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As a senior manager of UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, during the period 2008-2019, Acioly led the Housing Policy and Slum Upgrading, the Capacity Building and the United Nations Housing Rights Programmes and coordinated the Advisory Group on Forced Evictions to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat. He led several programs in Cuba, Ghana, Malawi, El-Salvador, Vietnam, Korea, Brazil, Peru, Nepal, Mexico and Ecuador. He built his experience as program manager, practitioner, technical advisor, development consultant and training and capacity building expert in the field of housing, slum upgrading and urban management, working with governments, academic institutions, civil society organizations and community-based organizations. Amongst several publications, he authored UN-Habitat's Practical Guide for Conducting Housing Profile and UN-Habitat's strategy on Street-led Citywide Slum Upgrading. Acioly has also facilitated and moderated high-level inter-governmental policy dialogues, international meetings such as the World Urban Forum and Global Congresses and has conducted executive training to mayors and senior decision makers. Acioly has worked as consultant to the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Cordaid, UN-HABITAT and bilateral organizations in Moldova, Bulgaria, Armenia, Cuba, Bolivia, Brazil, Egypt, Philippines, Tanzania, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Korea and Mozambique to mention a few.

From 1993 to 2008 he was senior housing and land policy expert with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies-IHS, Rotterdam, where he consolidated a robust international career. He was also the lead architect and urban planner in the Neighbourhood Upgrading Program of Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, financed by the Dutch Government (1989-1992) where he led the assisted self-help housing program, the participatory urban planning process and the implementation of the area-based plans and infrastructure improvement of the barrios.

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