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SUMMARY

Social anthropologist with 15 years of working experience in development cooperation, especially with Indigenous People and other traditional communities in the conservation of tropical forests, climate change mitigation and climate finance. Strong expertise in integrating transformative approaches to gender equality into projects. *German nationality. Fluent in English, German and Portuguese. Good working knowledge of Spanish and French.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project & Knowledge Management, Gender Mainstreaming

Earth Innovation Institute (EII) · Remote / Latin America · January 2025 – Present

Support to the elaboration of project proposals for jurisdictional REDD+ (J-REDD) with a special attention to integrating transformative approaches for gender equality; support to knowledge management through operationalizing EII's intranet, support to project management in the Amazon (Brazil, Colombia, Peru), development of a Risk Management Policy for Earth Innovation Institute and update of its MEL policy.

Independent Consultant

GIZ German technical cooperation, commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) · January 2020 – December 2024

Developed a method for portfolio analysis to foster cooperation between German development cooperation and Multilateral Development Banks for GIZ project "Multilateral Development Banks for Global Public Goods" (focus on Brazil and Indonesia).

Conducted gender analysis for GIZ projects "Action for Forests/ A4F" and "Land Governance and Environmental Control" (Brazil).

Improved knowledge management for GIZ regional project "Protected areas at local government level: support of cities and communities in preserving biodiversity (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru)".

Strengthened knowledge management and networking of projects funded by the German International Climate Initiative/ IKI in the field of climate and biodiversity financing for GIZ led IKI project "Climate Policy Program" (Brazil).

Technical Advisor for the Amazon Fund, Brazilian National Bank for Economic and Social Development (www.amazonfund.gov.br/en/home)

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, www.giz.de/en), Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia/ Brazil, August 2013 – January 2020

Technical advisory: Advised on the evaluation concept for the Amazon Fund, including how to evaluate REDD+ safeguards ([Link](#)). Designed project evaluations integrating qualitative and quantitative approaches. Coordinated project evaluation in protected areas ([Link](#)), including REDD+ safeguards. Advised on how to strengthen the reporting of the Amazon Fund through aggregated indicators and risk management. Successfully advocated for gender equality in reporting. Designed and facilitated training sessions for NGOs on writing proposals, including for the public call for projects for the participatory management of Indigenous Territories. Developed knowledge management products for the international public (UN Climate Change Conferences). Coordinated the elaboration of studies and manuals on subjects such as illegal deforestation and commercialization of timber, indicators for sustainable value chain projects ([Link](#)), gender equality in sustainable production ([Link](#)), amongst others.

Project management: Designed and facilitated strategic and operational planning. Supported the introduction of impact monitoring on a collaborative virtual platform. Guided yearly reporting to the donor countries - Germany and Norway. Organized and inspected all communication products. Elaborated the necessary documentation for the co-financing contract between the German Technical Cooperation

and the Norwegian International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI). Monitored the financial management of the cooperation project worth 14 million euros. Supervised Brazilian national staff and trained interns.

Technical Advisor for Knowledge Management and Gender Equity at country level.

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, www.giz.de/en), Brasília/ Brazil, January 2012 - July 2013

Enhanced GIZ Knowledge Policy by streamlining the enterprise information management system at country and program levels. Developed and facilitated training on the system. Implemented a participatory best practice systematization of the Atlantic Rainforest Program of the Brazilian Environmental Ministry. Instituted the GIZ Gender Strategy by developing and facilitating training sessions on gender analysis and monitored their execution at program level. Conducted independent gender analysis. Advised the Brazilian National Foundation for Indigenous People on the elaboration of a gender action plan.

Development Worker for the Brazilian NGO network Fórum da Amazônia Oriental

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ, www.giz.de/en), Belém/ Brazil, October 2007 - December 2011

Planned and facilitated participatory planning processes. Coached the reorganization of routines for project management, impact monitoring and reporting. Mobilized and facilitated collaborative working groups on a range of topics related to the conservation of the Amazon. Formulated projects and succeeded in raising funds worth 650,000 euros for projects focusing on traditional *quilombola* communities and sustainable resource management. Upgraded communication and knowledge management tools used by the network. Contributed to a publication regarding deforestation and sustainability. Mentored trainees and guided interns.

Communications Officer & Evaluation consultant

ASA-Program (www.asa.engagement-global.de/start-en.html), Berlin/ Germany, March – September 2007

Coordinated the public relations of the program (press release, newsletter, education fairs). Participated in the selection of fellows. Developed and executed an impact evaluation study.

Small Grant Program manager for projects in Brazil

Action for World Solidarity (www.aswnet.de/english), Berlin/ Germany, October 2004 - December 2005, January – March 2006

Examined and approved project applications and reports. Assigned project funds. Conducted research and elaborated articles for the organization's journal related to agricultural trade, sustainable resource management and rights of indigenous people.

EDUCATION

Yale University/ USA, School of the Environment, Tropical Forest Landscapes: Conservation, Restoration & Sustainable Use (professional certificate program, May 2024)

Freie Universität Berlin/ Germany, Social Anthropology including Master thesis on Youth in traditional Quilombo communities ("Magister", equivalent to M.A., 2006)

Universidade Federal da Bahia Salvador/ Brazil, Social Anthropology (award based academic exchange), 2001 – 2002

IT SKILLS & OTHER EXPERIENCES

Knowledge management / certified knowledge manager course (KM Institute, March 2023). Microsoft Office 365 suite, Click-Up and similar project management tools, SPSS, I-Movie. For internships, work and private travels, I spent several months in Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile.