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Sustainability leader & innovator

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Who am I?



My mission is to fight against indifference and for inclusive growth.

I address the global challenges of poverty, inequality and climate, by studying their interconnectedness and by building solutions, using the force of nontraditional partnerships between business, governments, civil society and consumers.

- A leader and innovator in sustainability, climate change, women's empowerment, sustainable development, responsible business conduct, governance, applied research and solutions. Focus on the nexus of people and planet.
- I bring more than 30 years of expertise and executive and board experience: top level diplomat and director at Ministry Foreign Affairs, Environment, OECD, and UN. Chair of three international boards; chair audit committee.
- Strong experience in climate change. Director Climate Change and head of Dutch Delegation to UNFCCC COPs, in charge of 2 COP presidencies, deals on flexible mechanisms and private - public partnership models.
- I created many new initiatives and organizations – eg social impact models (OECD), SDG business tools and strategic guidance (GRI, with UN Global Compact & World Business Council for Sustainable Development); for Rio+10; Rio+20 and UN-HLPF.
- Sustainability innovation: national Dutch corporate sustainability benchmark for Ministry Economic Affairs; creation of innovative supermarket App to measure and benchmark carbon and human rights footprint, and Famine Early Warning System in Sahel/Africa.
- I brought GRI to the Netherlands and co-led its development from upstart NGO to the global leading standards for corporate sustainability.
- Solid in public and non-for profit financial management and audit; successful fundraiser with track record of donor loyalty (€50 mln). Max €500 mln budget. Chair of audit committee.
- Team builder, bridge builder and inspiring mentor. I love to make things happen, have an eagle eye for problems and thrive in solving them. Used to work as number two.
- Excellent writer; seasoned and inspiring speaker at numerous forums across the world, including to the UN General Assembly, OECD, private sector and universities. Highly respected chair of conferences.
- In 2018 I received a rare Royal Decoration for my international contribution to the Public Good: Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau
- 5 languages: Dutch, Swedish, English, French, modest German.

Most recent position

- **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) / Deputy Chief Executive**
January 2004 – Januari 2019, AMSTERDAM (Headquarters; offices in 11 non EU locations)

Current side functions

- **Member of the Global Daimler AG Integrity and Sustainability Board**
February 2018 – PRESENT, STUTTGART
- **Founding member of the board of OECD Business Platform for Inclusive Growth, initiated and chaired by OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría.**
September 2018 – PRESENT – OECD, PARIS, launched in November 2018
- **Chair of the Board of The Questionmark: climate & human rights consumer App, benchmark**
Jan 2014 - PRESENT, AMSTERDAM
- **Technical Chair and Jury Member Netherlands National Corporate Transparency Benchmark**
September 2015 - PRESENT, Ministry Economic Affairs, THE HAGUE
- **Board member and Finance and Audit Committee Chair of ICIMOD: International Center for Integrated Mountain Development in the Himalayas**
May 2016 - PRESENT, KATHMANDU (including 8 Himalaya countries)
- **Board member of SEED/UNEP Board: climate and sustainability innovation in SME's in Sub Sahara Africa**
May 2016 - PRESENT, NAIROBI
- **Member Advisory Board of the Dutch Foreign Trade and Aid responsible business policy review of Foreign Affairs**
September 2017 - PRESENT – Ministry Foreign Affairs, THE HAGUE
- **OECD Expert Group on Measuring and benchmarking business contribution to wellbeing / member**
September 2017 - PRESENT, PARIS
- **UNCTAD Review Committee for best practices on SDGs & reporting (ISAR Honours)**
February 2018 - PRESENT, GENEVA
- **Member of the Advisory Board to the Dutch Association of Responsible Investment**

January 2015 – PRESENT - UTRECHT

- **Chair of the Jury of Nudge Global Impact Award – annual award in the Hague Peace Palace**

August 2017 – PRESENT – THE HAGUE

- **Member of the World Connectors thought leaders**

August 2008 – PRESENT – AMSTERDAM

Previous Experience

Climate Change and Private Sector / Director & Head of Delegation to UNFCCC

November 1999 – January 2004, Ministry Environment, THE HAGUE

Johannesburg UN Summit for Sustainable Development / UN Secretary General Team: Special Advisor Private Sector Partnerships

June – October 2002, JOHANNESBURG

OECD Sahel Foreign Policy and Aid Coordination Body (“Club du Sahel”)/President of OECD member country group and secretariat

January 1999 – November 1999, THE HAGUE - PARIS

Ministry Foreign Affairs Department of Research, Education and Culture/ Director

January 1996 – January 1999, THE HAGUE

Ministry Foreign Affairs Department of Women, Social Development & Human Rights/ Director

January 1990 – January 1996, THE HAGUE

Foreign Affairs & Dutch Embassy Dakar/ 1st secretary and strategy department (various)

January 1987 – January 1990 – THE HAGUE - DAKAR

US State Department Famine Early Warning System/ Project inventor and lead

July 1985 – January 1987, NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA

ILO Cooperative branch in West Africa/ Expert social development and empowerment of Women

September 1983 – July 1985 - NOUAKCHOTT - GENEVA

Leiden University/ assistant & associate professor social development and gender

January 1977 – September 1983, LEIDEN

Previous side functions

WWF Netherlands / Board member

January 2007 – November 2017, DRIEBERGEN

CORDAID, Dutch Caritas branch / Board member

January 2002 – December 2012, THE HAGUE

International Institute of Environment and Development/ Board Member

January 2004 – July 2012, LONDON

ILEIA, sustainable agricultures network/ Board chair

June 1998 - 2008, WAGENINGEN

ICARDA: International Centre for Agricultural (climate resilient) Research in the Dry Areas/ Board member & Audit Chair

January 2001 – January 2007, ALEPPO, SYRIA (Mena region, Central Asia and West Africa)

Consultative Group on International Agricultural (and climate) Research / member Oversight Committee

January 1996 – July 1999 – WASHINGTON DC (World bank)

OECD Working Parties on (1) Impact Evaluation and (2) Women and Development/ (1) member and (2) chair

Mid 1990 – December 1995, PARIS

World Bank gender and diversity board/ member & head of evaluation

Mid 1996 – January 2001 -, WASHINGTON

UNIFEM (today UN Women)/Board member

Mid 1989 – mid 1992, NEW YORK

Dutch national council & fund for research in the tropics (WOTRO) / board member

Mid 1996 – November 1999, THE HAGUE

Dutch national program & fund for climate research/ Chair January 2000 – mid 2003, THE HAGUE

Education

Leiden University /Bachelors and Masters Anthropology & Development Economics, specialty gender and African Studies

September 1973 – January 1981, LEIDEN

Sussex University / Commonwealth Development post doc

January 1979 – March 1979, BRIGHTON

Tilburg University and London Institute of Directors: 2 courses (1 year & 1 week) on board governance, due diligence, audit and finance

1997 and 2010, ADDIS ABABA AND TILBURG

Ministry Finance Training Centre / public finance degree

1997, THE HAGUE

Ministry Foreign Affairs full year mid-career management and diplomacy,

Full year of 1992, THE HAGUE

Media training – several courses

Publications	On request. Active on social media
Languages	Mother tongues: Dutch and Swedish Working languages: English and French Fair: German
Relevant	Elected one of top 100 sustainability innovators in the Netherlands in 2006 and 2008 The International Organisation of Employers (IOE) nominated me as their candidate for the UN Working Group of Business and Human Rights in 2016 Track record on gender equality and human rights
Interests	Reading (world literature), Classical music, piano and singing, walking, cooking, Africa (8 years in West Africa)