

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME : Richard Asare
YEAR OF BIRTH : 1969
NATIONALITY : Ghanaian
SPECIALISATION : Agricultural land-use planning, sustainable agricultural land-use and natural resource management, agro-forestry, crop production and integrated pest management (IPM)
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QUALIFICATIONS : Mr. Richard Asare is an agronomist with a solid theoretical and practical experience in agriculture and natural resource development and management. His in-depth knowledge in integrated farming systems strengthens his expertise with regards to sustainable agricultural land-use practise. His ability to identify problems and opportunities in the socio-economic context of the average farmer and developing agricultural strategies for the overall sustainable improvement in their livelihoods is deeply rooted in his educational background.

He has experience in multidisciplinary approaches to works on land use rights in relation to sustainable agricultural and natural resource development, especially in developing countries. He also has a good background in integrated soil nutrient management in the tropics.

Mr. Asare has an in-depth knowledge and experience in methods, tools and techniques in logical framework approach and participatory planning. He is also experienced in the use of qualitative data for the assessment of farmer participation, acceptability, knowledge, technical know-how, and sustainability in projects.

He possesses practical experience in agricultural education in schools and farmer education through extension services.

Above all he is able to work efficiently as an individual and/or in a multidisciplinary set-up in a multicultural environment.

EDUCATION : **MSc in Agronomy/ Land Use in Developing Countries**
January 2000
The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Copenhagen, Denmark

BSc Agriculture (Hons) June 1996
School of Agriculture, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

Diploma in Education June 1996
University of Cape Coast, Ghana

SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION : Certificate in International Project Management,
Carl Bro Management Denmark, September 2001,

Course content included:

- Logical Framework Approach (LFA)
- Team Building, Project Planning
- International Tendering and proposal Writing and
- Transfer of Knowledge

COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE : Ghana, Uganda and Denmark

LANGUAGES	: SPEAKING	WRITING	READING
ENGLISH	: Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
DANISH	: Fair	Fair	Good
GHANAIAN	: Mother tongue		

COMPUTER SKILLS : Custom Microsoft office and Internet user

EXPERIENCE RECORD : **Danida Forest Seed Centre (DFSC), Denmark 2001 to date**

Mr. Asare is currently working on models and pathways to reach farmers with good quality tree seeds in developing countries. He has been working in Uganda in collaboration with the National Tree Seed Centre in the country as part of DFSCs programme to develop a workable extension strategy for National Tree Seed Programmes.

Mr. Asare has also been working on a Danida and World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) supported programme on Improved Seed Supply for Agroforestry in African Countries (ISSAAC) in Uganda. He was engaged in the design of a diagnostic survey on germplasm supply, which he carried out at Kabale District in the Southwestern highlands of Uganda.

Research assistant in the Gwira Bansa Joint Forest Management Project Ghana (1999)

Mr. Richard Asare participated in the above-mentioned project as a research assistant. His work resulted in his master thesis. During his stay in the study area he took part in the organisation of workshops on 'the cultivation of shade tolerant crops'. A theme that has become part of CARE Denmark's project in the area. He also contributed to the extension officer's activities by providing input for farm demonstrations as well as the dissemination of other project information. He also participated in the program for land demarcation, which was part of the efforts by the project in a bid to ensure land security for farmers.

Farm assistant at Niels Møller Farms, Vojens Denmark (1996 – 1997)

As farm assistant on the above-mentioned farm, Mr. Asare had the following responsibilities:

- Took charge of post harvest storage of crops as feed for animals.
- Was part of the team responsible for the day-to-day formulation and rationing of animal feed.
- Was responsible for the routine inspection of animals between 9 – 30 kg and administered treatments.
- Was involved in field crop husbandry, which included field preparation and fertiliser application.
- Assisted in farm data collection for farm reports.

Student teacher in Accra Girls Secondary School (1994/1995 academic year)

Mr Asare taught general agricultural science in the above-mentioned secondary school during his teaching practice period at the University of Cape Coast.

OTHER : National Service Participant (1990)

Mr. Asare was a participant in the government of Ghana's National Service Program (1990/1991) and worked in the Northern Region of Ghana as a teacher in the Bunkpurugu Junior Secondary School in the East Manprusi District. He taught agricultural science and biology.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED : Regional Agroforestry Conference on ' Agroforestry Impacts on Livelihoods in Southern Africa: putting research into practice', Pretoria South Africa, May 2002.

At this conference, Mr. Asare presented a poster on Tree Seed Leaflets, which is a publication made by Danida Forest Seed Centre on practical seed handling information about specific tree species of

Agroforestry and Forestry importance.

Tune Workshop on Danida Agricultural Sector Programme Support, Tune Denmark, April 2002.

Mr. Asare was a participant at this workshop on behalf of Danida Forest Seed Centre. This workshop deliberated on the theme, 'How to involve farmers in the implementation of the Agricultural Sector Programme Support'.

Environment & Development Network Workshop on Rights in Relation to Natural Resources, Organised by CARE-Denmark. Copenhagen Denmark, August 2002.

Mr. Asare participated in this conference on behalf of Danida Forest Seed Centre. This workshop used the Rights-based Approach to assess problems in Natural Resource Management.

PUBLICATIONS : *Managing trees on farm levels: impact on crop production, a case study of the Joint Forest Management Project, Gwira-Banso Ghana.* Master thesis submitted to the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Copenhagen Denmark, 2000.

In search of an extension strategy: a review of modern paradigms and its application to national tree seed programmes. Danida Forest Seed Centre (unpublished), Humlebaek Denmark, 2002.

Diagnostic survey on germplasm supplies in Kabale District Uganda. Danida Forest Seed Centre (unpublished), Humlebaek Denmark, 2002.