

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## PROFILE (BIO)

**Current position:** Advisor Skills Development

**Education:** MAS Development and Cooperation from ETH Zurich; MSc in Physics from University of Zurich UZH

**Languages:** German (mother tongue), English (professional fluency), French (professional fluency)

### Profile statement:

Graduate expert in development, with experience in the areas of skills, labour market insertion, youth employment, inclusive systems (ISD/MSD), private sector engagement and sustainable agriculture. Several years of project experience in Eastern Europe and Western Africa, including as a team leader and regional knowledge manager. Supports projects in strategic orientation, intervention design, bid writing, formulating theories of change, sustainable planning, and capitalisation of learnings.

## KEY QUALIFICATIONS

### Master of Advanced Studies in Development and Cooperation

NADEL - Center for Development and Cooperation at ETH Zurich

Main Topics: Development Economics; Cultural and Social Aspects of Development; History of Development; Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030; Politics and Governance; Applied Statistics and Policy Evaluation; Water and Sanitation; Environment and Natural Resources; Justice and Normative Aspects of Development

Additional CAS Courses: Project Cycle Management PCM, Fragile Contexts, M4P, Migration, VET, Evaluation of Projects

### Master of Science in Physics

Institute of Physics at University of Zurich UZH

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <p><b>Institution:</b> Swisscontact<br/><b>Date:</b> 10.2022 – present</p> | <p><b>Position: Advisor Skills Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advising the Swisscontact global portfolio in Skills Development.</li> <li>- Focus point for Labour Market Insertion.</li> <li>- Thematic lead on Green Skills and Jobs.</li> <li>- Research</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Institution:</b> Swisscontact<br/><b>Date:</b> 05.2020 – 08.2022</p> | <p><b>Position: Team Leader</b><br/>Project <i>Béninclusif</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leading a team of development professionals into the first project phase.</li> <li>- Testing the MSD approach for the first time in Western Africa.</li> <li>- Agricultural value chain development in the fish farming and citrus fruit sectors.</li> <li>- Innovative intervention design with a focus on knowledge creation.</li> <li>- Developing cross-cutting environmental responsibility activities.</li> <li>- Communication for development, including trends and new ideas.</li> <li>- Regional senior mentor for Inclusive Systems Development.</li> <li>- Member of Swisscontact Core Groups for Sustainable Agriculture and GESI.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Institution:</b> Helvetas<br/><b>Date:</b> 05.2018 – 04.2020</p>     | <p><b>Position: Junior Professional Officer</b><br/>Project <i>Enhancing Youth Employment</i></p>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intervention manager for the ICT sector.</li> <li>- Private sector and business services development.</li> <li>- Regional advisor for knowledge management and learning.</li> <li>- Capacity building and communication in Eastern Europe.</li> <li>- Coordinating collaboration between Kosovo, Albania, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Moldova.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Institution:</b> Helvetas<br><b>Date:</b> 03.2017 – 11.2017                                   | <b>Position: Project Assistant</b><br>Project <i>Enhancing Youth Employment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private sector development (business services, outsourcing, ICT).</li> <li>- Intervention design and implementation.</li> <li>- Economic sector analysis and research.</li> <li>- Monitoring and evaluation of interventions.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Institution:</b> Euresearch Association<br><b>Date:</b> 11.2014 – 10.2016                     | <b>Position: Euresearch Contact Point for SME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grants and proposal advice to SME for research projects in the European Union's framework programme Horizon 2020.</li> <li>- Fostering cooperation between the private sector and academic research.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Institution:</b> ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences<br><b>Date:</b> 11.2014 – 10.2016 | <b>Position: CTI Expert for R&amp;D Projects (Swiss federal innovation grant scheme, today Innosuisse)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grants and proposal advice for government funded projects in Switzerland.</li> <li>- Research and innovation support for SME and scientists.</li> <li>- Communication with officials and professional networks.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Institution:</b> swissnex China<br><b>Date:</b> 11.2013 – 05.2014                             | <b>Position: Junior Project Leader</b><br>Representative in China for the University of Zurich UZ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate knowledge exchange between Switzerland and China.</li> <li>- Support internationalisation of academic institutions.</li> <li>- Organise events for location promotion and host Swiss delegations.</li> </ul>  |

## REFERENCE PROJECTS

Bénin: [Béinclusif](#) – Dynamic markets for sustainable agricultural products

Morocco: [C4EE](#) – Coaching pour l'emploi et l'entrepreneuriat - Insertion professionnelle pour les jeunes défavorisés

DRC: Uni.e.s pour l'égalité des genres