

Vincenzo Aquaro

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Vincenzo Aquaro has more than 25 years of experience on ICT in public affairs, working for international organizations, private sector and civil society. He holds a master's degree (Laurea Magistrale) in Electronic Engineering from the University of Bari, Italy. In 2010 he was appointed Chief of the Digital Government Branch of the Division for Public Institutions & Digital Government of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Since then he has been leading a team of experts on the flagship UN e-Government program and on the e-Government Survey. Part of his functions are also to assist governments to advance public sector reform and improve the quality of public service delivery using innovation and ICT. By offering e-government capacity-building activities, promoting knowledge-sharing and providing training and online tools, he champions efficient, effective and people-centric public service delivery, based on the principles of leaving no one behind, transparency, accountability and inclusiveness. Before joining the United Nations, from 2000 to 2010 he was CEO and Executive President of Formit Servizi, an Italian company specialized in consulting, project management, monitoring and evaluation of e-government national and international projects. In his executive functions, in partnership with the Department of Informatics and Automation of the Faculty of Engineering of the Roma Tre University and with IBM Italia, Vincenzo Aquaro co-chaired the first and the second editions of the II level Master's Degree in ICT Governance: development, management and monitoring. In that period, he also served as executive officer of the Foundation for Research on Migration and Innovation Technologies (FORMIT), an international NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC, which promotes highly technological activities and knowledge transfer in STI areas, developing scientific studies and projects, technical support analysis and other activities related to sustainable development. In 2007 Vincenzo Aquaro also founded and chaired as CEO a multi-stakeholder Scientific Research Consortium, named CARMA, with the mission to provide advanced Basel II Risk Management e-services to the banks and SMEs in agriculture and agroindustry