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Summary

Skills:

Strong moderation, visualisation and mediation and networking and writing skills

Integrate research and implementation

Work in different cultural settings, confidently on the village level and with regional and national level policy makers in developed and developing countries

Passion for development, empathy and curiosity for people and an impact oriented work attitude.

Strong visionary thinking to develop new project approaches, methodologies, solutions

Impact:

Net-Map (<http://netmap.ifpriblog.org>): Developed research and facilitation tool to understand Influence Networks. Net-Map is low tech, low cost, easy to learn and facilitates learning and group development processes with participants. Implementation of Net-Map in CGIAR Challenge Program for Water and Food, African Peer Review Mechanism (Ghana), InWent Cross Boundary Mountain Governance Project, World Bank / IFPRI evaluation of food safety in Uzbekistan (amongst others)

Vision:

I strive for bridging the gap between research and development. I want to focus on the use of participatory tools to instill social learning and empowerment of my partners both in governments and the civil society of developing countries. My vision is to further develop, use and promote Net-Map as a tool for integrated evaluation and guidance of social processes. I want to social facilitate processes to empower those involved to better define their obstacles and opportunities, and develop feasible, sustainable and effective solutions.

Work Experience

IFPRI (INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE)

JAN 05–PRESENT

Position: Post-Doctoral Fellow

Role: Head of Ghana Project Office: Research, Project-Coordination and 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 learning tool based on social network analysis and the "Power Game". 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

Outreach: Use Net-Map as a tool for organisational development for White Volta Basin Board, organise and conduct regular research feedback meetings with local stakeholders, Net-Map training sessions to teach policy-makers to use the method in their work, organize radio discussions, public durbar, develop and maintain collaborative research and learning framework. Facilitate use of Net-Map in other projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America

Blog: <http://netmap.ifpriblog.org>

Education

PhD (Dr. Phil.) Human Geography

**University of Bochum (Germany),
Institute for Development Research and Development Policy**

April 01–July 04

Thesis Title: "Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) in Namibia: How does it change local governance?"

- 5 months research stay in rural Namibia.
- Development and application of interactive visualisation tool in urban and rural setting (Power Game).
- Develop research and learning partnership with research partners on village as well as policy-maker level
- Facilitate improvement of local natural resources governance through appropriate feedback mechanisms.
- Independently organize logistics and networking of field research.

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 Economy
Cultural Sciences

Thesis: "Eco-Sponsoring as Tool for Corporate Communications"

Diploma in Systemic Counselling

Institute for Systemic Counselling, Wiesloch (Germany)

Aug 1999 – Jan 2000

Focus: Systemic Counselling for individuals and organisations
Structuring and guiding professional coaching interactions

Extra-curricular activities at the university

- > Scholarship of the Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft (German Governmental Research Organisation). 01–04
- > Several honorary functions as a student representative in the faculty council. 94–00

- > Organisation of grass-roots political, women's rights and global justice activities at university 94-00
- > Volunteer for Roessing Foundation (Namibia), develop, test and teach innovative facilitation methods 97
- > Speaker / faculty representative of PhD school. 02-04

Further Information

> SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- > The Power Mapping Tool - A Method for the Empirical Research of Power Relations. IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 703 07
- > Net-Map Manual (Presented at the Sunbelt Conference of the International Network of Social Network Analysis, Corfu, May 2007) 07
- > 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 - A Sourcebook for Development Practitioners, World Bank Institute. 07
- > Analysis of Expectations of the Members of the New White Volta Basin Board Regarding the Work of the Board, Ghana (project document) 06
- > Analysis of Stakeholders Informational Needs and Problem Identification in the Water Governance of the White Volta Basin, Ghana (project document) 05
- > Integrated Natural Resource Management in Namibia: How does it change local governance? Bochum 04

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED

- > Facilitate workshop of co-coordinators of the World Bank funded FADAMA agricultural project in Nigeria to evaluate obstacles against targeting the poorest of the poor 08
- > Facilitate multi-stakeholder training workshop on the use of Net-Map in the day-to-day work of policy makers in Bolgatanga, Ghana 08
- > Initiated and conducted regular (3-4 a year) research feedback meetings in Bolgatanga, Ghana 05-present
- > Facilitate the development of operational guidelines by White Volta Basin Board (Ghana) 06
- > 2 training workshops for White Volta Basin Board (Ghana) on development of common network map and strategic influence network planning 06-07
- > Initiated and conducted international workshop on scientific policy advisory 01
- > Organized international symposium on evaluation of environmental interventions: "Umweltevaluation" www.umweltevaluation.de 00

> LANGUAGES

- > German: native speaker
- > English: excellent
- > French: intermediate
- > Spanish, Afrikaans, Dutch: basics

COUNTRY EXPERTISE

- > Africa South of Sahara, esp.
 - o Ghana (resident for 2 ½ years)
 - o Namibia (PhD research and volunteering, together 1 year)
- > Europe
- > South America
 - o Chile