

Curriculum Vitae

Position	: Member of the Management Board, water specialist
Name of Firm	: Skat Consulting, St Gallen, Switzerland
Name of Staff	: Frank Wiederkehr
Profession	: Biologist, ETHZ
Date of Birth	: 21.01.1976
Years with Firm	: From 01.11.2019
Nationality	: Swiss and Dutch

KEY COMPETENCIES

Frank Wiederkehr owns a MSc in Natural Science and a MAS in Development and Cooperation. He joined Skat Consulting from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and has in-depth knowledge among others in integrated water resource management and multi-level water governance. He worked in the past as Regional Advisor for Water and Environment for the Swiss Government in the Western Balkans, and has working experience in Central and South-Asia and Latin America.

Frank has broad experience in river basin management, water-ecosystem improvements, urban and rural water infrastructure and capacity development in the water sector, water sector reform, policy dialogue and multi-level water governance at national, sub-national and local level.

Further, Frank has extensive knowledge in programme development and project implementation and backstopping and supporting donor financed projects. He is very familiar with the instruments of the project/programme cycle management and has wide-ranging expertise in quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation of projects, context sensitive programme management, gender, good governance as well as in moderation and facilitation of workshops and conference sessions.

EDUCATION

2004 - 2006	: Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Development and Cooperation , Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETH Zurich, Switzerland
1997 – 2001	: M.Sc. Natural Science , Biology with focus on Ecology, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETH Zurich, Switzerland

TRAININGS (selection)

2019	: <i>Leadership seminar for future management staff</i> ; Training centre of the Swiss federal administration, Bern, Switzerland
2016	: <i>Implementing the Water Goal – SDG in practice</i> ; Aguasan Workshop; SDC, Bern, Switzerland
2015	: <i>Multilevel Water Governance</i> ; The Hague Academy for Local Governance, The Hague, The Netherlands
2014	: <i>Water Challenges Beyond WASH - bridging the water, food and energy sector divides</i> ; Aguasan Workshop; SDC, Bern, Switzerland
2011	: <i>Negotiation: Efficiency in Preparation, Conduct and Dealing with Differences</i> ; SDC, Bern, Switzerland

2008

Water and Climate Change; online course; UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Delft, The Netherlands

2008

Monitoring of Development Interventions; Water and Climate Change; MDF Training&Consultancy, Ede, The Netherlands

LANGUAGES:

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
German	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Mother tongue
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Spanish	Good	Good	Good
French	Good	Good	Fair
Dutch	Basic	Basic	-

COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

Eastern Europe:	Macedonia (4 years) Frequent missions to Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania, Moldova
Latin America:	Peru (2 years) Frequent missions to Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia
Asia:	Mongolia (1 year) Frequent missions to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Seychelles (5 months)
Pacific:	Australia (10 months)

EMPLOYMENT RECORD AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Skat Consulting Ltd., St. Gallen, Switzerland

Member of the management board

Deputy CEO, Water Specialist

Since 11.2019

- Heading the Skat Consulting Ltd. water team;

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Bern, Switzerland

Programme Manager Pakistan; South Asia Division gender focal point

07.2018 – 10.2019

- Main point of entry for SDC's engagement in Pakistan on the Swiss side, liaising with other federal offices and the Swiss Embassy in Islamabad.
- Accompanying the phasing out of the SDC engagement in Pakistan, supporting and backstopping the Embassy on institutional, process and project related issues in relation to the closing down of the SDC office.
- Advising the management in the Embassy in Pakistan on thematic, methodological, administrative and financial aspects, including ensuring coherent financial planning;
- Gender focal point for the South Asia Division.

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC / Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Regional Advisor for Water and Environment; Member of the Swiss Embassy Skopje management team

06.2013 – 05.2017

Main focus of work

Thematic: water resource management, urban and rural water infrastructure, multilevel water governance and capacity development needs in the water sector, river basin management, water ecosystem improvement, water infrastructure development, water sector reforms and water governance at national, sub-national and local level.

Process-oriented: Moderation/facilitation of workshops and sessions at international conferences and peer-review of SDC country programmes as well as monitoring of individual projects.

Strategic and operational management of the Water and Environment domain of the Swiss Engagement in North Macedonia

- Responsible for and managing the water and environment portfolio of the Swiss Embassy in Skopje.
- Strategic, operational and administrative monitoring of programmes and projects financed by Switzerland (SECO and SDC).
- Leading the relevant policy dialogue with national, regional and local partners.
- Conceptual advancement and sharpening of the focus of the water and environment portfolio of the Swiss engagement in North Macedonia.

Providing advisory services on water and environment:

- Supporting and advising the Swiss Representations in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Kosovo in ensuring the long-term quality of their respective water and environment programmes.
- Co-management of the SDC sub-water network Western Balkans-Central Asia; organization of regional seminars and exchange of knowledge.
- Leading the design of the BMZ/SECO financed Regional Capacity Development Network Programme in the Western Balkans from the Swiss side in close collaboration with the German counterparts from GIZ as well as local and regional partners.
- Facilitating exchange between SECO and SDC Headquarters and between Cooperation Offices/Embassies in the Western Balkans on regional, strategic water issues.
- Member of the peer review Moldova team, responsible for assessing the SDC portfolio in the water sector and providing recommendations on the future strategic orientation of the Swiss engagement.

Core Group member of the SDC Water Network

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Bern, Switzerland

Programme Manager Afghanistan and Sri Lanka; South Asia Division Agriculture and Food Security focal point

06.2009 – 05.2013

- Ensuring the strategic management and implementation of SDC development programmes in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka;
- Responsible for the quality assurance of the development programmes in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka at SDC headquarters in Bern;
- Advising the management in the cooperation offices in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka on thematic, methodological, administrative and financial aspects, including ensuring coherent financial planning;
- Co-leading the development and design of the new regional programme Hindukush (Afghanistan and Pakistan);
- Main SDC point of contact and responsible for the coordination with other federal offices as well as selected aid agencies for all matters relating to Afghanistan and Sri Lanka;
- Core group member of the SDC "Agriculture and Food Security" network and interlocutor of the same for the South Asia Division.

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation / Intercooperation, Cusco, Peru

Junior Programme Officer in the field of IWRM and Climate Change **09.2007 – 06.2009**

Working in two different SDC financed projects, implemented by Intercooperation, a former Swiss NGO: MASAL – integrated water resource management in rural areas in the Peruvian Andes; Main tasks included:

- Implementing participatory workshops and livelihood assessments, working with Andean communities to improve their livelihood basis; introduce ways of sustainable use of water resources; fighting erosion; develop training materials for local use in the communities

PACC – Climate Change Adaptation in rural areas in the Peruvian Andes; Main tasks included:

- Responsible for setting up the new project office; recruiting staff; developing new projects in the field of CC adaptation; awareness raising about CC issues and adaptation to it in rural communities

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation / Intercooperation, Bern, Switzerland

Junior Programme Officer in the field of natural resource management, project development, knowledge management and monitoring **09.2006 – 08.2007**

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Fellowship in the field of natural resource management, project development and strategic planning **03.2005 – 02.2006**

FAL Reckenholz, National Center for Agroecology, Zurich, Switzerland

Scientific officer in the eco-controlling department, working in the field of biodiversity **04.2004 – 09.2004**

WWF Switzerland, Zurich, Switzerland

Project Officer in the forest department, working in the field of forest and timber certification; developing campaigns and coordinating the Forest and Trade Network in the international WWF network; Coordinating the “forest friendly school” programme in the youth and environment department **07.2002 – 02.2004**