

Curriculum Vitae Ueli Scheuermeier

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Date of birth 1st. September 1955
Place of birth Frutigen, Switzerland
Nationality Swiss
Profession Social entrepreneur and consultant in rural development



Professional skills

Over 30 years experience in training, **extension work and participatory development** theory and practice in a wide variety of cultures and disciplines (agriculture, community development, social forestry, water and sanitation, nature conservation, decentralized energy-supply, fiscal arrangements, democratization, communication and knowledge management).

Extensive experience as a **rural development advisor**, working with villagers and extensionists, government administrators, NGOs and private commercial companies based in developing countries.

Moderator and Resource specialist both in Switzerland and abroad. Run workshops on **moderation and facilitation techniques** for a wide range of specialists, both at top ministerial level as well as village level, since 2001 also on online-platforms.

Specialist in the design and facilitation of **Communities of Practice (COP)**, both inside institutional settings as well as in (often informal) cross-cultural settings

Specialist in methods of **Participatory Technology Development (PTD)**, where the interface between indigenous knowledge systems and scientific procedures must be managed for action research.

Specialist in the design of financial flows and accountabilities between commercial Private Initiatives, NGOs, Government agencies and Donor agencies (**PINGOGODON analytical framework**), that build the capacity of villagers and local governments to take up their appropriate responsibilities at their levels. In this setting also design of **Public Private Partnerships (PPP)** and consulting of private commercial companies and public agencies to negotiate and then operate such PPPs.

Exploration and development of the uses of **ICTs for developmental challenges in remote rural areas**.

Director of **Rural African Ventures Investments RAVI**, a UK-based incubation company that explores, tests and develops business ideas by and for and with rural Africans, and then brokers investments to launch such companies and bring them to commercial viability.

Countries of professional experience

Europe: Switzerland, Albania, Kosovo

East Africa: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda

West Africa: Burkina Faso, Togo, Chad

South Asia: India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka

SE-Asia: Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar

Central Asia: Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan

South America: Bolivia

Languages

German, English, French and Nepali (fluent); Spanish and Italian (working knowledge)

Employment Record

2008-present: Director of RAVI, Rural African Ventures Investments Ltd, a UK-based company engaged in incubating commercial companies of rural Africans.

1987-2010: Associate with the International Team of AGRIDEA (formerly LBL), the Swiss federal agriculture extension agency.

1983-1987: Employed by HELVETAS (major Swiss NGO) as agriculture advisor in the Tinau Watershed Project in Nepal

1980-1982: With foundation TERRA VECCHIA, reconstruction of villages in remote valleys of southern Switzerland

Educational record

- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, 1980 Dipl. Ing. Agr. ETH (MSc agri).
- 1983 NADEL, Nachdiplomstudium fuer Entwicklungslaender, post-graduate studies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich
- Various: Post-graduate and training courses in “Coaching/consulting organisations as systems”; “Communication practice, moderation of workshops”; „Extension problems and communication theory”; “Communities of Practice and Knowledge Management“