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Education & Training

- 2020 - 2025 PhD in Development Economics
University of Florence, Italy
- 2003 - 2004 Master of Science in International and Development Economics
Catholic University of Louvain and University of Namur, Belgium
- 1998 - 2002 Degree in Economics
Catholic University of Milan, Italy

Languages

English, French, and Spanish: fluent | Italian: mother tongue

Work Experience

- 2026 - present **Village Input Fairs Fund – USA**
Director, Social Enterprises
- Management of the Malian company Sene Sugu Folo to scale up the Village Input Fair innovation in Mali
 - SROI, Cost-effectiveness Analysis, Scale up and Strategic Plan
- 2024 - present **Northwestern University – USA**
Visiting Researcher
- Principal Investigator, Managing RCTs, writing scientific articles
 - Research on the Village Input Fair in Mali, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and Senegal
- 2023 - 2024 **Bocconi University - Italy**
Post Doc Researcher
- Research on Diversity, Equity, and Social Inclusion
- 2018 - 2023 **University of Zurich - Switzerland**
Research Director (formerly Managing Dir.)
- Coordinator for a **UNICEF-funded** Multi-disciplinary Study in Malawi using Wearable Technologies
 - Support for Researchers in the Design of Experimental Research and Review of Data Quality Plans, and Research Protocols
- 2012 - 2018 **Innovations for Poverty Action - Burkina Faso & Mali**
Country Director
- Managed a Portfolio of 15 Experimental Studies in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Ivory Coast (portfolio of 10 M\$)
 - Supervisor of 37 Employees - and around 900 Temporary Staff
 - Focal point with Researchers and Partners (MIT, Yale, Ministries, others)
 - Reviewer of Evaluation Design, Data Collection, and Data Quality

- 2009 - 2012 **Frères des Hommes** - France, NGO
Manager
- Succeeded Partnerships with UE, AFD, Hermès Foundation
 - Managed 6 economic Development Programs (each 0.5 - 1 M€) in Rwanda, RDC, Senegal, Haiti, and India
- 2008 - 2009 **European Network on Debt and Development** - Belgium, think tank
Manager
- Managed Relationships with NGOs and Funders like Ford Foundation or Oxfam
 - Assisted the Director in strategic planning and management
- 2007 - 2008 **United Nations Development Program UNDP** - Burkina Faso
Evaluation officer
- Participated in an IFAD Evaluation on Agricultural Export Program in Burkina
 - Evaluation Officer for Italian Government in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Ivory Coast

International Working Experience

Burkina Faso, Ghana, Haiti, India, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Senegal, RDC, Rwanda, Uganda, and Viet Nam

Publications

Dillon, A. and Tomaselli, N. (2025). Making Markets: Experiments in Agricultural Input Market Formation.

Dillon, A. and Tomaselli, N. (2025). Licensed to Deal: Auction Design for Market Creation in a Low-Income Country.

Lichand, G., Dzekedzeke L., Phuka J., and Tomaselli N. (2024) Using Wearable Sensors in Practice.

Lichand, G. et al. (2022). The early childhood development replication crisis, and how wearable technologies could help overcome it.

Additional Information

Founder & Board Member of the non-profit Village Input Fairs Fund, USA.

Founder & President of the Social Enterprise Sene Sugu Folo Sas, Mali.

Founder & Board Member of the Social Enterprise Miledù, Italy.

Good Knowledge of Statistical Software STATA and Econometric Modelling.

Grants & Prizes

2025 - \$500,000 | Livelihood Impact Fund for the Start-up of Village Input Fairs Fund & Sene Sugu Folo

2024 - €1,267,192 | Development Innovations Fund (FID) for the Project “Scaling Agricultural Input Market Innovations: Village Input Fairs in Ghana”

2023 - \$5,000 | IFAD grant for the working paper “Making Markets” presented at the conference “Jobs, Innovation and Value Chains in the age of Climate Change.”

2023 - \$249,487 | JPAL, ATAI Initiative for the Project “Scaling a Bundled Market-Creating Innovation in Burkina Faso and Mali”

2022 - \$840,030 | USAID, DIV Stage 2 for the Project “Scaling Agricultural Input Markets in Mali”

2020 - \$194,691 | USAID, DIV Stage 1 for the Project “Innovative finance and commitment mechanisms in agricultural input decisions”

2018 - \$359,078 | JPAL, ATAI Initiative for the Project “Rural Finance and Commitment Mechanisms in Agricultural Input Decisions”