

GEOGRAPHER & AGRONOMIST

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TRAINING

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| 10/2007 | Diploma in physical geography, agricultural sciences and horticultural sciences at the Humboldt University of Berlin (grade: 1.8) Title of the diploma thesis: "Pedologische Untersuchungen am „Technikdenkmal und Freiluftmuseum Rieselfeld Großbeeren“ und Konzeption eines Bodenlehrpfades" (grade: 1.5) |
| 04/2002-10/2007 | Studies of physical geography, agricultural sciences and horticultural sciences at the Humboldt University of Berlin |
| 10/1999-04/2002 | Studies of anthropogeography, biology and environmental sciences at the University of Potsdam |
| 06/1998 | Abitur (A-Level) at the Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium Teltow (grade: 2.0) |

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 04/2020-12/2020 | Centre for Rural Development (SLE) of Humboldt University of Berlin & Benin Team leader of the overseas project "Le secteur avicole béninois face aux importations occidentales de viande de poulet – Analyse des questions commerciales, des préférences de consommation et des systèmes de production pour renforcer la compétitivité du secteur national" (client: GIZ) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Accompanying the team in the development of the research concept based on SLE's own guideline "Action and Decision-Oriented Research" (ADR) in the two-month preparatory phase in Berlin▪ Recruitment of five Beninese research tandems and two consultants for data acquisition and coordination of field work▪ Overall coordination and supervision of the twelve-person research team▪ Communication between the project team and SLE and the project team and GIZ▪ Budget responsibility and control▪ Leadership in the preparation of the final report and a policy brief |
| 04/2019-12/2019 | Centre for Rural Development (SLE) of Humboldt University of Berlin & Benin/Togo Team leader of the overseas project "Et moi, j'y gagne quoi ? Perspectives d'intégration du secteur privé dans le système d'Enseignement et de Formation Professionnelle Agricole (EFTPA) au Bénin et au Togo" (client: GIZ-AU) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Preparation and implementation of a two-week preparatory trip to Benin and Togo▪ Accompanying the team in the development of the research concept based on the SLE's own guideline "Action and Decision-Oriented Research" (ADR) in the two-month preparatory phase in Berlin▪ Organization of the team's three-month stay abroad and the interview appointments (expert interviews, focus group interviews, etc.)▪ Supervision of the six-person research team▪ Communication between the project team and SLE and the project team and GIZ▪ Budget responsibility and control▪ Leadership in the preparation of the final report |

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 04/2018-04/2019 **Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), Yaoundé, Cameroon**
Research assistant in the TC “Project on Soil and Subsoil Resources of North and Southwest Regions”
- Preparation and implementation of a ten-day field training and a four-week field campaign for employees of the partner organizations and doctoral students for soil profiling and sampling according to the WRB (World Reference Base for soil resources) in the North region of Cameroon
 - Organization of soil science laboratory work with the partner organizations
 - Preparation, implementation and follow-up of workshops and other events on soil science issues
 - Support for the project management in planning, monitoring and evaluation, awarding contracts and reporting
- 11/2017-03/2018 **Independent consultant of GFA Consulting Group, Burkina Faso**
- Preparation and implementation of two fact finding missions for the “Projet d’amélioration de l’Alimentation, de la nutrition et de l’Hygiène en milieu familial” (PAH) of GIZ Burkina Faso in the Southwest and Hauts-Bassins regions and in Ouagadougou in close cooperation with the Africa department of the GFA Consulting Group
 - Final reporting
 - Participation in the preparation of the offer
- 11/2016-12/2017 **Independent consultant for various programs and projects of GIZ Burkina Faso**
- Reporting (progress reports etc.) for the “Projet Centres d’Innovations Vertes du secteur agroalimentaire” (ProCIV) of GIZ Burkina Faso
 - Realization of a gender analysis and preparation of a gender strategy for ProCIV
 - Communication tasks (creation and translation of communication materials such as maps, fact sheets, displays, presentations, etc.) for the “Programme Développement de l’Agriculture” (PDA) and ProCIV
 - Consultancy of the ProCIV partner “Agro-Eco-Business” on questions of external presentation and marketing
 - Support of ProCIV in several personnel selection processes
- 09/2015-04/2016 **“AfricAvenir International e.V.”, section Germany**
Coordinator of a project on young democracy movements in Africa
- Organization and staging of two international conferences on Burkina Faso and five North African countries as well as other thematically linked events
 - Identification of and communication with partners and donors
 - Drafting of documents (financial applications, reports, letters of invitation, advertising for events, press releases, etc.) in several languages
 - Financial management of the project, creation of a weekly newsletter, administration and maintenance of the website, Facebook page, etc.
- 07/2013-07/2015 **“Programme Développement de l’Agriculture” (PDA), GIZ Burkina Faso**
Technical assistant in the areas of monitoring & evaluation and communication
- Support in drafting documents (reports, terms of reference, offers, contracts, etc.)
 - Support with the organization (of meetings, business trips, field trips etc.)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Support in monitoring and evaluating the activities of the PDA
- Analysis of the internal and external communication of the PDA, development and implementation of a communication strategy, creation of communication materials

02/2013-04/2013

Independent consultant for the project “Foyers Améliorés au Faso” (FAFASO), GIZ Burkina Faso

- Support in organizing two workshops, a conference and a trade fair
- Support in trilingual communication (German, French and English) with and between the partners and participants
- Support in organizing the participants’ stays
- Logistical and organizational support for the events

11/2012-02/2013

Association “Association Managé Nooma Pour les Orphelins” (AMPO), Burkina Faso

Consultant for the project “Fãa Bio” for the training of young people in organic agriculture

- Analysis of the project and the functionality of the value chains
- Professional support for the producers of the project
- Organization and implementation of meetings between the actors in the value chains
- Research of customers and markets for the products
- Formulation of recommendations to the management of the association to optimize the project

12/2011-04/2012

Farmer’s platform “Diobass - Ecologie et Société”, Burkina Faso & Senegal

Short-term expert for an organizational analysis, delegated by the Regional Office West Africa of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Dakar, Senegal

- Monitoring of the planning and organization of a one-week workshop and a fair for rural innovations in Douroula/Boucle du Mouhoun
- Analysis of the implementation of the approach and methods of the “Démarche Diobass”
- Final reporting with recommendations to Diobass and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation
- Writing a professional article on the nutritional situation in the Sahel region for the website of Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

09/2009-07/2010

Project “Agroforestry for the Protection of Rainforest Ecosystems” (APRECO) of the University of Koblenz-Landau in Butare, Rwanda

Research assistant/coordinator of an agroforestry project to protect the Nyungwe mountain rainforest in the Nyaruguru district in southern Rwanda

- Preparation of the implementation of the project (identification of building plots and demonstration areas, contacting the responsible authorities, planning project buildings, etc.)
- Writing job advertisements, selecting suitable candidates, conducting interviews and hiring four agronomists
- Active participation in strategic considerations for the implementation of the project
- Maintenance and care of existing demonstration areas
- Professional and practical support for *Weltwärts* volunteers and interns from the University of Koblenz-Landau and the National University of Rwanda

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 02/2009-06/2009 **Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), Hanover**
Research assistant for the preparation and implementation of a workshop on geothermal energy
- Participatory planning with the partners and monitoring of the workshop
 - Support in organizing the participants' stays (search and reservation of accommodation, transport, etc.)
 - Support in the preparation and implementation of the workshop on the premises of the Federal Institute for Materials Research
 - Writing information material and a final report
- 11/2007-12/2007 **Program “Protection et Gestion Durable des Ressources Naturelles” (PGDRN), GTZ Madagascar**
Intern on the subject of agricultural production and land conflicts around the Ampanasina peat bog in the Haute Ramena in northern Madagascar
- Conception of a study on the condition and use of the peat bog in the Haute Ramena
 - Preparation and implementation of a two-week expedition in five villages around the peat bog
 - Development and implementation of surveys among the various stakeholder groups (authorities, farmers, herders, etc.)
 - Extraction of soil samples on 2,000 hectares of bog for laboratory analysis
 - Presentation of the results at the PGDRN program
- 08/2006-10/2006 **Program “Protection et Gestion Durable des Ressources Naturelles” (PGDRN), GTZ Madagascar**
Intern on the subject of demographic pressure on natural resources in the Haute Ramena forest in northern Madagascar
- Preparation and implementation of several expeditions in the region
 - Development and implementation of surveys among the various stakeholder groups (authorities, farmers, herders, etc.)
 - Development of maps and final reports with recommendations
 - Presentation of the results in the town hall of the regional capital and at the GTZ in Antananarivo

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

- 05/2018 (5 days) International workshop on “World Soils and their Assessment”, Wageningen/Netherlands
- 11/2014 (5 days) International workshop of the GIZ on adaptation to climate change in project planning and management, Lomé/Togo
- 10/2014 (3 days) National workshop of the GIZ on the value chain approach “ValueLinks”, Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso
- 05/2014 (3 days) Additional training of the GIZ on impact-oriented project management, Ouagadougou/Burkina Faso

TECHNICAL KEY ASPECTS

- Regional focus: (French-speaking) Sub-Saharan Africa
- (Smallholder) agriculture, agroecology, agroforestry
- Food security and sovereignty
- Protection and sustainable use of natural resources
- (Tropical) soils and their use
- International (development) cooperation

IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE

- Management and supervision of international (research) teams
- Monitoring & evaluation and reporting
- Trilingual communication including conception and creation of information material
- Editing, translation and proofreading
- Event organization (workshops, conferences, field trips, etc.)

PERSONAL STRENGTHS

- Management and leadership skills
- Talent for organization and communication
- Care, reliability and flexibility
- Intercultural experience and sensitivity
- High physical and mental resilience
- High tolerance for stress and frustration

LANGUAGES

- German: mother tongue
- English: business fluent
- French: business fluent

COMPUTER SKILLS

- MS Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher
- Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, LightRoom
- ArcGIS, ArcView
- CorelDRAW

PUBLICATIONS

- D. Kulla, K. Dall, T. Grupp, R. Kouago, T. Nice, M. Salloum & L. S. Schnieders: "Et moi, j'y gagne quoi ? Perspectives d'intégration du secteur privé dans le système d'Enseignement et de Formation Professionnelle Agricole (EFTPA) au Bénin et au Togo". Study report of the Centre for Rural Development. Berlin 2020
- AfricAvenir International (ed.): "Mit Besen und Kochlöffeln gegen den Diktator – Beiträge zur Demokratiebewegung in Burkina Faso". Berlin 2017
- AfricAvenir International (ed.): "Thomas Sankara – Die Ideen sterben nicht!". Berlin 2016
- D. Kulla & E. W. Segueda: "Nach dem großen Hausputz". INKOTA-Südlink 176. Berlin 2016
- D. Kulla: "Das Theater um die Steine". Nah dran 2/2014, p. 16, subject Climate Change. Ouagadougou 2014
- AfricAvenir International (ed.): "Widerstand, Revolutionen, Renaissance – Stimmen zum sozialen Aufbruch in Afrika". Berlin 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- D. Kulla: "Auf leisen Sohlen – Hungersnot im Sahel". Website of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. Link: <http://www.rosalux.de/news/38360/auf-leisen-sohlen-hungersnot-im-sahel.html>. Dakar 2012
- A. Bauriegel & D. Kulla: "Anthropogene Pedogenese von Rieselböden am Beispiel des Rieselfeldes Großbeeren". Berliner Geographische Arbeiten ed. 108: „Böden im städtischen Umfeld“. Humboldt University of Berlin 2007
- D. Kulla: "Pedologische Untersuchungen am „Technikdenkmal und Freiluftmuseum Rieselfeld Großbeeren“ und Konzeption eines Bodenlehrpfades". Diploma thesis. Humboldt University of Berlin 2007

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