

BASIL BACTAWAR -ANIMAL SCIENTIST/EXTENSIONIST

- 2006 University of British Columbia, Canada
Certificate in International Development.
- 1991 University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
M.Sc. in Animal Science.
- 1980 University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago
B.Sc. in Agriculture

OTHER TRAINING

- ❖ Leadership training, 2012 & 2013, University of Florida
- ❖ University Credits: French fifteen (15); Spanish nine (9); Public Administration six (6).
- ❖ Disaster preparedness training (2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014) conducted by Florida Department of Agriculture

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Lake Butler, Florida

July 2010 to March 2016

County Extension Director & Livestock Agent

I led on the development, delivery and evaluation of the County Extension program (Animal Science and Natural Resources).

BC MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, Canada

1994 to 2010

Livestock Industry Development Specialist

I worked as a Livestock Industry Development Specialist on research and extension with the British Columbia (BC) Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE – Guyana

1980 to 1987

Livestock Officer (Research and Extension)

My key role was managing a national research and extension program for improvement in forage varieties and livestock nutrition. I collaborated with specialists from the National Agriculture Research Institute (NARI), Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA).

CONTRACTS

- ❖ Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO), Saudi Arabia 2021. Completed a situational analysis of the Livestock Extension Service of the country and made recommendation to improve it
- ❖ North Carolina Department of Agriculture – Provided advice in feed registration and labelling, Sept 2016-May 2017.

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OTHER EXPERIENCE

1981 to 1984

Part-time Instructor in Pasture Development & Management and Animal Science at Guyana School of Agriculture, University of Guyana and the Regional Educational Program for Animal Health Assistants for the Caribbean.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

My passion for agricultural development is reflected in my volunteer work with three international development agencies (ACDIVOCA, WINROCK International and UNITERRA) on ten assignments. These included improvements of livestock productivity in Mali, Liberia, Ghana, Kenya, Bolivia, Uganda, Egypt, Azerbaijan and Belize during the last 13 years. In July 2015, I collaborated with University of the West Indies and the Caribbean Agricultural Extension Professional Network to develop a strategic plan for this organization.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ❖ Past Member of the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE).
- ❖ Past Member of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Agent (NACAA)
- ❖ Past Member of Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents Agent (FACAA)
- ❖ Past Member and Chaplain of Florida's Alpha Delta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi.
- ❖ Past Chair, Global Relations Committee, Epsilon Sigma Phi-Alpha Delta Chapter 2012
- ❖ Past Member of Caribbean Extension Professional Network. (CAEPNet)

AWARDS

- ❖ International Award for Excellence in Internationalizing Extension. University of Florida/Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences. 2015.
- ❖ National winner from the Southern region (USA) of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Early-Career Award for Achievements as a rising professionals who has shown noteworthy enthusiasm, performance, and accomplishment during his Extension career in program design and delivery. 2015
- ❖ State winner of Epsilon Sigma Phi- Florida Early-Career Award for Achievements as a rising professionals who has shown noteworthy enthusiasm, performance, and accomplishment during his Extension career in program design and delivery. 2014
- ❖ Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents (FACAA) 2011.
 - State Winner, Communications Award for Team Newsletter, Northeast Florida Beef and Forage Group.
 - State Winner, Communications Award for Publication, Northeast Florida Beef and Forage Group.
- ❖ Meritorious Service Award in recognition of 16 years of dedicated and valued service to the Government of British Columbia, Canada. 2010.