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Date of Birth: July/5/1973
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HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 8 years experience of technical assistance and development policy
- 7 years research and consultancy experience in Africa
- Excellent knowledge of project cycle management, project budget planning, result oriented monitoring experience
- Experience in project evaluation and project planning processes
- Experience in preparing technical and financial proposal
- Experience in planning and coordinating capacity building programmes
- Coordination of short-term consultancy missions and backstopping of in-country operations
- Expertise in stakeholder's analysis and institutional capacity assessment
- Expertise in Data collection, analysis and processing
- Fluent in English, French (mother tongue) and German

FIELD OF EXPERTISE

International cooperation and development aid, public administration and good governance, decentralization policy, local government policy, resource governance, regional integration, conflicts and security issues, elections and political Systems

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE (LIVED AND WORKED)

Senegal, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Niger, Mauritanian, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Malawi, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Singapore, Germany, England, France, Spain.

WORK HISTORY

Long-term position

04/2012 - today	Executive Director	Farafina Institute, Germany
10/2009 - 11/2013:	Assistant Professor	University of Bayreuth, Germany
10/2007 - 10/ 2009:	Research Fellow	University of Bayreuth, Germany
03/2007- 10/2007:	Project Assistant	ICON-INSTITUTE, Germany
02/2006 - 02/2007:	Project Coordinator	Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, Germany

Short –term position/consultancy

04/2015 - 05/2015:	Consultant	GIZ, Germany
09/2014 – 04/2015:	Network Coordinator	TU München / Farafina Institute
02/2014 – 06/2014:	Consultant	Hanns-Seidel Foundation, Germany
08/2013 – 12/2013:	Consultant	University of Gothenburg, Sweden
06/2013 – 07/2013:	Consultant	West Africa Institute, cape Verde
09/2012	Consultant	German Academic Exchange Service, Germany
11/2011 - 02/2012	Consultant	German Academic Exchange Service, Germany
05/2005 -11/2005	Consultant	GIZ, Dakar (Senegal)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) (04/2015 - 05/2015)

Desk Study conducted in the Framework of German-African Youth Initiative on NGO/CSOs in Africa.

Country surveyed: Benin, Cameroon, Tanzania, Rwanda, Namibia and South Africa My tasks as consultant includes:

- providing an overview over African CSOs/NGOs and initiatives in the sector of youth development in Africa (Benin, Cameroon, Tanzania, Rwanda, Namibia, South Africa)
- Assessment of enabling environment / feasibility assessment
- drafting the final report for GIZ

Farafina Institute (04/2012 – today)

As the Executive Director, my achievements include:

- successful management, monitoring and overall coordination of all activities of the institute
- financial management
- leading the design and implementation of all strategic plans and programs
- supervising research and development projects
- securing fundings for development projects
- developing and extending our partnership with other partners in the field of applied research.
- supervising 10 staff members involved in research activities and project implementations

Technische Universität München / Farafina Institute (09/2014 – 04/2015)

Project: *“Transformative Social Change and Resource Governance in African Resource-Rich Economies of the Gulf of Guinea - A comparative perspective on Angola, Nigeria, DR Congo and Côte d’Ivoire”.*

As the Knowledge Network coordinator, my work included:

- overall coordination of the activities of the Knowledge Network for the International Social Science Council (ISSC), including liaising with project partners and network members and organizing workshops and meeting with various stakeholders in partners countries
- designing, facilitating, coaching, and evaluating the multi-stakeholder processes that bring together a diversity of people and interests, including governments, intergovernmental organisations, non-governmental organisations, women's networks, research institutions, Community-Based Organizations, indigenous peoples groups, private sector companies, trade unions, and others.
- developing a methodological framework for multi-stakeholder processes, providing a basis for the building of innovative, multi-stakeholder networks of knowledge dissemination and mutual learning for longer-term collaboration on processes of transformative change
- looking at principles and practical guidelines, based on analyses of prevailing governance context in the partner countries of the project
- enabling the engagement of stakeholders in the co-design and co-production of a solutions-oriented knowledge and the development of networks of mutual learning on resource governance and transformative change in the Gulf of Guinea.
- preparing a report on co-design and co-production of knowledge in the framework of the ISSC project

Hanns-Seidel Foundation, Germany (02/2014 – 06/2014)

Project: *“Fostering the APRM process in five West African Countries (Ghana, Benin, Mali, Niger, Togo, and Burkina Faso)”.*

As the lead consultant, my work included:

- conducting the Mid-Term evaluation (monitoring) and impact assessment of an EU-funded Project (4.149.900 €) implemented by the Hanns-Seidel Foundation.
- conducting a SWOT analysis as well as a stakeholder's analysis and institutional capacity assessment and drafted the final evaluation report (Lot 1).
- providing advisory services and guidance to the Hanns-Seidel Foundation on how to manage the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Programme successfully in order to maximize positive outcomes in terms of Democratization, good governance, conflict prevention and Decentralization.
- providing advisory services and recommendations to the respective national APRM-Secretariat and relevant ministries involved in the implementation of the APRM-programme on: effective fundraising strategies, developing strategic partnership with international technical partners and founding institutions in Europe, enhancing intra-regional cooperation within the ECOWAS to enable a regional APRM-dynamic.

University of Bayreuth, Institute of African Studies (10/2009 - 11/2013)

As an Assistant Professor of Political Science, my tasks included:

- teaching and conducting research on development policy and African Politics
- supervision of master and doctoral theses
- administration and management of the International Graduate School, including allocation and administration of finances
- coordination of training programme and appointment of doctoral commissions for defences
- contributing to the success of the BIGSAS application for the Excellence Initiative funded (€7.4 Million) by the German Research Foundation (DFG): I was instrumental in preparing and writing the proposal for the application

West Africa Institute, Cape Verde (06/2013 – 07/2013)

As a consultant, I successfully:

- lead a capacity building program for 30 ECOWAS regional stakeholders on the “Challenges of West African’s Regional Integration”
- provided guidance and recommendations to participants on how to access to European funding opportunities
- conducted training sessions on proposal writing, project acquisition and acquisition of third-party foundlings for local, national and regional projects.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), (11/2011 - 02/2012)

As a consultant, I successfully:

- and Latin America.
- conducted the Mid-Term Evaluation and monitoring of the South African-German Centre for development research and Criminal Justice (Cape Town, South Africa.
- conducted a SWOT analysis, including a stakeholder’s analysis and institutional capacity assessment.
- Drafted the final evaluation report, including a providing strategic guidance on the financial sustainability of the programme founded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation

ICON-Institute (03/2007- 10/2007):

As a project assistant, I successfully completed the following tasks:

- result oriented monitoring and evaluation of two projects in Senegal and Ghana on fiscal decentralization (EU 7 Framework Programme).
- project acquisition, project budget planning, completing the calculation of financial proposals.
- expert recruiting and contract management
- backstopping of in-country operations in the field on private sector development

Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation (02/2006 - 02/2007)

As a project coordinator, I successfully completed the following tasks:

- coordination and overall management and administration of all aspects of daily operations of the project, including fundraising, liaising and maintaining regular contacts with local and international partners and stakeholders.

Project objective: reducing mortality rates of mothers and babies in Nkhosakota District of Malawi. The project “Lebenschancen Malawi” was founded (€300.000) by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) (05/2005 -11/2005)

As a consultant, I successfully completed the following tasks

- Identified local resources as well as local development problems, determined instruments with key local stakeholders
- Assessed/evaluated the local socio-economic situation in rural areas of Kaolack and Kebemer (Senegal)
- Developed local development strategies with local stakeholders and Prepared and conducted a capacity building programme for local trainers

EDUCATION

- 19/12/-21/12/2013 **Certificate** on “Assessing Regional Integration in Africa”
The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva
- 10/2002-02/2007 **PhD degree** in Political Science.
Topic of the Thesis: “Decentralization Reform and Local Development in French and English speaking African Countries – A comparative Study of Senegal and Ghana” , University of Siegen, Germany
- 20-22/10/2000 **Certificate** on “**Integrated Project Management in development policy**”.
Energie- und Umweltbüro Bielfeld, Germany
- 10/1997-05/2002 **Master degree** in Political Science, Economics and English Studies.
Main subject: Local Economic Development, Culture and Development in West Africa, University of Siegen, Germany

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Assoua, Kocra Lossina (2014): Evaluation Report of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) in Ghana, Benin, Burkina Faso und Togo (BMZ-founding), Hanns-Seidel-Foundation.
- Assoua, Kocra Lossina (2013): Discussing Corporate Sustainability Management in Africa. Business + Innovation, Heft 2, p. 51-59.
- Assoua, Kocra Lossina (2013): Discussing the nexus between Political Instability and Sustainability of the ECOWAS Single Monetary Zone - Literature review, challenges and prospects. Center for European Integration Studies, Discussion Papers. Nr.5 (2013).
- Assoua, Kocra Lossina (2013): Higher Education, Ethics and Governance Quality in Africa - Promises and Challenges of Forming Developmental Leaders in the Context of Globalization. In: Eckart Liebau, Ernst Wagner, Max Wyman (Hrsg.). International Yearbook for Arts Education (UNESCO), Vol. 1. Verlag: Waxmann Verlag GmbH, p. 225-231.
- Assoua/Strutz/Kohnert (2012): Evaluation Report of the South African German Centre for Development Research and Criminal Justice, Development Research Division, German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD).
- Assoua, Kocra Lossina (2013): Policy Research and Policymaking in Africa. Farafina Institute's Discussion Papers Series. Discussion Papers, Nr.1.

REFERENCES

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