

Personal Details

- Born on 26.12.1977 in Suryapet, India
- Married, one daughter
- Work permit in Germany

Profile

- Agricultural Economist (Dr. rer. agr.)
- Expertise in policy advise with a focus on agricultural value chains, climate change adaptation and natural resource governance
- International project management
- Team player with intercultural competence



Advanced Training

- 04/2016 - 08/2016 **German Business Language Competence at B2+ Level**
Bildungswerk der Wirtschaft in Berlin und Brandenburg (bbw)
- 09/2014 - 03/2015 **Certified Coordinator in International Project Management**
Gesellschaft für Nachhaltige Entwicklung mbH, Witzenhausen

Education

- 05/2007 - 06/2012 **Dr. rer. agr. Agricultural Economics (Grade: magna cum laude)**
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany)
- 10/2002 - 06/2005 **M.Sc. in Tropical and International Agriculture (Grade: 2.0)**
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Germany)
- 06/1996 - 04/2000 **B.Sc. in Farm Science and Rural Development (Grade: First Division)**
Osmania University, Hyderabad (India)

Professional Practice

- 05/2017 - present **Parental Leave**
- 08/2016 - 04/2017 **Freelancer: International Short-Term Expert**
- 1). *Measures for strengthening of the formal seed production and supply chain of agricultural crops in Telangana, India (funded by BMEL)*
- Conducted value chain mapping and SWOT-analysis
 - Organized stakeholder meetings with key actors of the seed sector
 - Drafted final report and formulated policy recommendations
- 2). *Policy advice on mainstreaming agriculture-related governmental schemes and programs towards adaptation to climate change, Government of Jharkhand, India (funded by BMZ-GIZ)*
- Analyzed national and federal state agricultural policies

- Prepared policy briefs on agricultural knowledge management systems and value chains, e.g. climate change adaptation strategies in seed production and marketing
- Developed an operational tool kit/road map advising the Government of Jharkhand in planning and designing policy schemes, which are oriented towards climate change adaptation in the agricultural sector

3). *Scaling-up Strategies for Climate Change Knowledge Network in Indian Agriculture, CCKN-IA (funded by BMZ-GIZ)*

- Elaborated an institutional set-up for scaling-up the CCKN-IA approach to other sites in India
- Organized stakeholder workshops
- Identified costs per unit to execute the CCKN-IA approach
- Formulated suggestions on existing schemes and programs, which could support or be leveraged to provide resources for scaling-up the project approach

4). *Low-cost methods and technologies for climate resilient agriculture, livestock and fisheries in India (funded by BMZ-GIZ)*

- Proof-read and edited an existing draft report

04/2015 - 12/2015

Project Associate at Disaster Research Unit, Freie Universität Berlin

Vulnerability and resilience in case of major inland flooding (funded by BMBF)

- Developed a conceptual framework for an evaluation of multi-level governance aspects relevant for the functioning of technological solutions in disaster prevention and disaster management
- Organized a stakeholder workshop
- Presented project results at TIFAC-IDRiM international conference, New Delhi, India
- Completed a course on teaching methods

04/2011 – 07/2013

Project Associate at Division of Resource Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Climate and energy in a complex transition process towards sustainable Hyderabad: mitigation and adaptation strategies by changing institutions and governance structures (funded by BMBF)

- Conducted background studies on governance structures, institutional arrangements and climate change policy towards sustainable Hyderabad
- Planned and implemented several discussion forums, symposia and final conference together with local key actors to legitimize the project results
- Designed and edited a policy brief discussion series by elaborating recommendations for perspective action plan for climate change adaptation and mitigation for Hyderabad

05/2007 – 03/2011

Research Associate at Division of Resource Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Analysing the Indian biofuel policy process from a discursive-institutional perspective (funded by DAAD)

- Developed an institutional analytical framework for investigating governance issues related to biofuel value chains
- Conducted comparative case studies on biofuel seed production models in the federal states of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh
- Presented project findings and policy recommendations at international conferences

- 10/2009 – 03/2010 **Consultant**
Making rural services work for the poor: the role of rural institutions and their governance for agriculture-led development (funded by BMZ)
- Investigated decentralisation policies in providing rural services in Telangana region
 - Planned and implemented focus group discussions, qualitative interviews and PRA-exercises with local community members
 - Conducted gender-sensitive stakeholder analysis across different governance levels
- 01/2008 – 04/2008 **Junior Consultant**
Global market study on Jatropha (Prepared for Global Exchange for Social Investments, GEXSI, Berlin)
- Contributed to a worldwide market study assessing the status of biofuel projects and established a network with key actors (public, private, NGOs) in various federal states of India
- 01/2006 – 06/2007 **Visiting Scholar at International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad**
- Designed and implemented an energy crops pilot study in different districts of Andhra Pradesh
 - Conducted stakeholder analysis and resource mapping
 - Investigated the role of rural-urban linkages surrounding Hyderabad
 - Contributed to a pilot project report
- 10/2002 – 02/2005 **Master Student at Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen**
- Conducted field work on the topic “Renewable Energy Resources in India - A Case Study of Biomass Balance in the State of Andhra Pradesh”
 - Investigated the role of key actors along the biomass value chain
- 04/1999 - 0/2001 **Field Assistant at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Rural Development (SAIRD), Telangana**
- Established demonstration vermi-compost beds for hybrid rice production
 - Implemented capacity building for farmer groups on organic agricultural practices
 - Developed strategies to link farmers with local agricultural markets

Language and Computer Skills

- English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), German (good), Telugu (mother tongue)
- Full computer literacy (Windows, Ubuntu), MS Office, MS Project
- Data analysis: Quantitative data analysis (R), Qualitative data analysis (Atlas.ti)
- Reference management (EndNote, Citavi)

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