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Senior Advisor

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Year of Birth 1965

Place of Birth Vechta, Germany

Nationality German

Family Married, 3 children (25, 21, 19)



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 context, religious and cultural traditions
- **Facilitating** sustainable solutions for new networks and organisations/ **servicing** multi-stakeholder networks and partnerships as well as FBOs/ NGOs and municipalities
- **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; professional stakeholder mappings especially in fragile contexts
- literacy

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
- **Developing and implementing** the innovative German Strategy: “Religions as Partners for Development Cooperation” on behalf of Govt./ BMZ
- **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; 2013-2015 Gaza; 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)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE / MAJOR STEPS IN CAREER

- 03/2020 – now** **Senior Advisor and Head** of the Faith in Development Department of **PIRON** Global Development, Bonn; Member of Advisory Board on Religion and Foreign Policy, Berlin
- 2001 – 2019** **Senior leadership positions in German Development Cooperation:**
Head of Sector-Programme Values, Religion and Development and founding Director of the PaRD Bonn/ Berlin (2015 – 2019)
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)
- 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

Licentiate in Theology/ Philosophy at Dominican University of Fribourg/ Switzerland;
 Thesis: The Function of Religion in the Society of South Africa (1988 - 1991)
 Postgraduate MA studies in Economics, Development Studies and Political Science (1990-2002)
 Final score licentiate: 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

CERTIFICATES & PUBLICATIONS

Special certificates in Moderation/ Facilitation as well as Leadership Development; Coaching/ Capacity Building concepts for several German implementing agencies; change management
Several actor mappings, stakeholder analysis and evaluation of development programs in different countries / Africa, Middle East, India, Europe

List of publications on demand or via google: [Ulrich Nitschke](#) Religion / Development/ City2City cooperation

SKILLS

Languages German (native), English (perfect in writing and speaking, C2), French (perfect in writing and speaking, C2), Arabic (basic skills, A2)

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