

Jaber Kazhaz

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Liaison Office

Aug. 2024 – Present

Liaison and Partnership Specialist

Brussels, Belgium

- Supporting resource mobilization efforts which culminated in over 3M USD raised so far.
- Contributing to policy dialogue and institutional engagement with EU stakeholders through policy analysis, briefing notes and coordination of FAO inputs to EU-level discussions.
- Conducting analytical research support and leading data analysis tasks of the office.

World Trade Organisation Young Professional Programme

Jan. 2025 – Dec. 2025.

- *After rigorous selection process was one of 19 selected YPs out of 5.5K for 2025 cohort (Agriculture).*
- *Ultimately unable to participate due to a now resolved medical issue.*

Mlint (Grassroots NGO / Farmer's Organization)

Mar. 2023 – Jul. 2024

Project Associate

Dakhla, Western Sahara

- Engaged stakeholders, developed partnerships (including with government officials and private sector donors), and aligned a range of project activities to PMI standards.
- Successfully conducted project management activities (budget monitoring, scheduling activities, procurement, project document writing) and developed approaches according to best practice.
- Conducted capacity building activities (twice per month) for local staff using innovative approaches

Mantera UG (Educational Technology Startup)

Jul. 2020 – Feb. 2023

Project Manager

Munich, Germany

- Led project management activities of an innovative, dynamic start-up environment
- Acted as a focal point and liaised with a range of stakeholders across organizations and levels
- Managed and monitored budgets, project activities, team members and stakeholder engagement

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNPAID)

Nov. 2019 – Mar. 2020

Policy Intern

Montreal, Canada

- Researched, analyzed and contributed to international and national policies in a UN environment.
- Prepared for a wide range of high-level meetings on conservation-related issues (15th COP of the SCBD).

United Nations Environment Programme, HQ (UNPAID)

Jan. 2019 – Jul. 2019

Programme Management Intern

Nairobi, Kenya

- Provided technical support to programmatic work at UNEP HQ and during UNEA 2019

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, HQ

Oct. 2018 – Jan. 2019

Pastoralist Knowledge Hub Intern

Rome, Italy

- Supported international coordination of a multistakeholder partnership, including capacity building activities etc.

EDUCATION

Environment and Development, MSc

King's College London

2018

Aerospace Engineering, BEng

University of Sheffield

2016

CERTIFICATIONS, SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMI)
- **Technologies:** Proficient: MS (Office, Outlook, Teams, Excel, Power BI), SAP, Limited: SQL, Stata, R, GIS
- **Skills Languages:** Arabic (Native), English (C2), Spanish (B2), Dutch (B1), French (B1) Other: Critical Thinking, Research, Analysis, Creative Problem Solving, Data Analysis, Writing, Reporting, Administration
- **Interests** Basketball, Chess, Running, Wildlife, Cinema