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Year of Birth 1985

Place of Birth Stuttgart, Germany

Nationality German

Family Married, 1 child (5)



MAIN COMPETENCIES

- **Designing, initiating and developing projects and initiatives** in the thematic fields of global development cooperation, Business For Development (development-oriented private sector activities, including social businesses), development finance (including impact investing and ethical lending), Faith and Development (cooperation with and inclusion of faith-based actors into global development efforts), social impact
- **Strategic networking within and across various stakeholder and actor groups**, notably the global development and humanitarian aid community, the private sector, development finance institutions, Non-governmental and social-profit organizations, public institutions and bi- and multilateral actors
- **Raising funds and capital for not-for-profit as well as for-profit projects**, initiatives, organizations and businesses active in the field of international (development) cooperation
- **Building and managing cross-cultural teams within not-for-profit and for-profit contexts** with mixed seniority levels and diverse interdisciplinary expertise
- **Serving, supporting and counseling of various actors, clients and partners** both in regular project management as well as in crisis and fragility context

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Founder of PIRON Global Development** as an independent, profitably and sustainably operating consultancy in the field of international development cooperation with three business departments (Faith in Development, Business for Development, Social Impact) and staff at three locations within Germany (Bonn (Headquarter), Berlin and Stuttgart)
- **Initiating the “Bonn Salon – Christian Development Cooperation”** as an annual CEO-level networking and peer-learning event for the senior leadership of Christian development and humanitarian aid organizations
- **Designing and co-initiating the FAITH IN DEVELOPMENT MONITOR (FIDM)** as a bi-monthly news outlet specifically geared towards the global community working on or active in the thematic field of faith and development cooperation, faith and humanitarian aid, faith and environmental protection and faith and peace building
- **Co-initiating the strategic BMZ-co-financed project “German Desks – Financial Support and Solutions”** as a successful tripartite cooperation project between DEG – Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbh (DEG), Deutscher Industrie- und Handelskammertag (DIHK) including its global network of AHKs (Auslandshandelskammern) and local banks in multiple developing countries and emerging economies (Peru, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Bangladesh, Indonesia)
- **Co-Initiating and successfully managing the German United Nations Association’ (DGVN) Advisory Board „NEAN2015“** (“Neue Entwicklungs-Agenda Nach 2015) dealing with the new development agenda after 2015
- **Initiating the World Evangelical Alliance’s (WEA) Permanent Representation to the UN in Bonn** as well as its thematic World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center (WEASC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE / MAJOR STEPS IN CAREER

- 09/2018 – now** **Director, World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center (WEASC)
Permanent Representative to the UN in Bonn
World Evangelical Alliance**
Key activities: liaison with UN agencies in Bonn, event management (WEASC Bonn premises, Kempinski Accra/Ghana, UN Gigiri complex Nairobi/Kenya), strategic engagement with the #FaithInvest international investment platform
- 05/2018 – 08/2018** **Project Lead on behalf of the World Evangelical Alliance for setting up
the WEA Liaison Office at UN Bonn and the WEA Sustainability Center in
Bonn**
Key activities: strategic stakeholder engagement with partners from USA, Germany, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, South Korea and Kenya, management of multi-stakeholder projects with international partners
- 04/2014 – now** **Managing Director, PIRON Global Development (www.piron.global),
Bonn**
Key activities: Consultant Economist, donor/stakeholder relations, strategic stakeholder management (national/international), stakeholder mapping, public relations, public affairs, event management, workshop & conference facilitation (predominantly NGO and UN clients)
Focus Areas: Business & Development, Finance for Development, capacity development of faith-based NGOs working in development cooperation and humanitarian aid, needs assessments among faith-based NGOs (national/international), Organization and Facilitation of the annual CEO conference “Bonn Salon – Christian Development Cooperation”
- 11/2014 – 06/2019** **Policy Advisor, DEG - Deutsche Investitions- und
Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH, Cologne (part of KfW banking group)**
Key activities: public affairs, parliamentary enquiries (“Kleine Anfragen”), strategic stakeholder engagement (focus: financial sector partners, business associations and NGOs), stakeholder mapping exercises, management of multi-stakeholder projects with national and international partners using various platform and network approaches
- 08/2013 – 10/2014** **Junior Analyst, DEG - Deutsche Investitions- und
Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH, Cologne (part of KfW banking group)**
Key activities: strategic business development Africa (private sector projects), Management of strategic projects co-financed by the Gates Foundation in cooperation with several foundations as implementation partners
- 02/2013 – 07/2013** **Junior Researcher, German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn**
Key activities: project management of a co-financed study, field studies in Morocco on „Achieving inclusive competitiveness in the emerging solar energy sector in Morocco“ incl. facilitation of workshops with interviewees/focus groups, financing expert in the team
- 02/2011 – 08/2012** **Project Coordinator, Joint Aid Management Deutschland e. V., Stuttgart**
Key activities: government relations, private donor fundraising, public relations (website & social media), acquisition and management of a BMZ-grant-funded development project in rural Mozambique, organizational development of JAM
- 08/2008 – 12/2009** **Project Management** of the EU-co-financed project „Non-State Actors and
Local Authorities in Development Cooperation“ on behalf of the City of
Stuttgart – policy unit “European and International Affairs”

EDUCATION

03/2017 – 06/2017	Certified Public Affairs Manager Quadriga University of Applied Sciences, Berlin
09/2012 – 05/2013	Postgraduate Program German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn
05/2011	Economist (Dipl. oec.)
11/2010 – 01/2011	Diploma Thesis in cooperation with the World Vision Germany Institute: „Religion and Development – an institutional economics approach” (grade: 1,0)
02/2008 – 07/2008	Studies at the University of Stellenbosch/ South Africa Development Economics
2006 – 2010	Scholarship by the Protestant Study Association Villigst e. V.
2005 – 2011	Studies at the University of Hohenheim, Business and Economics

VOLUNTEER WORK

2017 – now	Member of the board of Vision Hope International (development and humanitarian aid projects in Jordan, Yemen, Syria and Tunisia)
2014 – 2017	Management of DGVN's Advisory Board „NEAN2015“ on the new development agenda after 2015 (later titled “Agenda 2030”) <i>Key activities:</i> Government Relations (BMZ, Parliamentarians), Symposia on “Financing For Development” (July 2015), “Contradictory Sustainability” (September 2016)
2011 – 2017	Member of the federal board of the DGVN (serving as the thematic expert on development cooperation, the UN development architecture, the SDGs/Agenda 2030 and the Financing for Development Agenda)
2011 – now	Member of the Society for International Development (SID), Chapter Frankfurt/Main
2007 – now	Member of the German United Nations Association (DGVN), (2009 – 2013 serving as a member of the board of DGVN's regional association in Baden-Wuerttemberg)
1999 – now	Member of the Christian Scout Organization „Royal Rangers“ (2005-2016 training other youth group leaders as member/head of training measures)

LANGUAGES

German (native language), English (business fluent, Cambridge Certificate in Adv. English), French (good knowledge), Russian (basic knowledge)

