

Curriculum Vitae

Position : **Water Governance Specialist**
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Nationality : Swiss and Italian

KEY COMPETENCIES

Julie has a master in International Relations with a specialization on International Law and Human Rights. She has 10 years of rich and varied experience in the water and sanitation sector: with SDC on the coordination of major events, with the NGO Antenna Technologies on scaling up Household Water Treatment and Storage solutions, and with the water utility of Lausanne on a public-public partnership with the city of Nouakchott, Mauritania. She joined Skat in 2013 and worked 4 years in Moldova for a SDC financed rural water supply and sanitation project.

Her areas of expertise are on:

- Sustainability of rural water supply systems
- Survey design, project planning and monitoring
- Water International Law and Human Right to Water and Sanitation
- Business models for Household Water Treatment and Storage

EDUCATION

2003 - 2007 **GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IHEID),**
Geneva, Switzerland
Master of Arts (MA) in International Relations
Specialisation: human rights, development economics, environment

1998 - 2002 **COLLEGE DE CALVIN (High school),** Geneva, Switzerland
Maturité fédérale, Section Moderne languages (Italian, English and German)

TRAININGS

2018 **UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA**
CAS in Water Governance: Frameworks and Negotiations (*attendance certificate*)

2016 **THE WATER INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA –**
CHAPTER HILL
Monitoring, Evaluation and Learnings (MEL) for WaSH. Session 1: Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation; Session 2: MEL Sampling; Session 3: Qualitative Methods and Surveys
Online course

2014 **ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FEDERALE DE LAUSANNE and SANDEC/EAWAG**
Planning & Design of Sanitation Systems and Technologies
Online course

2014 **SKAT CONSULTING Ltd.**
Facilitation course (4 days)

2013 **INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH (UNITAR), UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA**
AND THE SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION
International Water Law
Online course

LANGUAGES

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
French	mother tongue	mother tongue	mother tongue
Italian	mother tongue	mother tongue	mother tongue
English	Proficiency	Proficiency	Proficiency
German	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced
Romanian	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced

EMPLOYMENT RECORD AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SKAT CONSULTING Ltd., St-Gallen, Switzerland
Water Governance Specialist

Since 2017

Backstopping to SDC Global Program Water Initiatives

i.e. providing support services and assistance on the following fields:

- Facilitator on behalf of SDC's in SDC's water network RésEAU
- Support the annual retreat and annual reporting (Sept.2017)
- Monitoring of SDC's water-related interventions (Dec.2017)
- Organize, plan and moderate team event between Global Program Water and Backstoppers (Nov.2017)

Planning and Monitoring Manager, Swiss Water and Sanitation Project (ApaSan) in Moldova

- Planning & Reporting: review workshops, Yearly Plan of Operations, progress reports
- Monitoring: revision on monitoring results, development of evaluation tools, methodologies for surveys
- Knowledge management & communication: contribute to the evaluation and documentation of ApaSan's models, support for the ApaSan website content and other outreach material
- Thematic inputs: Strategic Planning, support to small operator

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Since 2013

Planning and Monitoring Manager, ApaSan Project (Moldova)

- Plan and coordinate the project's actions and investments related to strategic sector planning
- Responsible of the development, follow-up and effectiveness of the project's planning, monitoring and evaluation tools
- Develop baselines (household and operator surveys), collect, analyze and document data in the project area
- Contribute to the evaluation, consolidation, documentation and transfer to national partners of ApaSan's models for water supply and sanitation services delivery
- Compile and submit required analytical reports on progress
- Support project staff and consultants in efficient, results oriented task planning and management

Assistant Project Coordinator, ApaSan Project (Moldova), 100%, May 2013 to May 2015

- Developed project proposals and ensured project cycle management, including the drawing-up of contracts, financial management and reporting to donor agencies
- Provided technical expertise in the field of decentralized water supply and sanitation

EAUSERVICE, Water utility of Lausanne, Switzerland

2009 - 2013

Assistant International Solidarity, 80 % (May 2012 to April 2013), 20%

- Responsible for the public-public partnership between Lausanne and Nouakchott, Mauritania
- Setting up, follow-up and coordination of activities including field visits to Nouakchott
- Promotion of Solidarité'eau initiative among Swiss municipalities (Cooperation of Swiss municipalities/water utilities with communities in developing countries on water and sanitation)
- In charge of developing project-related communication materials
- Contributing to the analysis of infrastructure accounting

Foundation ANTENNA TECHNOLOGIES, Geneva, Switzerland

2009 - 2012

Water project coordinator, 80%

- Developed, planned, implemented and evaluated the dissemination strategy of WATA devices (electro-chlorinator producing chlorine)
- Set up and coordinated projects in Africa and Asia (Kenya, Pakistan, Nepal, India and Bangladesh)
- Developed monitoring and training tools
- Promoted WATA devices through relevant communication channels including website, articles and brochures
- Publication (co-author): The Safe Water School Manual (first edition), school lessons in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) with scientific experiments, games and art activities

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FDFA) – SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SDC), Bern, Switzerland

2008 - 2009

Project assistant, section Water Initiatives, 80%

- Coordinated the Swiss campaign for sanitation on behalf of four Federal Offices: coordinated and implemented the campaign's activities, developed adequate information and sensitization materials
- Coordinated the Swiss presence at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul: managed the Swiss stand; organised and coordinated the contributions of 30 partners; supported and followed up the Swiss participation at the political level; implemented a communication strategy and developed relevant communication materials
- Supported and followed up the political and strategic lines of the section, contributed to the planning, contributed to and presented the annual programme of the section

FOODFIRST INTERNATIONAL ACTION NETWORK (FIAN), International organization for the Right to Food, Heidelberg, Germany

2007

- Supported FIAN's work at the International Secretariat in Heidelberg as well as to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) in Geneva
- Prepared international advocacy events aiming at promoting the Right to Food and Water and the monitoring of their implementation at national level
- Contributed in writing to annual reports on the implementation of the Right to Food and Water and analyses of State sectorial politics

EAUSERVICE, Water utility of Lausanne, Switzerland

2006

Research assistant

Analyzed the structure and the price of water in Switzerland. This research was praised by professionals in the water field. It is the only base data for 2006 and it was used by water distributors in Switzerland to revise their tariff structure. The research was also quoted in "L'eau des villes", Géraldine Pflieger, 2009.

NOUVELLE PLANETE, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

2001

Volunteer in a Swiss NGO

Participated in fundraising efforts over one year to finance the construction of a primary school in Burkina Faso. Five weeks of construction work in Burkina Faso.