

# ITAD Curriculum Vitae

**Family Name** Nelson  
**First Name** Ridley  
**Date of Birth** Jan 7, 1942  
**Nationality** Australian/ British  
**Civil Status** Married

## Education

<b>Language Skills:</b>	<b><u>Speaking</u></b>	<b><u>Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Writing</u></b>
English	5	5	5
Swahili	2	2	2

## Other Skills:

**Present Position:** Lead Evaluation Officer

## Years within the Firm:

**Key Qualifications** Rural development with rural poverty focus – experience mostly in Africa and South Asia. Project evaluation and evaluation methodology. Community-driven development. Environment — esp. dryland/desertification issues; natural resource management; wildlife/people/parks issues; and pastoral livestock issues. Ag. Research/Extension design and evaluation. Project preparation, appraisal and supervision. Rural project economic analysis. Experience working for two developing country government ministries and two private sector companies in the rural field. Project sub-sectoral experience includes: natural resource management, community development, policy and institutional reform, rural poverty, extension, research, forestry, rural finance, livestock, wildlife projects (considerable amateur knowledge of wildlife, particularly elephants), irrigation and drainage, rural infrastructure, dryland and pastoral livestock systems, integrated pest management, tea, coffee, sugar.

**Countries Worked:** Turkey, Egypt, Hungary, Surinam, Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Seychelles

## Professional Experience Record:

1965-66 Plant Protection Ltd., Imperial Chemical Industries, UK. Export Department  
1966 – 1970 ICIANZ (Australia) Ltd. — Minimum Tillage R&D team.

1971 to 1974	Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya
1974 to 1975	Prime Minister’s Office, Tanzania
1975 to 1980	World Bank Resident Mission, Nairobi, Kenya
1980 to 1984	Southern Africa Region — World Bank HQ
1984 to 1988	Agriculture and Rural Development Department, World Bank HQ
1987 to 1989	Environment Department, World Bank HQ
1989 to 1992	South Asia Rural Development Division, World Bank HQ
1992 to 1996	Chief, Agriculture Unit, New Delhi Office, World Bank,
1996 to 1998	South Asia Rural Development Unit, World Bank HQ
1998 to 2003	Lead Evaluation Officer and Rural Cluster Coordinator, Operations Evaluation Department, World Bank HQ

**Publications**

*The Next Ascent: An Evaluation of the Aga Khan Rural Support Program Pakistan.* Operations Evaluation Department, The World Bank, 2002. (Team Leader)

*Sharpening the Focus on Rural Poverty.* Operations Evaluation Department. The World Bank, 2001

*The Management of Drylands* (Chapter 20) (UNU/WIDER Studies in Development Economics) *The Environment and Emerging Development Issues*, edited by Dasgupta and Maler, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1997.

Managing Drylands, *in Finance and Development*, World Bank, March 1991 issue

*Dryland Management: The “Desertification” Problem*, World Bank Technical Paper No. 116, 1988

*Dryland Management: The “Desertification” Problem*, Environment Department Working Paper No. 8, World Bank, 1988