

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE (BIO)

Current position: Director Markets& Partnerships and Member of the Executive Board, Swisscontact.

Education:

- M.A. in Theology and Social Sciences, University of Fribourg/CH and Free University of Berlin/Germany
- PhD in Economic Ethics and International Cooperation, University of Fribourg/CH (and Humboldt University Berlin/Germany)

Languages: German (mother tongue), English, French (and basic knowledge of Spanish, Italian, Portuguese)

Profile statement: Franziska Koller has 13 years of leadership experience including many years as a member of the Executive Board. She is an expert in international cooperation, with professional experiences both in Switzerland as well as abroad. She works since 20 years in the international cooperation field and holds a PhD in economic ethics and international cooperation.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Leadership and coaching, social and economic ethics, development policy, organizational, strategic and programme development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institution: Swisscontact Date: since 01.2026	Position: Director Markets and Partnerships/ Member of the Executive Board (90%) Lead and support the Department Markets and Partnerships. Contributes as a member of the EB to the realisation of the strategy and operational steering, and development of the organisation.
Institution: Swisscontact Date: 02.2024-12.2025	Position: Director Products and Solutions / Member of the Executive Board (90%) Lead and support thematic work, learning and positioning of the organisation. Contributes as a member of the EB to the realisation of the strategy and operational steering, and development of the organisation.
Institution: Caritas Switzerland Date: 11.2019-12.2023	Position: Head of International Cooperation / Member of the Executive Board (90%) Head of International Cooperation Section with about 450 international and national employees in 20 countries; budget responsibility of around CHF 70 million per year.
Institution: Caritas Switzerland Date: 07.2011-10.2019	Position: Head of Department, International Cooperation (80%) 2016-2019: Head of the Africa, Latin America & Caribbean Department with a team of around 110 international and national staff in 11 countries, budget responsibility of about CHF 20 million per year. 2011-2015: Deputy Head of Department Africa, Latin America, Caribbean with about 110 employees in nearly 20 countries; budget responsibility of about CHF 20 million per year.
Institution: Caritas Switzerland Date: 04.2006-06.2011	Position: Programme Director Great Lakes Region (70-80%) Programme management of the Great Lakes Country Programme incl. planning, monitoring, evaluation and financial responsibility. 2010-2011: incl. 10% responsibility for Tajikistan.
Institution: University of Fribourg Date: 01.2003-03.2006	Position: Research Assistant (100%) Elaboration of a PhD on the topic "Ethics and development cooperation - an

	evaluation. The example of an SDC decentralisation programme in Burkina Faso" within the funding framework of the Swiss National Science Foundation.
Institution: HEKS Date: 10.2001-10.2002	Position: Aid Organisation Representative at BAFM-hearings (20%) Aid Organisation representation at hearings of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAFM): supervision, recording and examination of asylum applications.
Institution: Asylum Seekers Center, Belp Date: 07.1998-03.2000	Position: Assistant (20%) Internship (3 months, 100%) and assistance (20%): German courses, legal and advisory assistance to asylum seekers and organisational tasks.
Institution: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Fada N'Gourma, Burkina Faso Date: 2003 (7 months)	Position: Research Assistant (100%) Field research on the SDC's decentralisation programme as part of the PhD at the SDC office in Fada N'Gourma, Burkina Faso.
Institution: Serviço de Educação e Organização Popular (SEOP), Rio de Janeiro and Petropolis, Brasil Date: 1999 (4 months)	Position: Management of a child nursery, Brasil (100%) Management of a child nursery in a street children's programme: organisation, management, teaching as well as other social services in the favela. Knowledge and application of Paulo Freire's pedagogical method; collaboration on a documentary film for SRF.
Institutions: Orphanages Colombo and Nuwara Eliya Date: 1996 (3 months)	Project Assistant (100%)
2006-2023	Regular business trips to monitor and manage programmes and ensure liaison with staff and stakeholders: Chad, Mali, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Cuba, Brazil, Bolivia, Haiti, Cambodia, Tajikistan, Burkina Faso, Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt.

PUBLICATIONS

Und wenn sich eine Milliarde Menschen auf den Weg machen würden?, in: Caritas Schweiz, Almanach Entwicklungspolitik 2024. Migration, Luzern 2023.

Urbane Armut bekämpfen, in: Caritas Schweiz, Almanach Entwicklungspolitik 2023.

Wieviel Erde braucht der Mensch, in: Caritas Schweiz, Almanach Entwicklungspolitik 2022. Klimaschutz und Energiewende, Luzern 2021.

Nahrung ist ein Menschenrecht, in: Caritas Schweiz, Almanach Entwicklungspolitik 2021. Wege aus der Ernährungskrise, Luzern 2020.

Vom widersprüchlichen Paradigma der aufholenden Entwicklung, in: Almanach Entwicklungspolitik 2020: „Afrika“, 2019.

Ungleichverteilung lebensnotwendiger Ressourcen – Schicksal oder Ungerechtigkeit?, in: Marianne Heimbach-Steins (Hg.), Ressourcen, Lebensqualität, Sinn. Gerechtigkeit für die Zukunft denken, Paderborn: Schöningh 2013.

Right to Justice and Right to Know in post genocide Rwanda and the contribution of civil society, in: www.dealingwiththepast.ch, 2011.

Against Monocultural Universalism, in: Beat Sitter-Liver (ed.), Universality: From Theory to Practice. An intercultural and interdisciplinary debate about facts, possibilities, lies and myths (25th Colloquium [2007] of the SAGW), Fribourg 2009, 337-358.

Ethik und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit – eine Evaluation. Das Beispiel eines Dezentralisierungsprogramms in Burkina Faso (St. Galler Beiträge zur Wirtschaftsethik, Bd. 40), Bern: Haupt, 2007 (Doktorarbeit).