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Jean-Claude Thouin specializes in the management of health development projects. He was born in Montréal in 1940, and is a teacher by training, but has spent a large part of his career in communication and development project management.

From 1970-71 and 1980-82, he taught television communication at the Centre d'études des sciences et techniques de l'information (CESTI) [centre for information science and technology studies], at the Université de Dakar, in Senegal. He also took part in a number of missions as a trainer with the Pan-African Institute for Development (PAID), in Douala, and with the École supérieure des sciences et techniques de l'information (ESSTI) [graduate school of information science and technology], at the Université de Yaoundé, in Cameroon. In the 1970s and 1980s, he contributed to the planning, organization and implementation of internships in Canada for graduates of African journalism schools.

In addition to numerous television-related instructional products, he has also produced documentaries in Cape Verde, Haiti and, in 1987, a series of 12 films, *L'Afrique des femmes* [women's Africa], which was filmed in four African countries. The films told the stories of women who had succeeded in their chosen fields. It was broadcast on TV5 and TV Ontario.

He has worked as a planning and evaluation consultant for various international organizations, including the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), UNICEF, the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO), Family Health International (FHI), UNAIDS, the Danish Cooperation Agency, and Inter-American Development Bank. Those missions have taken him to some 30 African countries, as well as to Haiti.

Since 1990, he has worked chiefly in the fields of health, in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in strengthening primary health systems. From 1998 to 2000, he was the director of Save the Children Canada, in Haiti, and from 2003 to 2005, he was the coordinator of a health system support project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

He now works as a project officer and manager at the Centre de coopération internationale en santé et développement (CCISD) [international health and development cooperation centre], a Quebec non-profit association that is active in some dozen African countries and in Haiti. His current responsibilities focus on health projects in DRC, where he carries out a number of missions each year.