

Curriculum Vitae DIETER ZÜRCHER

Personal

Present Position: Partner of KEK – CDC
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, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Kosovo, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, 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

- 2022 - 23: Evaluation of the Kenya Country Programme, Fastenaktion
- 2022 - 23: Institutional evaluation of the strategy 2017 - 2024, Fastenaktion
- 2022 - 23: Impact analysis of the working field “cross-regional competence development and knowledge transfer” of the global programme “green innovation centres in the agricultural and nutrition sectors” in 16 countries between 2016 and 2021, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)
- 2022: Scoping study to assess the needs in the technical vocational education and training (TVET) sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina, SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)
- 2022: Review of the Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation management set-up in Eastern Europe, Helvetas
- 2022: Evaluation of the LRRD (Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development) practice at the Swiss Red Cross, SRC
- 2021 - 22: Mid-term evaluation of the Project Support Partnerships (PSPs) of SECO's Macroeconomic and Trade Promotion Sections, SECO (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs)

- 2021 - 22: Teamleader of the consortium, formed by urbaplan-helvetas-enova, implementing the consultancy for project coordination and capacity building of the Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo (UTPS) during the inception phase, SECO
- 2021 - 22: End-of-Phase evaluation of the Sustainable Economic and Regional Development, Employment Promotion and Vocational Education and Training Project (ProSEED) in Albania, GIZ
- 2019 - 22: Monitoring Report about the effects of the new federal asylum centre “Zürich”, City of Zürich
- 2020 - 22: Independent Evaluation of the multi-annual programme 2016 - 23 of the New Regional Development Policy of Switzerland, SECO ([link to evaluation website](#))
- 2008 - 22: Guest lecturer in the CAS course on “evaluation in development cooperation”, NADEL/ETHZ
- 2020 - 21: Teamleader for the evaluation of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, SDC
- 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: Study for the Design of an Urban Transformation Project Sarajevo (Reactivate Sarajevo), SECO
- 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 ([link to website](#))
- 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)

Major Professional Experience

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| 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 expatriate 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 et. al (2022): Unabhängige Evaluation des Mehrjahresprogramms 2016 - 2023 der Neuen Regionalpolitik (NRP). [Link to the website](#) with various evaluation products (podcasts, infographics, reports and videos).
- 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.