

Curriculum Vitae



FELIPE ANDRÉS VELASCO

Civil Engineer (Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería, 1988)
Environmentalist, NGO Fundación Montecito (from 2010)
Conservationist, participatory science and protection (from 2019)

Date of birth: *Sogamoso (COL), 20.4.1967*
Marriage status: *Married* | Family: *Wife and one son.*

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Languages: Spanish (native)
English (B2)

Synopsis: Since our family NGO was founded, I define myself in one single phrase: *Apprentice of a good citizen.*

Professional experience:

- Organization: FUNDACIÓN MONTECITO (nonprofit, environmental) – fundacionmontecito.org
Dates & location: From June 2010. NGO located in Sogamoso and *Lago de Tota*, Colombia.
Job Title: *Director*. Responsible of the whole portfolio of activities inside our family NGO – its main field of work is water governance at Lake Tota (largest lake in Colombia).
Activities & results: Our NGO has played an uninterrupted leading role in a civil society commitment at Lake Tota, with results in raising awareness from society, and leading initiatives to engage private and public stakeholders into sustainability and integrated management (i.e. *Grey Globe* award in 2012: bit.ly/ggt-fm; naked lake in 2012: bit.ly/nakedlake; pursuing a Ramsar designation from 2012: bit.ly/lt-ramsar; or the most recent Green Destination *Top100* and #3 *Best-in-Americas* award in 2017/2018: bit.ly/lt-dv), with important media coverage along these years (i.e. *BBC World* 2012: bit.ly/bbc-lt).
Projects: Inside our NGO and under my coordination | [EN]: bit.ly/fm-pri
Conservation: As a participatory science commitment, with endemic Apolinar's Wren: a1.abctota.org
Leading an initiative for a Private Natural Reserve at La Hondura canyon: bit.ly/h-can
Recognitions: Some awards and honors obtained by our NGO: bit.ly/fm-pyr | [EN]: bit.ly/fm-aw
- Organization: UNIVERSIDAD DE BOYACÁ, Sogamoso – <http://www.uniboyaca.edu.co>
Date: 2014 (July to November, 1 semester).
Job Title: *Environmental Education Teacher*, on a BSc Environmental Engineering program.
- Company: FINCA SAN PEDRO, Hostel – <http://fincasanpedro.com>
Dates: From 2001.
Job Title: *Legal representative*, co-administrative duties. It is a family hostel, in my home town.
- Company: URBOY LTDA. – Small Construction Company (my family), established in our city.
Dates: 1992 to 1997, and 1999 to 2010 (legally ended up in 2010).
Job Title: *Manager*. Legal representative, and in charge of a broad variety of responsibilities.
- Others: [1994 – 1996] CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Sogamoso. *Administrative Board Member*.
[1988 – 1990] SIKA ANDINA S.A (Sika Colombia). *Technical Assistant and Sales*.

Publications: [From 2010]. Non-scientific. Driven by commitment & participation. *Table attached.*

Academic background:

- University (BSc): Civil Engineer – 1988.
» *Undergraduate degree* Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería “Julio Garavito”, Bogotá – www.escuelaing.edu.co
- Complimentary #1: Short Course: *Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)* – 2020, Uganda (Africa).
» *Certificate* Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – wageningenur.nl/cdi
- Complimentary #2: Short Course: *Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)* – 2013, The Netherlands.
» *Certificate* Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – wageningenur.nl/cdi
- Complimentary #3: Diploma Course: *Community Participation on Integrated Water Management* – 2013, Col.
» *Diploma* Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia (UPTC) – www.uptc.edu.co

Felipe Andrés Velasco
Sogamoso (COL), 29th of May, 2020



Publications

- Non-scientific
- Driven by commitment and participation

Table 1. List of publications written by: Felipe A. Velasco

Publication	Tags	Date	Short Link
Posts related to the social-environmental work of NGO Fundación Montecito. Number of publications: 250 posts Last one: 20.5.2020	Environmental, Social, Conservation, Governance, Commitment, Wetlands	From 2010 to 2020	http://bit.ly/fm-bg
Posts related to water governance at Lake Tota, through the so-called "Causa Tota". Number of publications: 406 posts Last one: 15.4.2020	Lake Tota, Governance, Sustainability, News, Conservation, Agriculture, Aquaculture, Tourism, Management	From 2011 to 2020	http://bit.ly/ctb-lt
Personal reflections. My inner thoughts about environmental issues. Number of publications: 33 posts Last one: 12.4.2020	Reflections, Personal, Social, Environmental, Civil society	From 2010 to 2020	http://bit.ly/ecosentir
El Guaque de Oro Description of a recognition: 2016	Muisca culture, Ancestral, Meaning	19.12.2016	bit.ly/guaque-oro
La Entrevista en las Nubes [<i>The interview in the clouds</i>]	Lake Tota, Reflections	23.9.2016	http://bit.ly/e-nubes
Lake Tota overview	Lake Tota, Overview	15.8.2016	bit.ly/lt-overview
Comunicar sobre el agua: En código «conectar con la acción». Cómo desarrollar gobernanza. Reflexión desde el caso Lago de Tota (Colombia), y su Causa Tota.	Lake Tota, Governance, Education, Ethics, Commitment	02.11.2015	http://bit.ly/c-agua
Carta del Lago de Tota [<i>Letter from Lake Tota</i>]	Lake Tota, Reflections	03.6.2014	http://bit.ly/cartota
Del Lago de Tota – Relatos de un peregrinaje del siglo XIX, y del pasado indígena y español	History, Lake Tota, 19 th Century	31.7.2010	https://bit.ly/hist-lt