

Experience

Since Oct. 2020

Rights, Resources, Dialogue

Legal-/Policy Adviser and Mediator

- Independent counsel for complaints mechanism of the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative; legal advice relating to indigenous rights, due diligence, assurance and auditing etc.
- Evaluation study on implementation of human rights due diligence by certified extractives companies with special focus on indigenous rights
- Witness assessor of audits of extractive businesses in Africa and the Caribbean
- Conceptualization of dialogue projects on decolonization and sustainable development for Berlin's district Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf
- Research Associate at Contact Point for Collections from a Colonial Context in Germany; legal research and recommendations on return procedures for museums in different ownership structures
- Mediation and conflict resolution in non-profit and multi-stakeholder settings
- Facilitation of business roundtables and other events

Since July 2021

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Bonn

Senior Adviser, Connex Support Unit

- Support to developing countries in complex contract negotiations concerning extractives' and infrastructure projects
- Strategy development for new governance structure; advice on institutional sustainability and private sector cooperation
- Stakeholder management and committee work

2016-2020

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Bonn

Senior Adviser and Deputy Team Leader, Sector Programme "Extractives for Development"

- Legal and policy advice to Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on issues relating to extractives and human rights, sustainable supply chains, conflict minerals and resource conflicts
- Representation of BMZ in European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM)
- Design and implementation of pilot projects

- 2012–2015 **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Windhoek, Namibia**
Adviser and Head of Component, Programme “Support to Land Reform in Namibia”
- Legal and policy advice on a constitutional implementation of the Namibian land reform agenda
 - Head of component “Land Management”
- 2006–2012 **Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), Berlin**
Project Leader, Rule of Law Training Programme (starting in 2009)
- Design and organization of governance-related specialization courses and expert workshops at/with partner facilities in Egypt, Ghana and Kenya
- Senior Researcher in research project “Local Ownership in Peacebuilding Processes in Failed States”*
- Empirical research on the sustainability of United Nations law and justice reform projects in Kosovo and in Liberia
- 2006–2009 **Irmgard Coninx Stiftung, Berlin**
Programme Officer in the Social Science Research Center Berlin
- Design und organization of essay competitions and workshops on contemporary global issues for young international academics (“Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality”)
- 2002–2006 **Peace Research Institute Frankfurt a. M.**
Researcher
- Doctoral dissertation on the progressive development of international property human rights law
 - Legal Counsel for the Islamic Republic of Iran before the International Court of Justice
- 1999–2001 **United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), Pristina**
Head, Property Verification and Claims Unit and Policy/Legal Adviser
- Establishment of international dispute settlement body for property claims of refugees and displaced persons
 - Establishment of Kosovo cadastral agency

1998–1999

**Röhreke • Boye • Remé • von Werder (now REMÉ Rechtsanwälte),
Hamburg**

Attorney

- Legal counselling for the Republic of Guinea in the first case on the merits before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
- Legal advice in international environmental law and damages law

1997–1998

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg

Legal Consultant in the Tribunal's Registry