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EDUCATION

Teaching Certification Secondary School

**University of Teacher
Education, Switzerland**

2016-2020

Management Certificate in Project Leadership

Cornell University, USA

2011-2012

PhD Geosciences

Univ. of Massachusetts, USA

2007-2012

Numerical modeling of climates, ice sheets, and vegetation dynamics.

M.Sc. Geography

Univ. of Bern, Switzerland

2002-2007

Statistical reconstructions of temperature & precipitation/drought extremes in Europe.

LANGUAGES

German 

French 

English 

Italian 

SUMMARY

Experienced Senior Policy Advisor with a demonstrated history of working in the fields of environment and sustainability policy development and implementation, at the national and international levels. Skilled in start-up ventures, multilateral negotiations, national coordination and stakeholder engagement. Published author, including in science magazine, with a PhD in the field of climate and environmental sciences. Strong community and social services professional with a Management Certificate in Project Management from Cornell University.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chief Scientist Environment International

Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland 2021 -

- Representing Switzerland in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), including serving as head of delegation
- Responsible for the Science-Policy interface, including partnerships with academies, educational institutions, and private sector

Senior Policy Advisor

Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland 2015-2021

- Field of responsibilities pertained to questions related to international environmental governance, international sustainable development, as well as to general environmental issues in the realm of the United Nations system.
- Focal Point for the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) for Switzerland

Science Officer and Project Manager

Federal Office for Meteorology and Climatology, Switzerland 2012-2015

- Leading a large capacity building project in 10 developing and emerging countries in Africa, South America, Central and Southeast Asia
- Leading role in national coordination of climate relevant / environmental observations in Switzerland
- Member of Swiss delegations at national and international panels, includes UNFCCC and WMO
- Supporting role in WMO-led Global Framework for Climate Services

Isenberg School of Management Scholar

2010-2012

- Leading a team of scientists and managers to develop a innovative services to quantify risk and losses from climate extremes, The service was intended for policymakers and insurance professionals working at the city and state levels.

Research and Teaching Roles

University of Massachusetts, USA 2007-2012

University of Bern, Switzerland 2005-2007

FELLOWSHIPS

Isenberg School of Management Fellow

2010-2012

European Erasmus Exchange Fellow

2004-2005