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1965, Sept 13, Vechta/ Germany  
Married, 3 children (24, 21, 18)



## Main Competencies

- **Building** bridges for new cooperation/ collaboration between different stakeholders (governmental, intergovernmental, municipal, private foundations, companies, non-governmental and Faith-based organisations/ FBOs)
- **Adjusting** quickly to very different culturally, ethnic and religious societies and communities; profound knowledge of African and Middle Eastern societies as well as religious and cultural traditions
- **Facilitating** sustainable solutions for new networks and organisations/ **servicing** multi-stakeholder networks and partnerships as well as FBOs/ NGOs
- **Enabling** change and transformation processes for different institutions, **providing** training and change management
- **Acquiring** funds for a variety of institutionally diversified entities (govt./ non-govt.)
- **Implementing** complex development programmes with different stakeholders and agencies

## Major Achievements

- *The value of Faith-based engagement in implementing the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals* - Initiating the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development/ [PaRD](#) – a Multi-Actors Network with 120 members (govt., intergovt., FBOs)
- **Developing and implementing** the innovative German Strategy: “Religions as Partners for Development Cooperation” on behalf of Govt. and Non-Governmental Organisations/ NGOs
- **Developing accountable democratic structures** and **building reliable institutions** under challenging conditions: post conflict (Southern Africa), under occupation (Palestinian Authorities and municipalities), after humanitarian crisis (Northern Iraq 2017; Post-Tsunami 2005)
- **Initiating reliable learning networks** for different target groups (Program leaders, Municipalities, NGOs, UN and other entities)
- **Founding Director of the first German Municipal Service Agency** for local sustainable development (with local authorities; Länder- and Federal Govt.)
- **Tripling the NGO funding** for enhanced developmental learning and public relations work on behalf of the German Govt. (2,5 Mio EUR/ year to 11 Mio EUR/ year)

## Major Steps in Career

**3/ 2020: Start as Senior Advisor and Leader** of the Faith & Development Department of PIRON Global Development, Bonn

**2001 – 2019: Senior leadership positions in German Development Cooperation:**

*Head of Sector-Programme Values, Religion and Development and founding Director of the PaRD Secretariat Bonn/ Berlin (2015 – 2019) see page 1, competencies and achievements*

*Head of Decentralisation and local Governance; GIZ - | Cotonou/ Benin (2007-2010) and in Palestine/ Israel (2010-2014)*

- Responsibilities: Development and implementation of the partner-based decentralisation strategies with Local Authorities/ Association of all Municipalities (Southern Africa; Benin and Middle East)
- Initiating and enabling an incentive driven Municipal Development Fund: 150 Mio EUR with multiple donors like EU, Danida, MinBuZA, AFD France and Germany (Benin and Palestine)

*Deputy Head of Department/ Managing Director of Service Agency Communities in One World | In-WEnt/ GIZ Bonn/ Berlin*

- From 2004 **Head of Development Education Division** on behalf of Federal Ministry of Development Cooperation/ BMZ; coordination of the funding programs for NGOs ca 12 Mio EUR grants/ year (12 employees)
- Coordination of the **German Tsunami Relief Programme** with FBOs and Humanitarian Agencies in 2004-2006 (facilitating 650 Mio EUR private donations with govt funds; 24 employees)
- From 2005-2007 **Deputy Head of Department/** Cooperation with Länder-Governments and Local Authorities with 14 heads of divisions on Ländergovt level (approx. 110 employees)

**1997 – 2001: Lead Promotor on Agenda 21 / municipal development cooperation |** Agenda Transfer GmbH, Bonn/ Aachen

Responsibilities: local government; Local Agenda 21; human resource and leadership development; Local Agenda 21 strategies; **Deputy Managing** Director of Agenda Transfer; (14 employees; 5 Mio EUR budget)

**1993 – 1997: One-World Promotor |** Welthaus Aachen e.V., Aachen

Responsibilities: Development and implementation of the One-World Promoters Programme of Northrhine Westfalia, Ländergovt with NGOs and municipalities; Board of Directors of the One-World Network Northrhine Westfalia

- Member of the One-World Council of Ländergovt NRW
- Director of One-World Center in Aachen (environmental, migrants and One-World NGOs)
- Coordinator of the EMPSA programme – election monitoring Program of first non-racial elections in South Africa 1994

**1993 – 1996: Part time Consultancies** on behalf of different Aid Foundations/ Faith-based Organisations and One-World movement like Misereor/ Bread for the World and GIZ Training and Capacity Building Center

## Education:

### **Lizentiate in Theology/ Philosophy at Dominican University of Fribourg/ Switzerland;**

Thesis: The Function of Religion in the Society of South Africa (1988 - 1991)

Final score: Summa cum laude (allowance for teaching)

First Diplom in Theology/ History at Friedrich Wilhelm University of Bonn (1985 – 1988)

Final score: cum laude

**Matricula** at Saint Thomas College of the Dominicans Vechta/ Füchtel

**Special certificates** in Moderation/ Facilitation as well as Leadership Development; Coaching/ Capacity Building concepts for several German implementing agencies

List of publications on demand or via google: [Ulrich Nitschke Religion and Development](#)

**German:** Mother tongue

**English/ French:** perfect in writing and speaking (level C2)

**Arabic:** basic skills (A2)

Hobby: Choir and hiking

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