

## **Short Bio – Luca Parodi**

### **Regional Specialist for Early Warning – Early Action (Anticipatory Action) and Emergency Response**

#### **FAO's Sub-regional Bureau for West Africa and Sahel**

Since 2017, Luca Parodi is based in Dakar working on early warning, early action, emergency response and disaster risk management in West Africa. Overall, he has been working more than twelve years in the development and humanitarian sectors across Asia, Africa and Latin America, through different assignments with UN Agencies, a bilateral donor institution, an INGO and the Red Cross Movement

Throughout his career, Luca acquired expertise on disaster risk management, preparedness & risk assessments, emergency response, early warning, anticipatory action and forecast-based financing, programme management, food security, livelihoods and resilience.

Since 2019, Luca holds the position of Regional Specialist for Early Warning – Early Action (Anticipatory Action) and Emergency Response at the FAO's Sub-regional Bureau for West Africa and Sahel in Dakar. Prior to his current role, he was leading IFRC's programmes in West Africa during his assignment as Disaster Management Delegate for the Sahel, where he consolidated his direct experience on local level disaster risk reduction, early warning and adaptation. In previous assignments in Central Africa, he focused on community based early warning systems for food security in protracted crisis context.

Luca is Italian and holds a Master in International Development Studies from the University of Amsterdam.