

# ELAD ORIAN

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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My main professional interest is in overcoming social and environmental injustices through responsible social-technological intervention. With a strong background in both science and activism, along with many years of management, I am an effective problem solver and team leader.

## SKILLS AND ABILITIES

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- Over a decade of NGO management, managing people, funds and projects
- In-depth understanding of off-grid renewable energy systems: social aspects, system design and construction, procurement and maintenance
- International advocacy and extensive work with various diplomatic missions
- Strong and proven track record in delivering complex projects in complicated environments on time and on budget
- Vast presentation experience in front of publics of varying sizes and backgrounds

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Comet-ME, ISRAEL

2009 - Present

Co-Founder and General Manager

An Israeli-Palestinian organization providing basic energy and clean-water services to vulnerable off-grid communities using environmentally and socially sustainable methods

- Today the organization provides renewable-energy and clean-water services to nearly 11,000 people in the occupied Palestinian territories
- Grew the organization from a staff of 4 to 30 and the budget 10-fold over a decade
- The leading organization of its type in the region

### GREEN ACTION, ISRAEL

2004 – 2005

Project Manager

NGO aimed at promoting socio-ecological change through advocacy and community involvement

## EDUCATION

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### M.SC. IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, 2008.

**MESPOM:** Erasmus Mundus Masters course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management operated by four leading European universities: Lund University, Sweden; the University of Manchester, UK; Central European University, Hungary; and the University of the Aegean, Greece.

**Dissertation:** The Transfer of Environmental Technology as a Tool for Empowering Communities in Conflict; the case of Participatory Water Monitoring in Cajamarca, Peru

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## **M.SC. IN PHYSICS, 2005.**

Tel Aviv University, Israel.

**Dissertation:** Line tension of mixed membranes: An elastic model analysis

## **1997 – 2001**

The Adi Lautmann interdisciplinary program for outstanding students of the Tel Aviv University, Israel. Main fields of study: physics and mathematics, additional areas: philosophy, history and music.

## **1991 – 1993**

International Baccalaureate at the United World College of the Atlantic – a scholarship-based international boarding school in south Wales, U.K.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Member of the Clinton Global initiative for 3 years
- Won the 2017 Energy Globe award
- Won the 2018 European Solar Prize Award
- Participated in various conferences on rural electrification, micro-grid design

## LANGUAGES

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- Hebrew: native
- English: fluent
- Spanish: intermediate
- Arabic (spoken Palestinian dialect): intermediate