

Curriculum Vitae DIETER ZÜRCHER

Personal

Present Position: Partner of KEK-CDC Consultants
Education: Lic. phil. II, Geography, University of Zurich
Date of birth: March 23, 1958
Languages: German, English, French, Spanish

Working Experience Abroad

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Ukraine, Vietnam

Key Qualifications

- Team leader of evaluations and impact assessments of complex projects and programmes of bilateral development agencies as well as NGOs
- Management coaching of projects and programmes, with a focus on regional development and local governance issues
- Participatory conceptualisation of development cooperation projects and programmes with logical framework and result-based management concepts
- Project and programme management in an interdisciplinary environment and quality management in development cooperation
- Institutional and capacity assessments of implementing organisations and change management
- Design and implementation of applied research projects and training modules
- Moderation of groups and organisational development processes

Selected Relevant Mandates

- 2019 - 21: Monitoring Report about the effects of the new federal asylum centre "Zurich", City of Zürich
- 2020 - 21: Independent Evaluation of the multi-annual programme 2016-2023 of the New Regional Development Policy of Switzerland, SECO
- 2020 - 21: Teamleader for the evaluation of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)
- 2008 - 21: Guest lecturer in the CAS course on "evaluation in development cooperation", NADEL/ETHZ
- 2020: Support for the elaboration of a Theory of Change and Results Framework, Médecins Sans Frontières
- 2020: Assessment of the WWF Analysis about financial flows to areas with BuzzFeed allegations (human rights issues), WWF Switzerland
- 2020: Institutional Audit of the Province Africa Grand Lakes (Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda), Don Bosco Rome

- 2020: Institutional support for the introduction of a new scheme for supporting (urban) development cooperation projects, City of Zürich
- 2020: Support for the elaboration of a Swiss Regional Programme for the South Caucasus 2021 - 2024, SDC
- 2019 - 20: Support for the elaboration of a Swiss Cooperation Strategy for Kosovo 2021-24, SDC
- 2019 - 20: Study for the Design of an Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo (Reactivate Sarajevo), SECO (State Secretariat for Economic Development)
- 2019 - 20: Support for the elaboration of a Swiss Cooperation Strategy for Kosovo 2021 - 2024, SDC
- 2011 - 19: Head of the Swiss Intermediate Body to implement the “Reform Fund linked to Civil Society Participation” and the “Partnership and Expert Fund” in Romania. This included the selection and supervision of 141 projects in the social and environmental domains with a total investment of CHF 23 million. SDC
- 2019: Support for the elaboration of the strategy 2021-24 and the funding proposal for the SDC contribution 2021-24, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- 2019: Institutional analysis of the structures and procedures for the support of (urban) development projects, City of Zürich
- 2019: Coaching the project team to create structures for implementing the 2nd framework credit “migration” for the Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states, SEM (State Secretariat for Migration)
- 2019: Evaluation of the Global Malaria Technical and Training Package, Phase 2, SDC
- 2018 - 19: Feasibility study for Pooled Funding Mechanism for the civil society in Kosovo, KCSF (Kosovar Civil Society Foundation)
- 2018: Evaluation of the Local Democracy Promotion Project “LevizAlbania” in Albania, SDC
- 2018: Review of the project “Democratic Society Promotion” (DSP Phase II) in Kosovo, SDC
- 2018: End-of-Programme Evaluation of the SCOPES research programme in Eastern Europe (incl. a case study in Serbia), SDC and Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2018: Institutional Audit of the Human Security Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs about the use of subsidies, EFK (Swiss Federal Audit Office)
- 2017 - 18: Elaboration of the Memorandum of Switzerland for the DAC/OECD Peer Review (assessment of the Swiss performance in aid delivery), SDC
- 2017 - 18: Teamleader of the Mid-Term Review of the Austrian Development Cooperation Strategies in Armenia and Georgia (with agriculture, forestry and governance projects), ADA (Austrian Development Agency)
- 2014 - 18: Backstopping support for the Decentralisation and Local Development Programme (dlp Phase 3) in Northern Albania, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation

Major Professional Experience

2007 - on-going	Consultant and Partner of KEK-CDC Consultants , Zurich (2010 - 15 Executive Director)
2003 - 2007	Lecturer at NADEL/ETH Zurich (Master of Advanced Studies in Development and Cooperation) on thematic issues such as decentralisation and local governance, demography, approaches to transition as well as project cycle management issues and tools in planning, monitoring and evaluation of projects and programmes. Additional subjects were impact assessment and rapid organisational appraisals. Other activities included the establishment of a research partnership and implementation of consulting mandates.
1999 - 2002	Resident Coordinator of HELVETAS / SDC in Thimphu, Bhutan. Overall responsibility for the implementation of the joint Swiss Country Programme (incl. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation) in Bhutan. This included the overall responsibility for the programme management in the domains of agriculture/forestry, education and rural infrastructure with a team of 8 local and 7 expat-

riate collaborators, contract negotiations with the Royal Government of Bhutan, cooperation with the Swiss Embassy in Delhi and other donors, planning, monitoring, controlling, and reporting of programmes and responsibility for the financial management.

- 1996 - 1998 **Desk Officer for Bhutan at HELVETAS** headquarters, Zurich. This included programme development and management, recruitment of experts and consultants, public relations, liaising with SDC, fund raising, and deputy head of the HELVETAS Foreign Department (1997/98).
- 1984 - 1995 **Consultant and backstopper at INFRAS AG** (Consulting group for economic and environmental policies), Zurich. This included consulting, project management, acquisitions and applied research in the following areas: international cooperation, solid waste management in Switzerland (especially the city of Zurich) and sustainable development.

Publications

- Zürcher, Dieter / Meier, Hans-Peter (2017): Final Review of selected regional development projects in south-eastern Poland – A synthesis. [Link to the publication.](#)
- Zürcher, Dieter / Stadler, Karin (2015): SDC EvalBrief (Synthesis of four SDC country evaluations), EvalBrief Nr. 3/2015 der DEZA, [Link to the publication.](#)
- Zürcher, Dieter / Chiwandamira, Daniel / Marawa, Nomwula / Wiemann, Juergen (2013): Review of South African - German Development Cooperation 2004-2011. Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the National Treasury of the Republic of South Africa. Bonn / Pretoria.
- Zürcher, Dieter (2011): Präsentation eines Konferenzpapiers an der Internationalen Konferenz zu Systemischer Evaluation: "25 years of experiences with «systemic approaches» in evaluations in Switzerland", Frankfurt 26.1.2011.
- Zürcher, Dieter (2009): Evaluation in der Schweizerischen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit. In: Widmer, Thomas / Beywl, Wolfgang / Fabian, Carlo (Hrsg.) - Evaluation. Ein systematisches Handbuch.