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Personal Data

Date of Birth: 3rd of September 1986

Nationality: Egyptian

Objective

To benefit my community as well as myself through a nonstop process of working and learning; where I get the chance to usefully utilize my technical background and interpersonal skills.

Education

- 2011-2015: Ain Shams University – Faculty of Engineering
Master of Science degree in Department of Urban Planning and Design.
Topic: 'Good Urban Governance of Informal Settlements in Metropolitan Areas: Case Study of Ezzbet Al-Haggana, Cairo'. The thesis won the excellence award for academic year 2014-2015 in Ain Shams University.

The pre-master courses included: Research Methodologies, Statistics, Theories and Practices of Urban Planning, Environmental Conservation.

- September 2011- February 2012: Institute of Tropics and Sub-tropics (ITT)
Scholarship Holder from the German Academic Exchange Service- DAAD –in the CNRD- Center for Natural Resources and Development-, the program was in cooperation with Ain Shams University and included 6 certified academic courses for one semester in the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany. The included courses in the program were discussing topics such as: Bioenergy, Urban Management, Integrated Housing, Sustainability Indicators, Environment and Conservation.
- 2009: Ain Shams University – Faculty of Engineering
Bachelor of Science Degree, Major in Urban Planning and Design, Grade: Good
The included courses in the undergraduate studies were discussing topics such as: Housing, Urban Sociology and Economic Geography, Architectural Design and Landscaping, Environmental Control, Planning Law and Legislation, Urban Design, Feasibility Studies and Cost Estimation, , Urban Economy, New Communities and Settlements, Growth of Informal Squatter Areas, Housing Economy, Regional Development and Planning, Informal Housing, City Management, Urban Development in Developing Countries, Planning and Rural Development.
- 2003: AB Egyptian Private Language School
General Egyptian Secondary Education Certificate, Math Division, Grade: 95.1 %

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Employment History

- October 2015-Present: Helm NGO
Job Title: Assessment Manager, Entaleq Project
- February 2014- July 2014: IUSD Lab, Cairo
Job Title: Research Assistant, Ain Shams University
The job related tasks at IUSD included working as researcher in two projects, in which the first required preparation of business plans and project management reports as consultant for Federation of Egyptian Banks FEB on the optimum methods of achieving an integrated development in 15 informal areas in Helwan within: Education; health; child nutrition; micro-finance; youth and women training & employability; transportation & household gas connections; and Illiteracy.
While the second project required research on innovative methods to achieve sustainability of resources within new developed villages in Egypt, where the case of Farafra oasis was further examined in terms of supply and demand of both existing and newly constructed communities.
- August 2014- September 2014: Oecumene Studio
Job Title: Project Coordinator of 'A School Yard for All- حوش يجمعنا'
Worked as Project Coordinator for 'A School Yard for All- حوش يجمعنا', which is a participatory design and construct project aiming to benefit the local Syrian and Egyptian community in Gamasa. The project took place within Gamasa Experimental School, which comprised a series of participatory workshops with the Syrian and Egyptian students of the school as design partners to upgrade the Schoolyard of Gamasa Experimental School. The project is organized by Oecumene Studio, a research, design and build platform, was supported by UNHCR in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE), and funded by the State of Kuwait.
The Job related tasks included: preparation of the workshop executive plan, financial breakdown of the budget per activities, advising on logistics, launching call for volunteers and proceeding with their selection, workshop expenses management, coordination with other involved stakeholders, participating in children co-design workshop, conducting a full participatory design workshop with school teachers, preparation of opening event, documentation of executive process during project phases.
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- April 2014-June2014: Environics SAE Consultancy in cooperation with the PDP - Participatory Development Programme/GIZ German Agency for International Cooperation-
Job Title: Area Coordinator of the informal area of 'Ain Shams'
Participated in the conduction of the report "Feasibility Studies for Pipeline Projects, Providing for Alternatives for Upgrading/Improving Services in Cairo Governorate", the objective of this consultancy work was to produce a pipeline of projects, in order to support PDP in the selection of projects for the award of funding. The report investigated 6 main

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thematic areas that were defined by PDP, which are: Health, Education, Environment, Waste Management, Recreation and Youth, and Transportation.

The Job related tasks encompassed conducting series of meetings with different stakeholders towards identifying on ground solutions to the existing issues within Ain Shams. Furthermore, the work involved proposing the appropriate project ideas in the form of project profiles that were explained to the different stakeholders, and subjected to voting process for prioritization. Consequently, the mission proceeded until the writing of the final report that implied: area profile, updated list of issues and needs, areas of intervention, methodology of prioritization, and the feasibility studies for the selected pipeline projects.

<http://www.environics.org/index.html>

http://egypt-urban.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Ain-Shams-FSPP-Executive-Summary_Sep-2014.pdf

- April 2013-March 2014: Master Program of Integrated Urbanism and Sustainable Design – IUSD-, which is a dual degree from Ain Shams University in Egypt and University of Stuttgart in Germany

Job Title: Research Assistant, Ain Shams University

The job related tasks at IUSD included working as Teacher Assistant through IUSD 2013 Winter Semester (courses of 'Integrated Case Study' and 'Design Projects: Urbanism, Landscape, and Infrastructure'). Also, participated as editor in the production of two publications, in which the first publication 'The Integrated Case Study' was concerned with discussing various methods of conducting integrated urban studies and the associated empirical interventions in the informal area of 'Ezzbet Al-Nasr' in Cairo, while the second one is 'Negotiating the Future' that questioned the urban development of 'Djerba' island in Tunisia. Participated additionally in the organization of IUSD events and workshops in Siwa and Cairo, in which the job related tasks included planning and coordinating these events, documentation, preparing reports, and production of guide books.

<http://www.iusd.uni-stuttgart.de/>

http://iusd-program.net/index.php?page_id=90

- July 2012- April 2013: 'Takween' for Integrated Community Development

Job Title: Urban planning Engineer

Participated in the production of a report on 'Rehabilitation of Historic Cairo' for the UNESCO in which two study areas of 'Bulaq Abul-Ela' and 'Arab Al-Yassar' were surveyed and analyzed. The Job related tasks included: physical surveying 'plot by plot', AutoCAD mapping, and statistical analysis of the surveyed physical and social data. The Job related tasks implied as well the participation in 'Tadamun' project which is an Egyptian initiative towards urban solidarity. The project is under the partnership of the American University of Washington and Ford Organization, in which the job related tasks were mainly concerned with research work on the urban governance in Egypt and the corresponding International models.

<http://www.takween-eg.com/>

<http://www.tadamun.info/>

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- September 2010-September 2011: 'Nadinco Constructions' Company
Job Title: Junior Architect, Technical Office in Cairo
The assigned tasks included the technical production of bill of quantities through 'AutoCad/Excel', the job mainly targeted quantity surveying for hotels and resorts projects in the Red Sea.
- October 2009-August 2010: 'Dar Salem' Office for Architecture and Interior Design
Job Title: Junior Architect
Participated in designing for residential projects (Architecture design, Landscape, and Interior), mainly villas in New Cairo and renovation of existing houses. The Job related tasks included: design and sketching, production of AutoCAD working drawings, Photoshop and PowerPoint presentations.
- July-August 2008: 'Selection Interiors' Office for Architecture and Interior Design
Job Title: Internship Architect
Participated in monitoring of the building codes and regulations for 'El-Talaa'e Settlement on Misr- Ismalya Road, in addition to preparing reports on current status and records of violations or construction problems.

International Conferences

- 11th-13th October 2015: Ecocity World Summit 2015
Co-Author of research poster '*Nubian Islands of Aswan, Egypt.*'
<http://www.ecocityworldsummit.com/>
- 25th- 27th November 2014: ARCHCAIRO6
Co-Author of research paper '*People-Oriented Governance as a Tool for Successful Urban Upgrading Projects in Cairo: A Question of Sustainability*', and participated through three days of the event in Cairo as well as oral presentation of the paper.
<http://archcairo6.cufe.edu.eg/default.aspx>
- 28th- 30th October 2014: World Sustainable Building Conference WSB14 Barcelona
Co-Author of research paper '*Good Urban Governance of Informal Settlements in Metropolitan Areas: Case Study of Informal Settlement of Ezzbet Al-Haggana, Cairo*', and participated through three days of the event in Barcelona as well as oral presentation of the paper during session 97.
<http://www.wsb14barcelona.org/programme/meeting-at-a-glance.html#97>

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Trainings

- October 2012: Ain Shams University and Institute of Tropics and Subtropics (ITT)
Workshop on 'Urban Governance and Effective Community Participation' as a part of the 'PartNar' Joint program. The workshop took place for two weeks in Cairo, Egypt and Cologne, Germany, and discussed issues in 'Ezzbet El-Haggana' with the existing stakeholders.
- Fall Semester 2009: American University of Cairo, Module 'Introduction to the Environmental problems in Egypt', it took place for one semester
- Summer 2008: 'Dale Carnegie', 'Effective Communication', Seminar for two weeks
- Winter 2008: 'Hands On', 'Marketing for non-Marketers', intensive course for 3 days
- 2008: Ain Shams University and Institute of Landscape in University of Stuttgart
Training on 'Environmental Impact Assessment' which was a part of Joint program with the support of the TEMPUS program - Trans European Mobility Programme for University Studies-, it took place for two weeks in Cairo, Egypt and two weeks in Stuttgart, Germany.
- Summer 2006: Arab Contractors company
Workshop on basics of building construction that took place for one month

Volunteer Experience

- December 2013-January 2014: Genaina in Action
Participant in the workshop 'Genaina in Action' that was organized by 'Takween' for Integrated Community Development. The participants' tasks included construction and coloring of children playing elements using tyres. The workshop was a part of the design and build project of creating playing open spaces in 'Masaken Othman' in 6th of October cit; which was implemented by 'Takween', supported by UNHCR in partnership with the official local authorities, and funded by the State of Kuwait.
- 2011: 'Megawra' (Built Environment Collective)
Participated through early phases of brainstorming and publicizing for the objectives and activities of 'Megawra' (The Built Environment Collective) that is an Egyptian non-profit organization; to strengthen the sense of community between practitioners, academics and students of architecture and urbanism.

Undergraduate Extracurricular Activities

- 2009: Senior year Farewell Party
One of the Organizing Team (3 members), in which the tasks included budget preparation, grabbing sponsors, legal papers, logistics, and coordinating the event.
- 2009: 'meca' Academy, Ain Shams University, Sales Module
- 2008-2009: KEY.CDC- Career Development Center- Ain Shams University
Participated in the Business Development Team (Public Relations and Fundraising, and Publications team)

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- 2008: ACES-Annual Conference for Engineering Students- Ain Shams University, Head of PR-Public Relations-. My role implied the leadership of a team of 18 members (planning, recruitment, trainings, media campaign, grabbing media sponsors and keynote speakers)
- 2007: ACES-Annual Conference for Engineering Students- Ain Shams University, External Public Relations Member
- 2006: ISLC-International Student Leadership Conference- American University of Cairo, Media Workshop
- 2006: ACES-Annual Conference for Engineering Students- Ain Shams University, Rise in Business Module

Skills Summary

- Computer Knowledge: Microsoft Office package - Word, PowerPoint and Excel- , Revit, AutoCAD 2D, Adobe-Photoshop, Adobe-In Design
- Managerial skills: Preparing and conducting presentations in both Arabic and English, Marketing, Sales, Documentation and preparation of reports.
- Interpersonal: Persistent, Committed, Self-Learning, Dynamic, Team Player, Leadership.

References

Furnished upon request