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CURRICULUM VITAE

Profile

Independent researcher and advisor on sustainable energy and climate change policy with a special focus on gender issues, climate justice and multi-level governance.

Physicist by education, with 30 years of working experience in research, policy and management, among others as managing director of the Climate Alliance of European Cities. Co-founder and board member of the global network GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice, and Focal Point of the Women and Gender observer constituency in the UNFCCC process from 2009 - 2014.

Recent projects include research, evaluation, advice, preparation of guidebooks, capacity building and training.

Professional experience

From 2006: Independent researcher and consultant, Berlin

Selected projects:

Gender into Urban Climate Change Initiative (GUCCI). International cooperation project to assess the gender responsiveness of urban climate policy and provide recommendations for action. GenderCC, funded by the German International Climate Initiative (ongoing)

Gender, Cities and Climate Change. Preparation of a guidebook for local authorities, consultants and women's organizations, funded by GIZ (2015)

Development of a global learning platform on gender in adaptation and low-carbon development. GenderCC, funded by the International Climate Initiative, Germany (2013)

Cities in Solidarity. The role of cooperatives in local climate policy. In collaboration with TU Berlin et al. Research project funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (2011-2013)

Gender analysis of the policy initiatives of the Member States in relation to climate change in the sectors of transport and energy. In collaboration with Milieu/Belgium and LIFE e.V./Germany. European Institute for Gender Equality (2011)

Advice on the implementation of Gender Action Plans in EU FP6 CONCERTO II projects (2011-2012)

Study and background paper on Gender, Cities and Climate Change for the Global Report on Human Settlements, UN Habitat (2010-2011)

Women's access to green electricity. Analysis of barriers and strategies to promote green power. In collaboration with Free University Berlin and LIFE/Germany. Research project funded by the German Ministry for the Environment (2009-2012)

Research and preparation of a toolkit, position papers and fact sheets on gender and climate policy, GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice (2010)

Consultant for the program "Exportinitiative erneuerbare Energien" (export initiative renewable energies), Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Germany (2006-2012)

Evaluation of the national energy regions research program and advice on future funding priorities, Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria

Development of the "Climate Compass Methodology" and training for local governments on local climate strategies and policies, Climate Alliance of European Cities and Climate Alliance Italy (2006)

Various assignments as member of national and international evaluation panels in the field of sustainable energy and climate change (2005-2015)

1997 – 2006: Managing Director, Climate Alliance, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, www.climatealliance.eu

Reported to the board of directors, composed of city councilors and representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations

In charge of strategic planning in close collaboration with the board; overall responsibility for annual activity planning, budget planning and controlling, recruitment and personnel management

Fundraising and supervision of projects

Contributions to, and quality control of products, in particular methodologies and tools, status reports, guidebooks and training manuals on municipal climate policy

Responsible for Climate Alliance's climate policy and positions at national, EU and international levels

1992 – 2006: Energy and Climate Coordinator, Climate Alliance, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, www.climatealliance.eu

Developed Climate Alliance's climate strategy and policy in collaboration with board and members as well as methodologies and reporting requirements

Prepared guidelines, manuals and training sessions to assist member cities to draw up and implement local climate action plans and monitor their achievements

Fundraising and project management

1987 – 1992: Researcher and Project Manager, Oeko-Institut for Applied Ecology, Freiburg, Germany, www.oeko.de

Researcher and project manager for sustainable energy research projects and energy studies

1985 – 1987: Freelance Researcher, Eboek Energieberatung und ökologische Konzepte, Tuebingen, Germany, www.eboek.de

Research on energy efficiency

Education

Physics, University of Tuebingen, final degree: Diplom (equivalent to Master's degree)

German philology, Free University Berlin, final degree: Zwischenpruefung (equivalent to Bachelor degree)

Voluntary service

Focal Point of the Women and Gender observer constituency in the UNFCCC process (2009 to 2014)

Co-founder and board member of the global network GenderCC – Women for Climate Justice (2008 – present)

Selected Publications

Into the cities: Developing and supporting resilient, sustainable, and gender-responsive urban environments (with Kate Cahoon et al), in: IUCN/GGCA: Roots for the Future. Landscape and Way Forward on Gender and Climate Change, 2015

Urbanization and global environmental change: from a gender and equity perspective, book chapter (with Kate Cahoon), in K. C. Seto / W. Solecki (eds): Handbook on Urbanization and Global Environmental Change, Urbanization and Global Environmental Change Project (UGEC), Global Institute of Sustainability, Arizona State University, forthcoming

Gender and Urban Climate Policy – Gender-Sensitive Policies Make a Difference. Guidebook, UN Habitat, GIZ and GenderCC, 2015

Die sozialen Dimensionen von Klimawandel und Klimapolitik (Social dimensions of climate change and climate policy), in: C. Schröder, H. Walk (eds): Genossenschaften und Klimaschutz. Akteure für zukunftsfähige, solidarische Städte, 2014

Gendered access to green power: motivations and barriers for changing the energy provider, in: M. Alston / K. Whittenbury (eds): Research, action and policy: addressing the Gendered impacts of Climate Change, 2013

Striving to finance climate solutions. Gender and the Green Climate Fund, in: NIKK magasin 2.2011. Nordic Gender Institute, 2011

Energiepolitische (Kehrt)Wendungen aus der Genderperspektive (Shifts in energy policy in Germany and its gender implications) (with Ulrike Röhr), in Femina Politica, 2/2011, pp 104-109

Gender, Cities and Climate Change, Thematic study prepared for the Global Report on Human Settlements 2011, UN Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya, 2010

Gender and Climate Change Policy, in: UNFPA, IIED: Population Dynamics and Climate Change, 2009