

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PROFILE (BIO)

**Current position:** Advisor Climate Change

**Education:**

CAS in Climate Innovation, ETH Zürich; MSc in Environmental Studies and Sustainability Science, Lund University; BSc in Business Administration & International Politics, Zurich University of Applied Sciences & Université Paris IX

**Languages:** German (native tongue), English, (professional fluency), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Farsi and Russian (basic)

**Profile statement:** Nicole is an environmental specialist, with specific expertise on climate change adaptation and mitigation in the land use sector. Her approach is taking a landscape perspective integrating sustainable practices with environmental and biodiversity conservation, ensuring a balance between economic development and nature protection. She draws on project implementation experience in Central and South Asia as well as on consultancy experiences for a wide range of clients, ranging from NGOs to government bodies and multilateral organizations.

### KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Climate Finance, Green Economy Transitions, Biodiversity, Landscape Approach, Sustainable Agriculture, Project Management, Applied Research.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<p><b>Institution:</b> Swisscontact <b>Date:</b> 04.2024 – present</p>	<p><b>Position: Advisor Climate Change &amp; Food Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical support, strategic guidance, and technical backstopping to project teams in the fields of climate change, green economy, green transition and climate finance.</li> <li>- Mainstreaming of climate aspects into Swisscontact projects.</li> <li>- Contribute to the implementation of Swisscontact’s climate strategy and net zero roadmap.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Institution:</b> Risha Solutions <b>Date:</b> 05.2020 – present</p>	<p><b>Position: Co-Founder &amp; Board Member</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic advisory services on climate change and environmental protection.</li> <li>- Coordination of Risha Solutions’ Expert Network.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Institution:</b> Risha Solutions <b>Date:</b> 05.2020 – 03.2024</p>	<p><b>Position: Co-Founder &amp; Lead Climate Change and Environment Portfolio</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical and strategic advisory services in climate change adaptation and mitigation, working with local, international, and multilateral organisations.</li> <li>- Research on climate impacts on food systems and urban waste management to inform evidence-based policy development.</li> <li>- Design of projects aimed at positive environmental outcomes and resilience.</li> <li>- Development and conduction of training on climate change, sustainable farming and climate finance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Institution:</b> GIZ <b>Date:</b> 10.2018 – 02.2021</p>	<p><b>Position: Project Manager (based in Tajikistan)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Management of international and regional biodiversity and climate change projects, leading the Tajikistan teams.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advisory services to the governments of Central Asia in regards to green economy transitions, NDC commitments, and biodiversity targets.</li> <li>- Acquisition of new project funds and engagement on climate finance opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Institution:</b> GIZ <b>Date:</b> 04.2016 – 09.2018	<b>Position: Project Officer (based in Tajikistan)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advisory services sustainable land use and biodiversity protection.</li> <li>- Development of training modules on climate change and forest management for Disaster Risk Reduction.</li> </ul>
<b>Institution:</b> ProJourn <b>Date:</b> 01.2015 – 02.2016	<b>Position: Environmental Journalist</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Covering global environmental events, including the World Resources Form, The Global Landscapes Forum and the CoP21.</li> </ul>

## REFERENCE PROJECTS (Selection)

2023 – 2024: Climate Smart Business Challenge Facility; International Climate Initiative, Aga Khan Foundation; India, Pakistan, Tajikistan; pilot project that supports Small and Growing Businesses focusing on low-carbon and climate-resilient solutions.

2022 – 2023: Climate Resilient Water Resources Management in the Zerafshan River Basin, SDC; Support to the project planning and coordination of the consortium.

2022 – 2023: Regional Approaches for Combating Sand and Dust Storms and Drought, Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre, UNCCD; development of a regional drought management plan for Central Asia.

2016 – 2022: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agrarian Landscapes, International Climate Initiative, Tajikistan, India, Kenya; Strengthening of individual and institutional capacities on biodiversity and ecosystem-services in agricultural systems.

2016 – 2021: Integrative and Climate-sensitive Land Use in Central Asia, BMZ, GIZ; programme with a multi-level approach to sustainable land use with a focus on advisory services to the governments in Central Asia on the formulation of the NCDs.

2018-2020: GCF Readiness Programme Tajikistan, GIZ; Capacity strengthening on climate finance acquisition.

2019: Climate Change Mainstreaming, International Climate Initiative, GIZ, Tajikistan; Mainstreaming of climate change and biodiversity consideration in other sector development programmes (economic development, health, migration) in alignment of the NDCs and commitments under the UNCBD.

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION (E.G. PUBLICATIONS)

Member of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Network: Expert Pool DRR & Climate Change

Certified Trainer for the Climate Expert Tool

### Selected Publications:

Climate Change Impacts on Women and Girls in South East Asia ([2023](#))

Sustainable Agricultural Practices under a changing Climate ([2023](#))

Barriers and opportunities for a climate-resilient seed system in Tajikistan ([2023](#))

Climate mobility in Khartoum Process countries ([2022](#))

Climate Change Profile: Tajikistan ([2020](#))

Integrating Ecosystem Services into Development Planning ([2020](#))