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He started his career in 1983 as a development specialist and worked in Senegal, Bolivia, Burkina Faso and Zambia as a researcher, advisor and team leader in rural programs strengthening local organizations and government organizations. In 1996 he joined the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a development advisor. After a secondment to the European Commission from 1999 to 2002 linked to development research policy, he joined management and lead the work on institutional development, international trade and development and private sector development. Before joining the permanent representation to the OECD he was the strategic advisor for Africa in the political directorate.

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