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Curriculum Vitae Céline Kohlprath

Personal

Present position: Partnerin and Senior Consultant at KEK-CDC

Education: MA in International Relations, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva 2006 (Erasmus in Granada, Spain, 2004)
CAS Media Relations, MAZ the Swiss School of Journalism, Lucerne 2014
Postgraduate degree in Culture and Art Management, Institut für Kulturkonzepte, Vienna, Austria 2012

Date of birth: March 9, 1982

Marital status: married, two children

Nationality: Swiss and Austrian

Languages: French (mother tongue), German (bilingual), English (professional fluency), Spanish (good), Italian (fair)

What defines me best

I am results-oriented and have a flair for effective decision-making processes. My professional raison d'être is to accompany organizational change that integrates the human factor as part of the process. I aim to support responsible communication in international cooperation.

Areas of expertise

- **Thematic expertise:** Refugee protection and internally displaced persons, migration policy, humanitarian aid, international cooperation and sustainable development.
- **Advocacy and institutional communication:** Development and implementation of efficient multi-annual strategies with the active participation of the target groups. Monitoring and impact evaluation (M&E) of national and international awareness campaigns.
- **Multi-stakeholder project management:** Expertise in strategic planning of large-scale projects using logical framework analysis and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- **Organizational development:** Support of communication strategies in change management processes and implementation of Knowledge Management practices.
- **Coaching** in interview techniques and crisis communication.
- Moderation and facilitation of workshops, press conferences and public events (up to 150 participants).
- **Network:** Sound knowledge of Swiss institutions, NGOs and the UN sectoral coordination system.

Major professional achievements

- 2017-2020 SWISSAID, Bern, Switzerland
Head of Development Policy and Media Department
Consolidation and implementation of a five-year strategic plan with yearly public outreach campaigns based on in-house studies. The number of publications and media coverage doubled in two years. Member of the executive board and managed a newly formed team of eight people.
- 2013-2017 State Secretariat for Migration, Bern, Switzerland
Spokesperson
Deputy Head ad-interim of the information and communication department
Developed and maintained consistent communication strategies of Swiss migration policy and supported effective communication during the restructuration process. Spokesperson and moderation for national and international events. Coaching on media work and crisis communication. Member of the executive board and managed a team of ten people.
- 2011-2012 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Bogotá, Colombia
External relations associate
Reinforced the private-sector fundraising and partnerships strategy for UNHCR in Colombia.
- 2010-2011 Internews Europe/ OCHA, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Coordinator of the UN communication sub-cluster “Inter-Agency Working Group on Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities” (CDAC)
Established [CDAC](#) Haiti’s role as a coordination mechanism into the humanitarian system, advocate and service provider in the area of communication with disaster affected communities. Offered strategic leadership during coordination meeting, this included advice and technical support to partners. Consolidation and implementation of a cholera awareness campaign in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF.
- 2009-2010 United Nations Department of Peace Operations (DPKO), Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
Radio producer
Responsible for the development of content and program schedules of a 24/7 radio broadcaster. Planned and implemented radio campaigns to foster dialogue and reconciliation, developed and supervised programme content, and trained journalists.
- 2004-2008 Isis International, Manila, Philippines
Programm Ausland-Redaktionen MAZ/SDC, Bamako, Mali
SRG SSR / Le Temps
Freelance reporter
Production of news reports and documentaries on human rights violations, corporate social and environmental responsibility, migration and the health care system.

Other work experiences

- 2011-2012 Co-author of the Swiss report on cultural diversity for the Federal Office for Culture
- 2011 Public relations officer for the Verbier Festival
Promotional agent for classical music artists for Sony
- 2007 Internship at the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in Brussels
- 2006 Media relations officer for the World Economic Forum in Davos

Working experiences abroad

Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Mali, Philippines

Advanced training

- Corporate social responsibility (University of Bogotá, 2012)
- Team building (L3 *Führen ist Menschlich*, 2019)
- Policy coherence (NADEL, ETH Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, 2020)
- Conflict management (Cinfo, Center for Information, Counselling and Training for Professions relating to International Cooperation, 2021)
- Storytelling for audio documentaries and podcasts (Cfjm Journalism school in Lausanne, 2021)

Academic publication

C. Kohlprath, "*Artistic and cultural responses to disaster*" A case study, Institut für Kulturkonzepte, 2012.