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New member of the Swisscontact Executive Board

Franz Kehl is the new Director of Products & Solutions

After an extensive and rigorous evaluation procedure, the Swisscontact Foundation Council has appointed Franz Kehl to the Executive Board as its newest member and Director of Products & Solutions. He will begin his tenure at Swisscontact in January 2022.

Since 2006, Franz Kehl has worked at KEK–CDC Consultants, an internationally successful development consulting firm working with governments and non-profit organisations. Since 2012 he has been a Partner, and for the past six years Managing Director. Franz Kehl is one of the leading Swiss experts on vocational education and training, as well as labour market and social inclusion policies; he has been working in these fields since the start of his career, both in Switzerland and in international development cooperation. Additionally, Franz Kehl is the Founding President of the Swiss Forum for Skills Development and International Cooperation (FoBBIZZ) the initiator and first project director of the Donor Committee for Dual Vocational Education and Training (DC dVET), as well as a lecturer in vocational education and training and international cooperation at the NADEL Centre for Development and Cooperation of the ETH Zurich.

Franz Kehl completed his studies in Political Science and History at the University of Freiburg in 2006. He is married with three children.

Franz Kehl will begin his tenure at Swisscontact on January 1, 2022.

About Swisscontact

Swisscontact is a leading organisation for the implementation of international development projects. It promotes integrative economic, social and ecological development in order to contribute to sustainable and wide-reaching prosperity in developing and emerging nations. This provides economically and socially disadvantaged people with opportunities to improve their livelihood independently. Swisscontact is an independent charitable foundation set up under Swiss law in 1959. It helps people to develop their skills so that they can improve their employment prospects, increases the competitiveness of companies to facilitate their growth, and promotes socio-economic systems to facilitate holistic development.

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