

Curriculum Vitae - Vincenzo Tata

Is currently based in Tripoli (Libya), where he operates for AGENFOR INTERNATIONAL since 2016 as its Field Operations Manager, representing the organization by planning, supervising and implementing Agenfor International's local activities country-wide, and liaising with Libyan official institutions and destinations.

For Agenfor International he leads in Libya the implementation of the EU-financed projects:

- *Project "Takedown": research activities on relations between organized crime, immigration and terrorism in the North African and Sahel countries.*
- *Project "Derad": mapping and researching religious radicalization paths and features in Libya, as a support activity to the shaping of de-radicalization modules to be applied in the EU and in the North African and Sahel Countries.*
- *Project "Training Aid": training of a network of EU and North African practitioners, in the field of research and counter-radicalization activities.*
- *Project RAN (DG Home) - Libya2017: support to the creation of a network of North African and Sahelian practitioners, and liaison with concerned Libyan institutions.*

During the last year, in addition to the above mentioned activities, he contributed to the conceptualization, preparation and presentation of 3 additional EU projects, and in the signature of 15 main partnership agreements with Libyan municipalities and CSOs.

From 2016 to current date, he also operates in Libya as Operation Manager of the Libyan Ngo IOCS (International Organization for Consultancies and Services) and as an international free-lance consultant, mainly in the fields of:

- **Planning, Management, and Implementation of Humanitarian Relief/Cooperation Operations in all the Libyan territory.**
 - **Supply of Media-related services, Institutional Contacts, Analysis and Research in all the Libyan territory.**
 - **He is particularly active and fully operational in the south of Libya**
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Previous experiences:

2012-2015

From October 2012 to October 2015 he is employed by CIR, the Italian Council for Refugees (an Italian NGO active in the field of mixed migration management and protection of migrants and refugees' human rights) as Project Manager and Legal Representative in Libya, based and resident in Tripoli.

In Libya he is in charge of implementing various cooperation projects in the field of mixed migration management, financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, by the EU, and by other private

donors. He is also in charge of registering and legally representing CIR in Libya, interacting officially with Libyan institutions, in close coordination with CIR's Direction in Rome.

Main tasks:

- **Ensure the training and the daily management in Libya of a working group of an average 12 local and international operators; the working group, formed by employees of CIR-Libya, members of CIR's implementing partner Caritas-Libya, and members of Libyan NGOs, is in charge of direct assistance to migrants and asylum-seekers in the Detention Centers of the Libyan Ministry of Interiors, ensure support to local communities of irregular migrants on Libyan territory, capacity building for local authorities, research, and networking tasks.**
- **Organize and follow-up budgeting, accountancy and financial management of CIR in Libya, in order to ensure financial planning, cash flows, project financial management, and official financial reporting to be delivered to donors, CIR's Direction, CIR's Administration in Rome, and to the competent Libyan authorities.**
- **Ensure, as CIR's Legal Representative in Libya, a proper interaction with the Delegation for the International NGOs in the Libyan Ministry of Culture in order to fulfill all requested actions relating to the legal registration of the organization, the production of a Libyan Accountancy in Arabic, the management of CIR's Bank Account, the contracts for Libyan staff, and the fulfillment of all actions relating to payments of tax and contribution, ensuring that all the activities of the organization are performed within the framework of Libyan laws and regulations.**
- **Represent CIR in Libya and interact accordingly with the relevant Libyan institutions such as the Ministry of Interior, of Labor, of Social Affairs, of Foreign Affairs, of International Cooperation, with the Italian Embassy in Libya, with foreign Embassies and Consulates, with International Organizations (UNSMIL, UNHCR, EU, EUBAM, UNICEF, WFP, UNDF, UNHRC, IRC, IOM etc.) and with Libyan and international NGOs.**
- **Develop a special relation with UNHCR as the main international organization in charge of the protection of asylum-seekers and migrants, by establishing a durable operational coordination through a continuous participation to the PWG (Protection Working Group) meetings, referral, exchange of information, implementing partnership proposals.**
- **Develop a special relation with the Administration for Fighting Illegal Migration within the Libyan Ministry of Interiors, ensuring a continuous presence of CIR within the Libyan Detention Centers by organizing assessment visits, distributions, referral, interaction with police staff and officers, direct contacts with the detained migrants in order to supply direct support, estimate the level of human rights' respect in the detention facilities, and collect research data.**
- **Organize specific capacity building activities (workshops, bilateral meetings, conferences, trainings) targeting Libyan police staff, officers and Directors of the Detention Centers, Libyan administration, and local CSOs in order to enhance a more advanced approach to migration management, and encourage alternatives to the detention of irregular migrants.**
- **Organize contacts, networking, and coordination with local and international partners, stakeholders, local NGOs, and CSOs, Libyan Ministries and institutions (Min. of Social Affairs, Interiors, Labor, Foreign Affairs, Intl. Co-operation etc.) in charge of migration management, embassies, international NGOs and organizations (UNSMIL, UNHCR, EU, EUBAM, UNICEF, WFP, UNDF, UNHRC, IRC, IOM etc.), in order to ensure a proper cooperation and interaction, and create a base of contacts aiming to develop joint projects and partnerships, ensuring the right visibility among all the relevant operators.**
- **Organize research activities relating to mixed migrations in Libya: composition, routes, socio- economic and political implications of human trafficking, vulnerable groups, legal framework, national and international institutional response etc.**

- Participate proactively to the preparation of CIR's international projects relating to Libya and North Africa, supplying CIR's Project Office and CIR's Direction with proposals, budgeting, assessments, sectorial analysis, while managing the interaction with the Libyan partners in throughout the project preparation.
- Supply CIR's Direction in Rome with activity reports detailing the activities of CIR's working group in Libya, and illustrating the various stages of implementation of the ongoing projects.
- Supply CIR's Direction in Rome with first-hand exclusive information relating to mixed migrations and human trafficking in Libya, while following the daily political and social life of the country from a close perspective and reporting accordingly, operating within a network of personal contacts, sources, partners, covering the areas of interest within the whole Libyan territory.

Within the three years of cooperation with CIR he implements 3 major projects financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1 major project financed by the EU, and 1 project financed by private donors, managing 2/3 projects at the same time.

From July 2014, in spite of the open armed conflict he decides to continue his field activity from Libya, and he is until now the only western operator continuously based and operational in the country.

2009-2011

From 2009 to 2011 operates as a free-lance international consultant within the field of media production and management, intercultural activities, support to business, interacting with counterparts interested in operating within Arab or African countries. Among his clients: pan-Arab satellite television network Al-Jazeera, and a number of Italian companies and CSOs.

He regularly follows the developments of international politics and socio-economic trends, particularly within the Arab and African countries, with major focus on subjects relating to underdevelopment, migration, regional stability. From 2009 to 2011 he cooperates as a free-lance with Libyan humanitarian CSOs and organizations, supplying technical support, advice, and media-related know-how within projects relating to establishing free and democratic media in post-revolutionary Libya.

1994-2008

In March 1994 he is employed by the Orbit Satellite Television and Radio Network, a pan-Arab pay-tv satellite network launching from Rome 18 fully-digital thematic channels in Arabic and English on the North Africa, the Middle East and the Gulf.

From 1994 to 1996 he takes part to the launch of the network as a Corporate Marketing Researcher, in the Network's Corporate Marketing Department, working in close coordination with the Senior Management supplying it with field research, data analysis, feasibility studies, and exclusive information, operating within personal network of contacts that cover the whole pan-Arab region from Morocco to the Gulf.

From 1996 to 1998, after the completion of the Network's launch, he widens his interests towards the direct management of the Networks' television channels, and is responsible of organizing, budgeting, and directing a multi-cultural working group in the Centralized Scheduling Department, in charge of ensuring the on-air presentation of the 4 Orbit Arabic Channels.

He therefore works from 1998 to 1999 as a Programming Coordinator within the Orbit Programming Department, in charge of managing program budgeting, acquisition and optimization, strategic financial planning, yearly/quarterly/monthly program scheduling, daily management of the

channels' activities, operational interaction with the Network's Acquisition, Promotions, Sales & Marketing, and Presentation Departments.

From September 1999, due to the re-launch of the Orbit Arabic Channels, he is requested to create and direct the Orbit Arabic Services Promotions Department, forming and managing an Arabic working group in charge of planning, producing and airing the on-air promotional campaigns of 6 Orbit Arabic Channels.

At this stage he interacts with the Senior Management of the Orbit Arabic Services, in daily contact with the Orbit Production Studios in Cairo, Beirut and Saudi Arabia. He is responsible of rostering and managing the daily activities of 10 Arab producers, of budgeting, booking and optimizing the use of all the post-production facilities for the 6 Orbit Arabic Channels, and of the on-air presentation of the Arabic promotional material in the Network interacting on a daily basis with the Corporate Presentation and Scheduling Departments. With Senior Management he takes part to the strategic planning, creation and production of all the promotional campaigns for 6 Arabic Channels, liaising with Acquisition, Marketing, Programming and Production Departments.

From 1999 to 2008 he is involved, with managerial responsibilities, in the launch of 5 new Orbit arabic TV channels, and in over 20 high-profile promotional campaigns.

1985-1994

From 1985 to 1994 works, mainly abroad, as a free-lance journalist, specialized in Arab and African countries.

He creates and manages his own press agency, supplying main Italian and international media with exclusive analysis, articles, photo and video reportage. Among his clients: La Repubblica, il Corriere della Sera, L'Espresso, Sette, Panorama.

Within the agency he organizes and follows the administration and the field activities, the contacts with the clients, while he personally carries out the most important and delicate reportages. He works in Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, Angola, Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Venezuela, Peru, Mexico, US, and various European countries.

1962-1986

Born in Rome on the 23/05/1962, after completing the secondary school in classical studies, he widens his interests towards Arabic and African cultures studying in the Vatican Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies of Rome, where he successfully completes his bachelor course in June 1986, and in the Bourghiba Institute for Modern Arabic of Tunis, where he achieves the 5-years' final degree in August 1986.

Personal Information:

Skills and abilities:

- Excellent interpersonal and managerial skills. Ability to work long hours with tight deadlines, in a high-profile corporate environment, as well as in an extremely resource-limited, unsecure context, performing punctually the agreed tasks.
- Ability to work without close supervision: can successfully perform as team leader coordinating and motivating staff to success.
- Specific professionalism in successfully running an operation unit in a fast-pace environment
- Specific professionalism in running logistic and field operations in North Africa.
- Spirit of initiative, extreme adaptability, cold blood, discipline, sense of duty, loyalty, problem solving approach to daily challenges.
- 20 years of specific experience in working with Arab and international staff, managing, motivating and leading multi-cultural teams to success.

- Over 30 years of intense, first-hand experience within the Arab world. Knowledge of Arab and Islamic culture, history and religion; deep, direct knowledge of the North African and Black African world.
- Excellent writing skills, ability to report daily on performed activities, and of managing budgeting and financial reporting activities as well as official contacts at all levels.
- Talent in succeeding in logistic and organizational tasks within extremely adverse conditions.
- Self-organized. Flexible. Versatile. Tenacious.

Libyan “portfolio”:

- In the 4-years intense experience in Libya he acquires a first-hand, in-depth knowledge of the country at all levels. He develops and accumulates a wide range of professional contacts, ties and loyalties, enabling him to operate on the whole Libyan territory, including the South. He is currently legally resident in Libya, thus enabled to enter and exit the Libyan territory without restrictions.
- Within his personal, institutional contacts, he can interact upon request at medium-high level with current key the Libyan Ministries in both Tripoli and Beida.
- He is extremely well known and respected within key Libyan institutions, and performed in the last 4 years a continuous interaction with all International Organizations and NGOs operating in the humanitarian and cooperation field in Libya, as well as with Libyan CSOs and Associations.

Main Languages:

- Excellent command of written and spoken Italian, English, and Classical Arabic (this include knowledge of dialects from Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Sudan).
- Good command of spoken and written French.
- Basic knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese.

References:

A detailed list of other current clients, may be supplied upon request.

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