

## **Stefano Prato**

### **Managing Director, Society for International Development**

#### **Short biographical note**

Stefano Prato (Italy) is the Managing Director of the Society for International Development (SID) and the Editor of SID's Quarterly Journal "*Development*". He is the coordinator of the Civil Society Financing for Development Group and member of the Editing Team of the annual Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Steering Group of HLPF Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism. He served as one of the Advisors to the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Personalities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. He is also the co-coordinator of the global Civil Society Nutrition Group and member of the Editorial Board of the Right to Food Watch. He is a very active participant of the Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) of the Committee on World Food Security and co-facilitates the CSM Working Groups on Food Systems & Nutrition, Agroecology, Sustainable Agriculture & Livestock, and SDGs. He is also the co-chair of the International Financial Architecture Working Group of the Civil 20, civil society's engagement group with the Group of 20, as well as an active member of the Planning Group of the Civil 20 Italian Organizing Committee. His most recent areas of interest address the democratization of global economic governance and the reform of the international financial architecture, pathways to de-financialization of the global economy, the corporate capture of food, agriculture and nutrition, and the political economies of inequalities, particularly in the African context.

Before joining SID, he was actively engaged in several Italian development cooperation organizations as well as social development volunteer-based organizations. He graduated in Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration "La Sapienza" of Rome, Italy. In his spare time, he pursued a second University degree in veterinary medicine and completed his PhD in Animal Health, Food Safety and Livestock Management while also enjoying a limited practice of veterinary medicine.

#### **Education & academic qualifications**

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in "Animal Health, Livestock Management and Food Safety" conferred by the Department of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Perugia (2013)
- University degree with laude in Veterinary Medicine conferred by the University of Perugia, with final dissertation on "Serum Amyloid A, Fibrinogen and Haptoglobin as Inflammation Markers in the Horse: Preliminary Results of a Clinical Study and Possible Future Applications" (2009)
- University degree with laude in Economics and Business conferred by the University of Rome "La Sapienza", with final dissertation on "The evolution of the studies on the firm: new foundations for a modern theory" (1994)
- Scientific High School Degree (maturità scientifica) conferred by Liceo "Cavour" in Rome (1986)

#### **Current employment**

- Managing Director (CEO) of the Society for International Development (since 2002)
- Editor in Chief, *Development*, Quarterly Journal of the Society for International Development, published by Palgrave MacMillan (since 2014)

### **Other current appointments/designations**

- Global Coordinator, Civil Society Financing for Development Group (since 2014)
- Co-Chair, Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (since 2018)
- Member of the Editing Team, Annual Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (since 2016)
- Global Co-Coordinator, Civil Society Nutrition Group (since 2014)
- Co-facilitator of the Working Group on Food Systems & Nutrition of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) for relations to the Committee on World Food Security (since 2015)
- Co-facilitator of the Working Groups on Agroecology of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) for relations to the Committee on World Food Security (since 2018)
- Co-chair of the International Financial Architecture Working Group of the Civil 20, civil society's engagement group with the Group of 20, and active member of the Planning Group of the Civil 20 Italian Organizing Committee (since early 2020)
- Member of the Coordination Group, Global Coalition against Poverty (GCAP) Italy (since 2017)

### **Previous positions/designations**

- Advisors to the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Personalities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda (2013-2014)
- Member of the civil society International Facilitation Group for UNCTAD XIV (2015-2016)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Right to Food Watch (2016-2019)
- Facilitator of the Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture & Livestock of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) for relations to the Committee on World Food Security (2015-2017)
- Facilitator of the Working Group on the 2030 Agenda & SDGs of the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSM) for relations to the Committee on World Food Security (2015-2018)

### **Employment history**

- Executive Director, Society for International Development (1996-2002)
- Director, Planning and Organization, Society for International Development (1994-1996)
- Associate Programme Officer, Society for International Development (1994)
- President, AIESEC Global Theme Conference Organizing Committee (1991-1992)
- Vice President Programmes, AIESEC Italy National Committee (1990-1991)

### **Key articles/publications**

- Several articles and editorials published in the *Development* Journal as Editor-in-Chief
- *Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development*, Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (2016)
- *Facilitating corporate capture or investing in small-scale sustainable agriculture and agroecology?* Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (2017)
- *Means of implementation or means of appropriation?* Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (2017)
- *Policies that strengthen the nexus between food, health, ecology, livelihoods and identities*, Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (2018)
- *Reclaiming the Future of Food: Challenging the dematerialization of food systems*, Right to Food Watch (2018)
- *Preventing the next financial crisis while financing sustainable development: Three propositions*,

Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (2019)

- *Re-balance global and local value chains - shifting the economic barycentre towards vibrant domestic economies*, Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development (2020)

### **Languages**

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), French (beginner), Arabic (beginner).

### **Hobbies**

### **Biographical & Contact information**

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### **References Available upon request**

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