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From 1997 to 2006, he served as a livestock specialist in the Africa Region of the World Bank. In this capacity he supported operations promoting livestock sector development in the region and participated in the formulation of policy and strategy. In 2004 he created the multi-stakeholder partnerships for the development of livestock in Africa, ALive. He led the multi-disciplinary operational task force for AHI in the Africa region until 2006.

In addition to his geographic responsibilities, he has participated in a number of corporate thematic initiatives, including the Livestock Thematic Group (to which he was elected president in 2000) and the Sustainable Agriculture Systems Thematic Group (elected president in 2003). He was in charge of veterinary issues in the Global Emergency Response to the Avian and Human Influenza (AHI). In 2005, he established the Global Partnership for Animal Health with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). He has been the Chairman of the advisory committee to the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund since its creation in 2006.

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From 2006 to 2011, he held several managerial positions, including:

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In September 2011, he was appointed Livestock Adviser of the World Bank, in the Agriculture and Rural Development Department of the Sustainable Development Network.

He is author or co-author of several technical and scientific publications in the area of agriculture and rural development, and livestock and animal health. He is an alumni of the Institut Pasteur de Paris since 1989.

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