

Curriculum Vitae

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Date of birth: 04th May 1974
Nationality: German
Gender: Female
Marital Status: Married

Professional Skills and Expertise:

- Strong writing skills: focus on translating complex issues into straightforward policy recommendations and lessons learned
- Structural thinker: Strong ability to detect common themes in diverse case studies
- Experienced evaluator, used to combining qualitative and quantitative methods
- Experienced in working with diverse, geographically dispersed teams
- Developed political influence network analysis tool (Net-Map) to understand actors, formal and informal networks, influence and goals of actors
- Used to performing well under tight deadlines

Work Experience:

Free Lance Consultant

June 08 – Present

Various consultancies in research, facilitation, evaluation, training and process management. These include:

Benchmarking Innovation Systems (World Bank / IFPRI): Developing methodology for benchmarking the innovativeness of agricultural systems and sub-sectors in Ethiopia

Country level impact evaluation (World Bank / IFPRI): Using Net-Map to evaluate the impact of World Bank activities on agricultural productivity in India and China

IFAD: Evaluation of the effect of small reservoir rehabilitation on resource user networks in Ghana

PrOpCom “Making markets work for the poor” (Chemonics International, DFID): Evaluation of project supporting poor female rice par-boilers in northern Nigeria

Alive and Thrive (Safe the Children / IFPRI / Gates Foundation): Using Net-Map to monitor and evaluate the development of policy networks regarding IYCF in Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Vietnam

RENEWAL (IFPRI): Coalition building between country directors in Africa and stakeholders for knowledge sharing and impact on HIV/AIDS and nutrition politics

Knowledge for Health (Management Sciences for Health): Ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of KM interventions in reproductive health and HIV/AIDS in Peru, Ethiopia and Malawi

Malawi and Nigeria Strategy Support Program (IFPRI / USAID): The impact of knowledge sharing on policy making: formal and informal policy networks in the agricultural sector

United Nations University: Improving institutional collaboration and knowledge exchange between researchers around the globe to achieve goals of Africa Road Map

Bioversity: Strategic Positioning Analysis for international crop research institute (CGIAR)

Internal Program Review (IFPRI) Co-organize and facilitate participatory annual meeting of international research organization

Program for Biosafety Systems (IFPRI): Using Net-Map to understand political economy of passing biosafety legislation and introducing new varieties in selected African countries

Development Practitioners Forum: Supporting front line practitioner network in KM

Inter-American Development Bank: Analyzing urban poverty and social support network in Bolivia with Net-Map

Pro-Poor HPAI Risk Reduction Strategies (FAO, IFPRI): Participatory analysis of communication breakpoints and entry points for corruption in bird flu interventions in Ghana and Ethiopia

Improving business relationships with major retailer (Procter and Gamble): Using Net-Map to understand opportunities and challenges in the business relations between matrix organizations

Leadership training (George Washington University, Defense Information Systems Agency): Unleashing the power of networks for organizational change

IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute)

JAN 05–JUNE 08

Position: Post-Doctoral Fellow

Function: Head of Ghana Project Office: Research, Project-Coordination, Outreach

Project: “Integrating Governance and Modeling” under the CGIAR Challenge Program for Water and Food (www.igm.uni-hohenheim.de)

Research / Methodological development: Development of Net-Map Toolbox, an interactive research and knowledge sharing tool. Research on multi-stakeholder governance in northern Ghana

Project Coordination: Co-coordinating interactions between colleagues from different disciplines, operating in different countries, fostering an integrated approach and demand oriented research

Logistics: Setting up country project office from scratch (no IFPRI presence in Ghana at the time), hire local support staff, develop working relationships with local research partners, live and work for 2 ½ years in small town in northern Ghana.

Knowledge Management: Develop and maintain collaborative research and learning framework: use Net-Map as a tool for organizational development for White Volta Basin Board, organize and conduct regular research feedback meetings with local

stakeholders, Net-Map training sessions (face-to-face and online) to teach policy-makers to use the method in their work, organize radio discussions, public durbar,.
Blog: <http://netmap.wordpress.com>

Education:

PhD (Dr. Phil) Human Geography: University of Bochum, Germany

April 2001 – July 2004

Thesis: Community Based Natural Resource Management in Namibia: How does it change local governance?

MA Applied Cultural Sciences: University of Lueneburg, Germany

Sep 1994–Dec 2000

Interdisciplinary Integrated Bachelor/Master program

Majors: Ecology and Environmental Education
Human Geography
Media and PR
Introduction in Law and Economics
Cultural Sciences

Dipl. Systemic Counseling: Institute for Systemic Counseling, Wiesloch Germany

Aug 1999 – Jan 2000

Focus: Systemic Counseling for individuals and organizations

Further Information

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2008: CGIAR Promising Young Scientist Award, for development of Net-Map method

2001-2004: Scholarship of the Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft (German Governmental Research Organization).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Schiffer, E., Hauck, J. (2010) Net-Map: Collecting Social Network Data and Facilitating Network Learning through Participatory Influence Network Mapping. Field Methods.

Schiffer, E. Harwich, F., Monge, M. (2010) Who has influence in multistakeholder governance systems? Using the Net-Map method to analyze social networking in watershed management in northern Ghana. IFPRI Discussion Paper 964.

Aberman N. L., Schiffer, E., Johnson, M., Oboh, V. (2010) Improving Research-Policy Linkages in Nigeria. Nigeria Strategy Support Program Policy Brief 15. IFPRI.

Raabe, K., Birner, R., Sekher, M., Gayathridevi, K. G., Shilpi, A., Schiffer, E. (2010) How to Overcome the Governance Challenges of Implementing NREGA. IFPRI Discussion Paper 963.

Schiffer, E. et al (2008) Information Flow and Acquisition of Knowledge in Water Governance in the Upper East Region of Ghana. IFPRI Discussion Paper 820.

Schiffer, E., Waale, D. (2008) Tracing Power and Influence in Networks: Net-Map as a tool for research and strategic network planning. IFPRI Discussion Paper 772.

Schiffer, E. (2007) The Power Mapping Tool - A Method for the Empirical Research of Power Relations. IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 703.

Schiffer, E. (2007) Network Analysis Case Study: Multi-Stakeholder Water Governance in Ghana. In: J. Holland (2007) TIPS: Tools for Institutional, Political, and Social Analysis of Policy Reform, World Bank Institute.

Schiffer, E. (2004) Integrated Natural Resource Management in Namibia: How does it change local governance?

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED

2011: Net-Map certification courses for participants from development and other fields
2008 – present: Multiple online and face-to-face introduction and certification trainings on Net-Map as tool for evaluation and project planning with researchers, evaluators and project managers

2008: Facilitate workshop of co-coordinators of the World Bank funded FADAMA project in Nigeria to evaluate obstacles against targeting the poorest of the poor

2005 – 2008: Initiated and conducted regular (3-4 a year) research feedback meetings in Bolgatanga, Ghana

2006 – 2007: Training workshops for White Volta Basin Board (Ghana) on development of common network map and strategic influence network planning

LANGUAGES

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
German	Native speaker	Native speaker	Native speaker
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Good	Good	Fair
Spanish	Fair	Good	Fair

COUNTRY EXPERTISE

Africa South of Sahara, esp.

- Ghana (resident for 2 ½ years)
- Namibia (PhD research and volunteering, together 1 year)
- Ethiopia