

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE (BIO)

Current position: Head of Climate Change & Food Systems

Education: MSc Geography (University of Berne), MSc International Cooperation (ETH Zurich), BAc Biology (University of Berne), Minor in International Law

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (professional fluency), French (very good), Portuguese (good), Spanish (intermediate), Bahasa Indonesia (basic)

Profile statement:

As the Head of Climate Change & Food Systems at Swisscontact, based in Zurich, Christina Grünewald is responsible for setting up and developing this newly established division. She has 15 years' of experience working at the interface between environmental protection, climate change and economic development in different contexts including development cooperation, social enterprise promotion, local economic development. As an environment expert she has technically supported project teams mainly working in agriculture in South and Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Eastern Europe. Christina co-founded and managed a social enterprise based in Berne, Switzerland, that gives urban customers access to local seasonal organic food, while providing farmers with a stable market at fair prices.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Environment and climate change mainstreaming, Sustainable agriculture, Facilitation of training and capacity building, Development of training materials and tools, Project/intervention design, Project management, Knowledge Management, Inclusive Systems Development approach

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<p>Institution: Swisscontact Date: 11.2022 - present</p>	<p>Position: Head of Climate Change & Food Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic and conceptual leadership related to sustainable agriculture, green cities, and environmental responsibility mainstreaming. - Business development support. - Capacity building, training, and mentoring for project teams. - Advisory and backstopping in the fields of sustainable agriculture, environment, and climate change. - Thematic positioning and communication activities, including liaison with partners and networks. - Management of internal working groups of thematic experts. - Facilitation of online meetings and communities of practice
<p>Institution: Swisscontact Date: 03.2019 – 10.2022</p>	<p>Position: Advisor Environment / Co-Coordinator Sustainable Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and roll out conceptual framework for environmental responsibility (policy, guidelines, tools). - Development of toolbox for systematic integration of environment and climate change aspects into the Inclusive Systems Development approach. - Collaboration in the Inclusive Systems Development core group and co-facilitate training. - Co-coordination of Sustainable Agriculture working area and lead of the core group - Backstopping / mentoring projects on DRR, environment and climate change.

Institution: Swisscontact Date: 05.2016 – 02.2019	Position: Knowledge and Content Management (Focus Environment) - Processing of experience and knowledge for thematic positioning with a focus on environment. - Conception and coordination of internal knowledge exchange and learning.
Institution: Swisscontact, PRISMA Project, Indonesia Date: 03.2015 – 02.2016	Position: Programme Associate, as part of Nadel ETH Project Assignment Conducted Target Group Profile Study for 10 agricultural sub-sectors based on the Sustainable Livelihood Approach to verify / adopt intervention logic in collaboration with the Monitoring and Results Measurement team.
Institution: Ashoka Date: 09.2012-09.2014	Position: Programme Manager Co-lead and management of Ashoka's activities in Switzerland. Identifying and supporting innovative social entrepreneurs in Switzerland. Support acquisition and design of international programmes.
Institution: Bioabi Date: since 02.2010	Position: Co-Founder, Member of the Board Establishment of social enterprise based in Berne, Switzerland, that gives customers access to local seasonal organic food, while providing farmers with a stable market at fair prices. Managing Director from 2011-2012.
Institution: UNESCO World Heritage Swiss Alps Date: 06.2008 – 12.2010	Position: Project Manager Design and implementation of projects in the fields of natural resource management, alignment of conservation and economic development. Facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogue, collaboration with research, and development of information and communication platform for the region. Development of training materials.
Institution: Swiss Federal Office for Energy (FOEN) Date: 03.2007 – 05.2008	Position: Scientific Staff of the Director Elaborate briefs, presentations and speeches for the Minister of Energy and the Director of the FOEN. Focus on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Energy Policy

REFERENCE PROJECTS

2022-2023, Promoting Private Sector Employment (PPSE), SDC, Kosovo, Facilitation of public-private dialogue, through a workshop, on the topic of sustainable agriculture with the respective stakeholders in the food and natural ingredients sector.

2021 - 2022, Markets for the Chars (M4C), SDC, Bangladesh: Climate Change, DRR and Environment assessment and mainstreaming strategy development, support to CEDRIG report.

Since 2020, Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture, Cambodia, ongoing backstopping mandate including strategic inputs, product development and networking.

Since 2020, Dynamic Markets for Farmers, Uganda, ongoing backstopping mandate on strengthening environment and climate change relevant intervention design and implementation.

2019, Markets for the Chars (M4C), Bangladesh: Environmental study and project design workshop with M4C team, assessing environmental impacts of the project to adjust the design of the next phase.

2019, Beninclusif, Benin, Environment workshop with the project team focusing on integration of relevant environmental aspects into project and intervention design and co-facilitation of Inclusive Systems Development workshop.

2017, Burkina Faso, Co-Facilitation of Swisscontact Inclusive Markets Mentors Training for the West African Region

2015, PRISMA, Indonesia, DFAT, Target Group Profiling Study for ten agricultural sub-sectors.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION (E.G. PUBLICATIONS)

- Occasional guest Lecturer at the University of Berne, Universities of Applied Studies in Bern and Zurich, Center for Sustainability ETH.
- Design and facilitation of international workshops on sustainability and social entrepreneurship, Youth Encounter for Sustainability, ETH Center for Sustainability 2008 – 2010.
- Participation in Inclusive Systems Development Training:
 - Market Systems Development Workshop, organised by PRISMA, Indonesia 2015
 - Inclusive Systems Development Mentors Training, organised by Swisscontact, Cambodia 2017