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Since December 2006, Almuth Nehring-Venus is Permanent Secretary for Economics, Technology and Women's Issues of the State Government of Berlin. Prior to that she worked as borough councillor for culture and economics (2002-2004) and for public policy (2004-2006) in Berlin-Pankow.

She was deputy head of the PDS (Party of Democratic Socialism) in the federal state of Berlin from 1999 to 2004. Before that she was member of the executive committee of the Berlin chapter of the PDS. Ms Nehring-Venus is member of the German trade union ver.di and of the board of trustees of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation.

Ms Nehring-Venus has studied journalism at the Karl Marx University in Leipzig (1979-1983). She has worked as editor for the newspapers "Junge Welt" (1983-1994) and "Neues Deutschland" (1994-1996).



Klaus Brückner

**Director of the GTZ-Representation in Berlin
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Since 1st July 2008 Klaus Brückner is the Director of the GTZ-Representation in Berlin.

After 15 years of work for the revenue service, Klaus Brückner continued his professional career in 1984 as a public servant in the state chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia in several sectors. From 1992 to 1999 he directed the division for International Development Cooperation and then was appointed head of the prime minister's office. From May 2002 to April 2008 he worked for GTZ in Pretoria (South Africa) as a programme manager for the cooperation with pan-African institutions – NEPAD and pan-African parliament – and as senior advisor to the presidency of the South African government.

Klaus Brückner holds a diploma in public finance. He is married and has two daughters.



Professor Saskia Sassen

**Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology
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Saskia Sassen is Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and member of the Columbia University Committee on Global Thought. She has received several awards, most recently a doctor *honoris causa* from Delft University (Netherlands) and from DePaul University (USA). She holds the chair of the new Urbanism Competition at the Venice Biennale of Architecture (2010). She contributes regularly to www.openDemocracy.net and www.huffingtonpost.com.

For UNESCO she did a five-year project on sustainable human settlements with a network of researchers and activists in over 30 countries, published as part of the 14 volume *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems*. Professor Sassen's research and writing focuses on globalization (including the social, economic and political dimensions), immigration, global cities, terrorism, the new network technologies, and changes within the liberal state that result from current transnational conditions.

Her major publications include "The Mobility of Labor and Capital" (1988), "The Global City" (1991), and "A Sociology of Globalization" (2007). Her new book is called "Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages" (Princeton University Press 2006) published in German by Suhrkamp (2008) as "*Das Paradox des Nationalen*." Her books are translated into twenty one languages.



Jürgen Roters

Mayor of the city of Cologne

Jürgen Roters was elected Mayor of Cologne in August 2009.

Roters served as superintendent of the Cologne police from 1995 to 1999 and as president of the regional government in Cologne from 1999 until 2005.

He started his professional career as commissioner with the regional government in Münster (1978-1981) and head of the division of the Ministry of Culture in the Bundesland of North Rhine-Westphalia (1981/82). In 1982, he took over the chair of the Cologne Administrative College. In 1988, he changed to the interior ministry of the Bundesland of North Rhine-Westphalia as head of the minister's office.

Mr. Roters is Member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD). He was born in 1949 and studied law.

**Regina Bauerochse Barbosa**

**Head of the Sector project “Migration and Development”
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Regina Bauerochse Barbosa heads the sector project “Migration and Development” at GTZ headquarters in Frankfurt. She is responsible for the design and implementation of recent concepts of migration and development promotion into German development cooperation practice. Besides the elaboration of concepts, the sector project acts as counsellor for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development as well as for other governmental institutions, maintains pilot projects on diaspora activities and conducts remittance studies, workshops and conferences.

Ms Bauerochse Barbosa is experienced in development cooperation. Prior to her current position, she has spent seven years as senior planning officer and deputy head of section for the “Economic Development and Employment Promotion” section at GTZ headquarters. Moreover, she worked for eleven years in private sector and health promotion in Latin America and for over three years as country director at GTZ El Salvador. Ms Bauerochse Barbosa is a graduate of the social sciences faculty at the universities of Heidelberg and Mannheim.

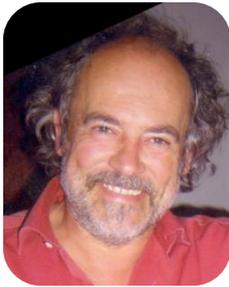
**Renate Hechenberger**

**Head of the Office for International Cooperation
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Renate Hechenberger heads the office for International Cooperation at the city of Munich, which was established at the end of 2008 under her guidance. The main focus of her work lies on coordinating local development cooperation on the administration level and on supporting civic society activists in Munich who are committed to development projects.

Prior to that she worked as a personal assistant to the City Mayor for many years, specializing in integration politics, international cooperation and sustainable development.

Renate Hechenberger is a certified public manager and a senior official.



Rolf Graser

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Rolf Graser is Executive Director of the association "Forum der Kulturen Stuttgart e.V." (Forum of Cultures Stuttgart) since its founding in 1999. The association is also the Office for Intercultural Affairs and the umbrella organisation of 250 different migrants' associations in and around Stuttgart. Their main activities are in the fields of assistance, advisory service, qualification, and lobbying for the migrants' associations. The forum is organising intercultural events like festivals and discussion rounds, and is editor of the city journal "Begegnung der Kulturen" (Meeting of Cultures) with a cultural program for Stuttgart.

Since 30 years Rolf Graser is President of the "Laboratorium" (Laboratory), a socio-cultural centre in Stuttgart. He is a certified publisher and has worked for more than 20 years for Kosmos Publishing House in Stuttgart.



Christian Kouam

President

Cameroon Diaspora Network Germany, Wolfsburg

Christian Kouam is President of the Cameroon Diaspora Network Germany (CDN.G), a consortium of Cameroonian associations in the fields of education, technology, health care, culture, sports, economic development and development cooperation in Germany.

He started his professional career as an engineer in the research & development department of Volkswagen AG, before moving to the purchasing department where he was leading buyer for powertrain components. Mr Kouam was also Regional Sourcing Manager in Kaluga (Russia) from 2007 to 2009. Since 2009, he is Regional After-Sales Manager (Russia, France, UK, Africa) of the Volkswagen group service.

He holds a Master's degree in automobile building from the Togliatti State University, Russia, as well as a M.Sc. in engineering from the University of Braunschweig, Germany. He is presently pursuing a PhD in corporate management at the University of Clausthal, Germany.



Dr Stefan Wilhelmy

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Stefan Wilhelmy is a senior project manager at the Service Agency Communities in One World. He is currently focusing on migration and development at the local level, local climate partnerships and triangular cooperation arrangements. Before joining the office in Bonn in 2007, Dr Wilhelmy worked as a political scientist at the "Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (Forschungsstätte der Evangelischen Studiengemeinschaft, FEST)" in Heidelberg since 1998. The main areas of his research were related to sustainable development on the local and regional level, sustainability indicators, development politics, sustainability in north-south-relations and the role of religions in conflict and peace processes.

Dr Wilhelmy holds a PhD in political science from the Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main. He is the author of several publications on behalf of the Service Agency Communities in One World and FEST. He also used to report on North-South-relations and development politics at the local and regional level for the leading journal on development politics in German speaking countries (Zeitschrift EINS Entwicklungspolitik).



Professor Brigitte Fahrenhorst

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Brigitte Fahrenhorst is Professor at the Technical University of Berlin and Scientific Director of the EcoDevelopment GmbH (Society for international development research and planning). She has been working for 20 years as an international consultant in East Asia, Southeast Asia, East Africa, West Africa, Horn of Africa and Europe.

Her professional experiences on migration issues are: 2007: International study on asylum policy, law and practices - an international comparison (for the German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs - BMAS in the context of the EU-Equals-Bridge project); 2008: Study on diaspora and their contribution to conflict prevention, conflict transformation and peace building in their countries of origin (for the Migration and Development Programme of the GTZ); 2009-2010: Interdisciplinary research project on adult migrants and literacy learning (for the German Ministry of Education and Research - BMBF); 2010-2011: Study on diaspora groups from the Horn of Africa (for the European Commission).

**Dr Cindy Horst**

**Senior Researcher
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Cindy Horst is an anthropologist with a specialization in forced migration studies. Her main work focused on refugee livelihoods in protracted refugee situations, specifically exploring the transnational dimensions of these livelihood strategies. She has also worked on migration-development links more generally for many years, i.a. focusing on individual and collective remittances as well as diaspora organizational engagement with the region of origin.

Dr Horst has a PhD in social sciences (University of Amsterdam, 2003), completed the foundation course in forced migration at the University of Oxford (1998), and holds an MA in socio-cultural anthropology (Radboud University, 1997). She has led a number of academic as well as commissioned research projects on protracted refugee situations, remittances, and international humanitarian aid. Cindy Horst is particularly interested in the methodological and ethical challenges of doing fieldwork related to conflict. Her regional focus is on the Horn of Africa, and in particular Somalia.

**Wolfgang Garatwa**

**Senior Planning Officer
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Since 1997, Wolfgang Garatwa has been working for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ). Starting as a freelance and a junior advisor, he became a project manager in 1999 and a planning officer in 2001. His main focus within GTZ during this period was on conflict and disaster management, with a regional focus on Central America. From 2003-2007, Mr Garatwa was in charge of a number of emergency and rehabilitation projects in the north of Sri Lanka. Since 2008, he holds the position of a senior planning officer and deputy head of the unit "Prevention, Security and Peace" in the GTZ division "Security, Reconstruction and Peace".

Wolfgang Garatwa holds a master degree in political science and empirical culture science (1996) as well as in humanitarian assistance (1997).



Dr Awil Mohamoud

**Executive Director
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Mr Mohamoud is the founder and Executive Director of the African Diaspora Policy Centre (ADPC). The centre compiles analyses and disseminates information and insights on a number of critical areas, including migration and development, peace-building, governance and brain gain. Particularly the ADPC plays a strategic role in the facilitation of a constructive collaboration between the African diaspora in Europe and institutions and governments in Africa.

Since 2000 he has been acting as a consultant on the African diaspora and development related issues to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC), the Inter-Church Organisation for Development Cooperation (ICCO), the National Committee for International Cooperation and Sustainable Development (NCDO), and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Mr Mohamoud has published numerous articles, reports and book chapters on this topic. Mr Mohamoud was a member of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the Civil Society Days of the 3rd Global Forum on Migration and Development, Athens (2009). He holds a doctoral degree in state collapse and post-conflict development in Africa from the University of Amsterdam.



Stefan Rother

**Research Fellow
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Stefan Rother is a research fellow at the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) for Socio-Cultural Research in Freiburg, Germany. He was a member of the research project "Democratisation through Migration? Philippine Return Migrants and Political Attitudes". His research focus includes international migration, global governance, regionalism and theories of international relations.

Rother is in the final stage of his PhD thesis on "Transnational Political Spaces: Political activism of Philippine labor migrants in Hong Kong" at the Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg. He is a board member of the German Society of Asian Studies (DGA) and one of the speakers of the working group on migration of the German political science association (DVPW).

Rother holds a Master's degree in political science and modern and recent history from the University of Freiburg. He is a journalist by training with 20 years of experience in the field; he worked as local editor and reporter for the Schwäbische Zeitung, and writes now as freelance journalist for several daily newspapers and magazines.



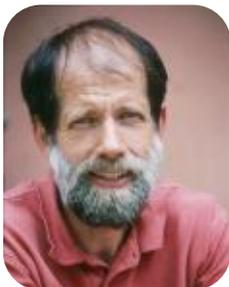
Dr Uda Bastians-Osthaus

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Dr Uda Bastians-Osthaus is an expert on social welfare, social policy, integration and elder care at the German Association of Cities in Berlin (Deutscher Städtetag).

After completion of law school at the Universities of Osnabrück (Germany) and Florence (Italy), as well as internships in London (UK), Dr Bastians-Osthaus earned her doctor's degree with interdisciplinary studies at the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods in Bonn.

Following her formal education, Dr Bastians-Osthaus joined the Brandenburg County Association as an administrator and later specialised in social security law at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Dr Bastians-Osthaus has now been with the German Association of Cities for three years.



Dr Helmuth Schweitzer

**Director
Office of Intercultural Affairs, City of Essen**

Dr Helmuth Schweitzer is Director of the RAA/Office for Intercultural Affairs of the city of Essen. Since 1975 he has been active in the scientific and pedagogic field of practical and research-related projects regarding intercultural learning in the social work sector.

He has particularly focused on the intercultural aspect of social work realized by public and private institutions, the media, the education sector (elementary education, school, university and advanced training) as well as the municipal administration.

Dr Schweitzer has been responsible since 1999 for the implementation of the "Concept for Intercultural Work of the City of Essen". He has published widely on theory and practice of intercultural learning.



Tom De Bruyn

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Tom De Bruyn is a development geographer and works since 2002 at the policy oriented research institute HIVA in Belgium. In his research, he focuses on evaluation of development projects, migration and development issues (migrant organizations, remittances, brain drain, diaspora philanthropy) and on development cooperation initiatives of non-traditional development actors as well as municipalities.

Recent studies include an evaluation of the Flemish municipal development cooperation policy, Congolese migrant development organizations in Belgium, remittance systems in the Great Lakes Region in Africa, philanthropic initiatives of Moroccan, Turkish and Indian migrant communities in Belgium, overview and analysis of (the support for) small scale development projects in the French and Dutch speaking regions of Belgium.



Gibril Faal

**Chairman
African Foundation for Development (AFFORD), London**

Gibril Faal is currently a Director of GK Partners – a UK-based company that advises socially responsible businesses on ethical business models, social enterprise, legal structures, ethical and Islamic finance, corporate responsibility etc. He is a board member of the EC-UN Joint Migration & Development Initiative based in Brussels and Chairman of the African Foundation for Development (AFFORD) – a charity organisation which works to extend and enhance the role diaspora play in African development. He is magistrate in South London and the founder of RemitAid™ – a programme to transform remittances into a sustainable form of international development finance using tax reliefs and other macroeconomic policies.

Gibril is a senior research associate at the Foreign Policy Centre and was previously a lecturer with The Open University, teaching on the MSc course in Global Development Management. He has led projects and written papers on a wide range of political economy, business management and international development themes. He has been a leading innovator on how to improve the economic and developmental impacts of diaspora and migrant remittances.



Annette Bähring

**Head of Unit “Regional and Local Governance, Decentralization”
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Annette Bähring heads the unit “Regional and Local Governance, Decentralization”, which is one competence area within the GTZ-division “State and Democracy”. She has been working with GTZ for 22 years, many years abroad in Latin-American countries like Columbia or Costa Rica, as a short term advisor worldwide, as well as in the GTZ headquarters in Eschborn.

Ms Bähring holds an engineering diploma in environmental planning with a specialisation in environmental and regional development in developing countries. However, throughout her working experience she was closely linked to multi-level-governance issues. Today, her areas of specialization are good governance and democracy, decentralization, regional and municipal development and urban environmental management.

Referring specifically to urban governance, Annette Bähring’s core interest is to improve the framework conditions of urban living, to link and use the synergies among specific urban themes such as water, waste, housing, sanitation, economic development, migration, energy and environmental sustainability, and to involve all stakeholders from various disciplines at all levels.



Saliou Gueye

**Commissioner for Integration and Migration
City of Ludwigsburg**

Saliou Gueye has been Commissioner for Integration and Migration at the City of Ludwigsburg since 2007. His responsibilities include the coordination of migrant participation in urban development processes, the dialogue of religions and cultures and international cooperation in general. Since 2009, he is also lecturer at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Ludwigsburg, teaching “Neighbourhood Management as Integration Strategy for Intercultural Urban Districts”. Prior to this engagement, Mr Gueye worked for three years at the municipality of Mannheim as a neighbourhood manager in a district with over 50% of migrant inhabitants. Furthermore, he gained experience working at the department of migration of AWO (Workers’ Welfare Organisation) in Lübeck, the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in St. Augustin and as advisor for international affairs at the University of Dortmund.

Mr Gueye has been involved in youth work for many years in Dortmund and his native country, Senegal. He holds a Master’s degree in international humanitarian assistance, earned in 2003, an inter-disciplinary degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Dortmund and a DEUG (Diplôme d’études universitaires générales) in African and French literature from the University of Dakar.



Professor Felicitas Hillmann

**Department for City and Migration Research
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Felicitas Hillmann is professor in Human geography (focus on applied geography) at the University of Bremen, specialized in the field of migration as well as in urban and development studies with emphasis also on gender issues. She received her Ph.D. at the University of Freiburg where she did research on migrants from developing countries migrating to Italy. In 1994 – 2000 she worked as a senior researcher at the Social Science Research Centre (WZB) in Berlin on the international mobility of highly qualified migrants within the transformation process in Eastern Europe; teaching at Humboldt-University in Berlin. A second strong line of Hillmanns research concentrates on the role and function of migrant economies in urban labour markets and on more general pattern of labour market insertion of immigrants. In 2000 – 2006 she was lecturing at the Freie Universität Berlin, where she did her habilitation in Human Geography in 2004. Several international publications on migration.



Tayfun Keltek

**Chair
Regional Council for Integration North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf**

Tayfun Keltek, originally from Turkey, lives and works as a certified sports teacher at a secondary school in Cologne since 1972.

Since the foundation of the Working Committee of the Municipal Migrant Associations in North Rhine-Westphalia in 1996 (renamed in Council for Integration for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia in June 2010) Mr Keltek holds the position of its chairman. The Council for Integration NRW represents the interests of around 100 local integration councils involved vis-à-vis the parliament (Landtag) and regional governments. Moreover, it works together with all groups engaged in integration work.

Mr Keltek focuses in his work on education, media and sports politics. His particular attention is dedicated to the topic of „municipal electoral law for all migrants“. Mr Keltek is active and involved in a number of boards on the federal state level, such as the Crime Prevention Council for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. Moreover, he represents the interests of migrants in the broadcasting council of West-German Broadcasting (WDR).



Željko Sabo

Mayor of the city of Vukovar

Željko Sabo is Mayor of the city of Vukovar in Croatia. Before Mr Sabo was elected in 2009, he was President of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) in Vukovar for six years. Since 2004 he was a Councilman of the Vukovar City Council. Mr Sabo is also a member of the National Board of the SDP (Social Democratic Party). Until 1991 he worked as a CEO in the Borovo Shoe Factory.

Mr Sabo actively participated in the organisation of the Croatian government structure, as well as in the management of postwar Vukovar, a city which was severely affected by warfare and forced migration during the war between Croatia and Serbia. He was a member of 204 Vukovar Brigade, HRVI (Croatian War Veterans), with the rank of captain. He was a prisoner in camps in Serbia (Begejci, Niš). Mr Sabo was awarded with an order of merit for homeland war.

He is a member of numerous forums and veteran associations. His political and community work is dedicated to the reconciliation of ethnic groups in both Vukovar City and the Eastern Slavonian region.



Emeritus Professor Dietrich Thränhardt

University of Münster

Professor Thränhardt was a Professor of Political Science at Münster University from 1980 to 2008. He served as Visiting Professor at the International Christian University, Tokyo, in 1990 -91, as Fellow of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in 2002-03 and as Senior Fellow of the Transatlantic Academy in 2008-09. Professor Thränhardt holds a PhD from the University of Konstanz.

He published widely on comparative migration and integration policies and politics in Europe, North America and Japan and on post-war German history and politics. He wrote and edited about 40 books and 170 articles, authored in German and in English, and translated into French, Japanese, Dutch, Italian and Catalan. In 2010, Professor Thränhardt published the book „National Paradigms of Migration Research“ as well as an article about the opening of borders in the EU, compared to the rising walls inside NAFTA.

His present research interests concern the relation between migration and development, the contradictory processes of opening the world by the means of globalization and the build-up of security walls and fences in countries like the USA, Israel, India and China, and European immigration and integration.