluation**. Strong Management and **leadership skills** including diplomacy, persuasion. Excellent written and oral **communication in English and French** among other languages, **excellent analytical and** research and team work skills as successful **university professor** for students but also for other audiences. Experienced international trainer in sustainable development including MOOCs on **Protected Area Management and Biodiversity Conservation** in western Africa with UNDP. Experience and competencies on Sustainable Development includes governance and civil society development but also **environment protection** including **biodiversity**, with an extensive experience in **Biodiversity Strategic planning** in Montenegro with UNDP. Published and experienced in **ecosystem services** approach for a **sustainable** economic development.

13. **Specific experience (in non-EU member countries)**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date : from (months/year) to (months/year)</i>	<i>Name and brief description of the project</i>
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Balkans, Europe and and global	Since 2000	Work with International Organisations including UNDP, FAO, UNEP, OSCE and the EU, for civil society, government, private sectors and Universities on sustainable development including agriculture, rural development, biodiversity and ecosystems , environment, energy, climate change, education and

		democratization related to the EU enlargement process
Western and Central Africa	September 2014-January 2015. March 2016-September 2018 Since February 2019	Inventory and Assessment of small grants for Nature Conservation for IUCN with a visit to Burkina Faso and Niger. https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/45861 UNDP In connection with the ‘ Global Support to NBSAP ’ project’s Expert Review Support process, develop and facilitate an eight-week in-person in Senegal and online global courses including for Western Africa . EU Result Oriented Monitoring review of the implementation of the Nagoya protocol on access and benefit sharing of genetic resources in Africa, Caribbean Pacific (ACP) countries with a mission to Benin in February 2019
Kosovo	May 2010-April 2011	Senior expert environment on EU funded project managed by DG Enlargement Implemented by COWI-IPF Consortium related to the EU enlargement process (Kosovo is a potential candidate country)
Montenegro	May 2013-January 2014	UNDP Lead consultant for setting targets and drafting National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) including climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, related to the EU enlargement process
Algeria	March-May 2014	EU project to Support to professional development of a Master on Environmental Health with the University of Annaba, Algeria
South Eastern Asia	February-March 2020	EU Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) for ACP Global review of the Biodiversity Conservation and Management Programme for 10 countries in South Eastern Asia, including a visit to the Philippines and to Malaysia

14. Professional experience:

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
Since April 2017	Global	Wilmette Institute	Faculty	Faculty member of the Wilmette Institute for the online course on Climate Change and on sustainable development and prosperity of humanity http://wilmetteinstitute.org/faculty_bios/laurent-mesbah/ http://www.cvent.com/events/sustainable-development-and-the-prosperity-of-humankind/event-summary-4e60653b0dbd4f5287e3ea8408c65137.aspx http://www.cvent.com/events/climate-change/event-summary-5b4d4afa7ca14bb3af3b4043a2319422.aspx
Since January 2019	Global	BIHE (Baha’I Institute for Higher Education)	Affiliated Global Faculty	As member of the affiliated global faculty, for the distance learning programme helped design and implement the master programme in environmental sciences, teaching principles of environmental sciences, climate change, environmental biology, biodiversity and ecosystem services. Teaching botany and plant physiology for undergraduate biology students.
Since January 2019	Africa, Carabes, Pacific	KOMIS/Landell Mills(Result Oriented Monitoring of Centrally Managed Thematic Projects)	ROM expert	EU Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) review of the implementation of the Nagoya protocol on access and benefit sharing of genetic resources in ACP countries with a mission to Benin in February 2019 http://www.komis.be/ EU Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM) ACP Global review of the Biodiversity Conservation and Management Programme for 10 countries in South Eastern Asia, including a visit to the Philippines and to Malaysia in February 2020 https://www.landell-mills.com/news/2019/10/25/landell-mills-wins-rom-global-contract
June 2016- June 2020	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bloom Earth School	Bloom Earth Programme Director	Together with the Bloom School Leadership team build the vision, strategy and implementation of Bloom Earth School Programme . With the other team members involved including teachers, facilitates, encourages and coordinates the production, research, development, education , awareness raising, knowledge, know-how and pedagogy sustainable farming in the garden for vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruits but also the sustainable use of nearby forest and its biodiversity . http://www.bloom.edu.ba/

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Feb 2011-March 2019	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Associate Professor	Teaching Environmental Sciences to University undergraduates students. The course I develop and carry out provides fundamental knowledge and understanding on global and local environmental challenges including Climate Change facing human societies and their future. It presents the concept of sustainability in nature within the ecosystems and their biodiversity it also but looks at how human societies can modify these natural environments and sustain them for their own future. https://aubih.edu/en/
March 2016-March 2018	Global	UNDP	International Consultant	Included in the Global Expert Review Support Consultant roster with Specialization in Biodiversity Planning . In connection with the ‘Global Support to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans ’ project’s Expert Review Support process, develop and facilitate an eight-week in-person and online course in Dakar, Senegal for countries in Western Africa. In 2016 facilitate the global MOOC online course in French language set up with Conservation International the Convention on Biodiversity, UNEP and UNDP. In 2017 facilitate in French language the MOOC online course on greening consumption and production. And an other MOOC online on Resilience for Development from November 2017 to February 2018. These online MOOC contributed to set up the Learning for Nature programme launched in October 2018 https://learningfornature.org/ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8vwCyAB16RoXpLPC07iMXb8G6y8tRhet http://nbsapforum.net/uploads/1830.pdf https://www.conservationtraining.org/enrol/index.php?id=253 . http://nbsapforum.net/#read-resource/2573 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx3AnHEqd5A&index=6&list=PL8vwCyAB16RpAoXDHrLYdU3bX6Vpqoc4m
March-July 2016	Sarajevo and Brussels	<i>Prospect consultancy</i> for the European Commission, DG Environment	International Evaluator	Evaluation of LIFE Integrated Project Proposals by member states in order to support the implementation of Natura 2000 and the Bird and Habitat directive of the European Union. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2014/

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Sept Nov 2015	Sarajevo	UNDP, French Embassy, US embassy	International Consultant	In collaboration with UNDP, the French and American Embassy Laurent Mesbah, prepared and acted as moderator for the conference on climate change in Sarajevo on 23 November 2015 a week ahead of the global conference in Paris (COP 21 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change)
June 2015- 2021	Sarajevo and Brussels	European Union Cooperation in Science and technology (EU-COST)	Evaluation Expert	External Expert to evaluate applications to the open call to proposals launched every year by the COST Association. Proposals funding for networking tools and dissemination are open to researchers in the EU and partner countries to establish a network and cooperate on scientific research topics. My expertise includes nature conservation, ecosystem services, biodiversity , sustainable development policy, climate change , organic farming, molecular biology, biochemistry, plant physiology and genetics and ethics.
Sept 2014- Jan 2015	Central and Western Africa	International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	International Evaluation Expert	Inventory and Assessment for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 29 countries in Central and Western Africa of Small Grants from major global donor programmes including UN GEF Small Grant Programme. Field visits in Burkina Faso, Niger, with team member going to Ghana. A special attention was given to the sustainable management of protected areas , including cross-border. https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/45861
March –May 2014	Annaba, Algeria	ACE Consultants, EU funding	International Expert	EU project Support to professional development of a Master programme on Environmental Health with the University of Annaba, Algeria
May 2013- January 2014	Podgorica, Montenegro	UNDP Montenegro	International Lead Consultant	UNDP Lead consultant for setting targets and drafting National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) for Montenegro for 2020 https://www.cbd.int/doc/world/me/me-nbsap-v2-en.pdf with a strong focus on ecosystem services and protected areas in relation to EU Birds and Habitats Directives and Natura 2000 in line with the EU enlargement process .Lead the Consultative Working Group representing agency and government institutions. Ensure a larger public participation of different sectors in the strategy development and implementation process.

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May 2011-March 2013	Sarajevo, BiH	Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations	International Indicator Development Consultant	Review existing national environmental indicators in Bosnia and Herzegovina and produce a new comprehensive framework; Produce comprehensive new indicator framework including data sources. Take part in drafting the State of the Environment Report for BiH co-sponsored by UNEP, under the Millennium Development Goals Fund (MDGF), in line with EU Acquis (for the environment chapter, a EU requirement is to regularly report on the state of the environment, including on IPCC) and the EU enlargement process with a special focus on Climate Change-related issues and protected
May 2010-May 2011	Pristina, Kosovo	NIRAS EU funded project COWI-IPF Consortium	Senior Expert, Environment	Improvement of District Heating for Pristina, Kosovo, Feasibility Study Update. Responsible expert for preparation of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and the Strategic Environment Action Plan (SEAP) and mitigation strategies and protected areas for biodiversity conservation. Coordination and gaining agreement with Ministry of Environment, beneficiaries and other stakeholders on the EIA and the EAP in line with the EU enlargement process for the environment chapter.
August 2003-October 2010	OSCE Fra Andela Zizdovica 1, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	OSCE International Organisation	Head of Field Office and Municipal Coordinator	Design, Initiate, Coordinate and implement the department programmes with the local government on good governance , public administration reforms and democratic practices, including civil society development. Projects implemented by Local Authorities and civil society partners include sustainable approaches to long term development strategies such as local environmental action plans (LEAP) at the municipal, cantonal and regional level in line with EU Acquis (for the environment chapter, a EU requirement is to improve environmental governance) and the EU enlargement process in connection with other International Organisation partners such as the EU, UNDP and the World Bank.
July 2001-Feb 2003	UNDP, Marsala Tita 48, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH	International organization, United-Nations	Youth Confidence Building Project Coordinator	Project Co-ordinator: Youth Confidence Building in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Responsible for developing confidence and capacities for young people from different ethnic backgrounds throughout the country. UNDP focal point for youth. World Bank Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP): in 2002 and 2003, member of the working group in charge of commenting and editing the PRSP paper for the Millennium Development Goals BiH on Education, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry.
July 2000-July 2001	Youth Leadership Programme, Sarajevo	University Nur, Bolivia	Programme Manager	Working with local NGO partners , in capacity-building training workshops for value-based youth leadership.

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Jan 1994- Dec 1999	Free University, De Boelelaan, Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Free University, Amsterdam	PhD research Fellow and teaching assistant	<i>PhD Fellow, Plant Disease Resistance Group, Department of Genetics</i> Recipient of a Training and Mobility of Researchers Fellowship - Marie Curie Fellowship from the European Commission. <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Theoretical and practical courses for first and second year university biology students.

Other relevant information (publications, etc)

- L.A.Mesbah (2021) Keynote speaker for Baha’I academy, Panchgani, India, for the Observance of UN’s World Environment Day 5 jUNE 2021 on “resetting our relation with Nature” three hundred participants who included Academicians, University Officials, College Principals and teachers, students from institutions of higher learning, Executives from industries, eminent researchers and educationists from India and other countries. YouTube link to the recording of the programme the speech can be found from 25’ to 45’ and at 132’:<https://youtu.be/TsoG7RazFaw>.
- L.A. Mesbah (2021) Drafted the International Environment Forum statement on Biodiversity published on March 2021. <https://iefworld.org/news141> a video was produced and produced based on the statement: <https://vimeo.com/530296612>
- L.A.Mesbah (2021) Presentation on the power of youth to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. Impact Summit online conference on 29 January 2021. <https://www.facebook.com/1589715971141616/posts/3619797284800131/>
- L.A.Mesbah and R. Teclerariam Mesbah (2020): International Environment Newsletter September 2020: Community Gardening: A Fertile Ground for Spiritual Growth? <https://www.iefworld.org/news135>
- L.A. Mesbah (2018) **Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals**, Contributions of the International Environment Forum to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) of the United Nations: <https://iefworld.org/conf22#Mesbah> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz4VCM97bjI>
- L. A. Mesbah (2017) **Environmental Changes as forces for disintegration and integration** Conference on Justice "*From Disintegration to Integration: navigating the forces of our time*" April 14-17 2017, De Poort, The Netherlands. Conference Proceedings <http://www.iefworld.org/conf21>
- L. A. Mesbah and Steve Powell (2016) Inventory and Assessment for the **International Union for the Conservation of Nature** (IUCN) in 29 countries in Central and Western Africa of **Small Grants** from major global donor programmes including UN GEF Small Grant Programme. <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/45861> The inventory made for these countries for IUCN is made available online. <https://stevepowell.shinyapps.io/IUCN/>.
- L. A. Mesbah (2015) In collaboration with UNDP, the French and American Embassy Laurent Mesbah Prepared and acted as moderator for the **conference on climate change** in Sarajevo on 23 November 2015 a week ahead of the global conference in Paris (COP 21 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) <http://aubih.edu/#idszt846bashfd24t7wefh8923fw95> http://www.ba.undp.org/content/bosnia_and_herzegovina/en/home/presscenter/articles/2015/11/24/bih-road-to-cop21-in-anticipation-of-the-world-climate-conference/

- L. A. Mesbah (2015) UNDP Lead consultant for setting targets and drafting **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)** for **Montenegro for 2020** with a strong focus on ecosystem services and protected areas <https://www.cbd.int/doc/world/me/me-nbsap-v2-en.pdf>
- L.A. Mesbah (2014), **Conference on Climate Change: Global and Local Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st century** <http://www.ibu.edu.ba/en/burch-news/2014/climate-change-global-and-local-challenges-and-opportunities-for-the-21st-century-seminar.html>
- L. A. Mesbah (2014), **Ecosystem Services** for a Sustainable Energy Policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina BALKAN JOURNAL OF ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING, 2014, Vol.2, No.3
file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/user/My%20Documents/Downloads/006_l-a--mesbah--ecosystem-services-for-a-sustainable-energy-policy-in-bosnia-and-herzegovina.pdf
- L. A. Mesbah (2013), **Ecosystem Services** for a Sustainable Energy Policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 4th International Symposium on Sustainable Development (ISSD), May 24, 2013, International Burch University, Sarajevo <http://conferences.ibu.edu.ba/index.php/ISSD/ISSD2013/paper/view/1523>
- Published as Co-author in May 2013 with UNEP, The State of the Environment Report in BiH http://www.unep.ba/tl_files/unep_ba/PDFs/Izvjestaj_prelom_ENG_10-2013_elektonski.pdf
- **Ecosystem services** for sustainable development in BiH and the Balkans, 2009, University of Geneva/UNEP. www.unige.ch/formcont/.../TheseMesbahLaurent
- Paper on “Knowledge for sustainable development “at the 5th International Environment Forum conference on 19-21 October 2001 in Czech Republic <http://iefworld.org/dmesb01.htm>
- Published in peer reviewed scientific journals since 1993.

References:

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