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Roger Schmid

Water and Environmental Sanitation Specialist/Transport Specialist



Areas of expertise:

- Water and environmental sanitation
- Rural infrastructure
- Soil-water management
- Backstopping and coaching of implementing agencies and staff
- Project cycle management support
- Institutional development and capacity building
- Networking and knowledge management
- Policy development
- Situation analysis and evaluation

Roger Schmid is an experienced water and environmental sanitation specialist who combines technical expertise, backstopping proficiency and strategic reasoning for challenges in water supply, sanitation, water governance and rural infrastructure.

Key data

Qualification (Institute)	M.Sc. in Rural Engineering with Specialization in Environmental issues (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland)
Working languages	German (native), French (advanced), English (advanced), Dutch (intermediate), Spanish (elementary)
Years of Experience	20+
Nationality	Swiss
Country experience and regional expertise	Sub-Saharan Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, DR Congo, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Rwanda Asia: China, India, Nepal, Uzbekistan Eastern Europe: Albania, Kosovo, Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Leader of Backstopping Mandate for Water (SDC Global Programme Water) since 2001• Director of Programme Eau Potable pour la Population des Grands Lacs (PEPP): Burundi, DRC Congo and Rwanda (SDC Great Lakes Region) since 2013• Team Leader of Backstopping Mandates for Rural Water and Sanitation Support Programme (RWSSP) / Inter-Ministerial Water Council (IMWC) Support (SDC/SECO Kosovo) since 2009
Select projects, roles, achievements and publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term consultancies in WASH and rural infrastructure for HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger (2001-2010)• Responsible and thematic leader of AGUASAN Workshop Series 2007-2015• Author of “More benefits for households from water and sanitation through intersectoral synergies” and co-author of “Water in Switzerland” (AGUASAN Workshop 2006/2010)• Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Key clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland (SECO)• HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
Affiliations and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGUASAN Community of Practice (focal point)• Swiss Water Partnership (SWP)• Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN)

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