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WELCOME NOTE

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When I look back through my journey of coming to Germany in 2006 as an Au-Pair, with the clear goal of pursuing law studies in Germany within max. 4 years, and returning back to my homeland Kenya to defend the rights of the suppressed and less-privileged, I never would have imagined, that this journey would last this long!

Now 17 years later, I am still quite comfortable in Germany! My law degree, successfully achieved. My legal career path, quite positive. My ambitions of relocating back to Kenya???

So many Diaspora find themselves in the same situation. We may have had other motives and short-term goals when leaving our countries, but once abroad, we encounter various challenges and opportunities that have a direct or indirect impact on the decisions and the choice we make today.

Such influencing factors may be personal, such as family ties, academia, career, etc. or externally driven e.g. Visa regulations, the living environment, available opportunities abroad and in the country of origin, etc.

It is therefore very crucial to keenly understand the dynamics of the Diaspora, their goals and ambitions, and the frameworks within which they operate. This would enhance development of practicable and holistic solutions and frameworks, that would enable the Diaspora make independent decisions that would allow them maximise their potentials and be of support to both their countries of origin and residence.

The impact of the Diaspora has been largely appreciated as regarding remittances. However, there is much more potential that remains untapped.

The Diaspora, besides just studying or working abroad, are important channels for global transformation. They create dynamic linkages and networks both within their living environment and abroad, are ambassadors of culture and moral values, engage regularly in skills transfer from their academics and career expertise, and are important mentors and role models to fellow Diaspora. Without forgetting their role in boosting the economy and safeguarding the social standards, the Diaspora are also drivers of innovation and transformation.

With the right frameworks and policies, the Diaspora can do much more. They can offer expert consultations to both government institutions and the civil society in the areas of their expertise, be agents of sustainable and diversity driven integration, share their experiences with the private sector as regarding attracting and retaining immigrant skilled workers, be agencies of abroad investments, social-economical development, and creating awareness on the available opportunities on both sides.

Therefore, as we look at Labour Migration, we don't just observe the Agenda as a "Job Search vs Job Offer" issue, we look at the bigger picture.

It is in this regard that we as the African Diaspora Steering Committee take the initiative to lay a good foundation for sustainability and mutually in the Labour Migration. We look forward to working hand in hand with the African Embassies, the German Government Institutions, the Civil Society Associations and the Private Sector towards maximising the potentials of labour migration.

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ORGANISATION'S PROFILE



Giving Africa a New Face is an Organisation that aims at promoting (1) paradigm shift in the partnerships between Africa and Europe (2) potential driven migration and combating the causes of irregular migration (3) inclusion of the African Migrants in Europe.

Our target is to ensure mutual partnership between Africa and Europe. Therefore, we focus on the engaging the involved stakeholders at eye-level, making the value addition of the partnerships more visible.

Africa should not only be seen as a crisis continent, but rather as a continent with great potentials. In particular, Africa is rich in raw materials, human resource with young vibrant youths, historical sites for researches and discoveries, unused productive land, opportunities for outsourcing of research and production centers etc.

The focus of the cooperations therefore should not be majored on unilateral aid packages for Africa, but rather sustainable, mutual partnerships. This will not only strengthen Africa's social, economic and political stability and thereby offer its citizens a positive future prospect within the continent, but also boost the growth potential of its cooperation partners.

In this respect, GAaNF aims at enhancing these sustainable cooperations. We offer services in legal consultations, B2B partnerships, delegation trips, exchange programmes such as education and intercultural activities, workshops, E-Learning and remote training, needs-based project analysis among others. Besides, we create suitable platforms for Dialogues between the migrant civil society on Migration and Integration Agendas, and ensure an enabling environment for resilient migrant civil society.



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VISION & MISSION

ADSC for mutual goals

In acknowledgement of the diversity and great potentials within the Diaspora, the African Diaspora Steering Committee (ADSC) seeks to work closely together, support one another, share their resources and create one another an enabling environment within their fields of engagements. The members of ADSC have taken a personal initiative to change the narrative of migrants in Europe, transform the perception of Africa and act as bridges of mutual partnerships and exchanges between Africa and Europe.

The engagements of the ADSC involve advocacy, linkages, capacity building, trainings, think tanks, fundraising, public relation, consultations, researches and survey, and event coordination. Hereby, ADSC will be engaging into collaborations with various institutions and create the necessary interfaces in order to ensure effectiveness, sustainability and agility.

The ADSC recognizes and promotes the autonomy of its member organisations. Its joint by its common goals and ambitions, and strengthened by the expertise of its members. ADSC believes in "Ubuntu" spirit. Therefore, not only internally, but also with the rest of the African Diaspora will ADSC work closely in harmony and mutual empowerment.

ADSC is currently facilitated by Giving Africa a New Face e.V. However all the member organisations work closely together as a team in working groups and regular meetings, exchange their ideas, consult on important Agendas relating to Migration and Integration, and organise activities within their engagements as stated above collectively.

For more information, please visit the websites of the ADSC members.

EXPERTISE

TOPICS WITHIN ORGANISATIONS IN THE ADSC

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

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CRISIS MANAGEMENT

ENTREPRENEUSHIP & START-UP

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CAPACITY BUILDING

GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT

FLIGHT AND MIGRATION

ADVOCACY & POLICIES

LABOUR MIGRATION

HUMAN RIGHTS

REPATRIATION & REINTEGRATION

DATA MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT

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Giving Africa a New Face e.V. enables good partnerships between Africa and Europe by promoting mutuality and sustainability in development cooperation, integration and participation. GAaNF has its headquarters in Munich and affiliates in Bavaria, Mecklenburg Vorpommern, Hessen, North Rhine-Westphalia, as well as several African countries. Their services are majorly in Legal & Compliance, Advocacy, Residence permit, Capacity building, Talent nurturing and empowerment, Delegations, Volunteering and civil society engagement. Its regular platforms for engagements between the migrant civil society and government institutions have helped enhance coherent approach in the policies and measure pertaining to migration and integration.



Doki's Advice is a volunteering online medical consulting platform offered by the Diaspora and German medical experts for needy patients and medical workers in Afrika. Their long term goal is to set up an online medical training programme that is on par with European standards. The organisation also sponsors equipment for Kenyan hospitals, image tests and various medications. In collaboration with other doctors from Germany, Doki's Advice hosts annual camps in Afrika, with the partnering hospitals, for attendance of severe cases on spot.



African Youth Enlightenment Empower and Self-Sustainability Initiative engages in activities that support SDGs 1,2,3,4,5,7,13. Their aim is to reduce unemployment rates and alleviate poverty by providing seminars that benefit the youth. Over the past years, AYEESSI has helped many young Africans achieve their education and career goals. Their foundation has supported several refugees from third countries who were displaced by the war in Ukraine. Besides, AYEESSI is an ambassador for culture and diversity

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A-G Career Hub focuses on establishing linkages to facilitate partnerships and collaborations with companies, universities and diaspora communities in Germany and Africa. They actively create links to mentor, coach, train young professionals and share business and career opportunities in both regions.

To curb the labour crisis in Germany, AG-Career Hub facilitated a partnership between Hochschule Koblenz and Mount Kenya University in Kenya, within which young people committed to work in the healthcare sector will get a chance to train and work as nurses in Germany.



Morgen e.V. is the umbrella organization of migrant Non-profit organizations in Munich, with the aim of strengthening, promoting and making visible the participation and commitment of people with a migration background. Its members are as diverse as the society in which we live. Morgen stands for a democratic attitude in a diverse and inclusive society, for respect for human rights and human dignity. They have engaged in several activities to fight for the rights of the migrants.



Deutsch Connect is an entity that provides information, knowledge sharing and consultancy services to both Africans and Germans. As young and vibrant entrepreneurs, they aim to create sustainable businesses, investments and partnerships that are fair and equitable. Through linking of investors and exposing the innovation in the young African talents, Deutsch Connect has boosted the growth of several start-ups in Africa and helped German business partners make equitable investment in Africa. They have equally enhanced transfer of immigrant skilled workers to Germany by acting as agencies.



The umbrella organization of African associations in Berlin and Brandenburg stands for togetherness in the community and is a network of associations, organizations, initiatives and people from the African diaspora in Berlin and Brandenburg. Their main objective is to join and represent the common interests of the African diaspora in Berlin and Brandenburg. Besides, the umbrella organization promotes cooperation between member associations, organizations, projects, groups and people from the African diaspora. They are committed to equal, solidary coexistence with all people in the state of Berlin and Brandenburg.

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The African-German Working Community / Afrikanische-Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft (A.D.A.G.E.) is a Berlin-based umbrella organisation of the African-German civil society. Its members operate in 10 federal states in Germany and in 17 African countries in various fields like digitalisation, afforestation, youth help, health, culture and international cooperation. A.D.A.G.E. is also a think & do tank which facilitates cooperation between public and private stakeholders, generates and shares knowledge, and enhances the ability of its members and partners to materialise their strategy



AiDiA aims to make Afro-German talents visible and accompany them on their start-up journey. AiDiA promotes the interests of the Black business community in German-speaking countries through a series of business events and networking opportunities. The organization held the first Afro-German business pitch event in 2022, where the winning Start-Up was awarded with 30.000€ to boost her business. AiDiA-Pitch aims to economically empower black entrepreneurs in Germany, enable cross-community networking, and to host a platform for inspiration, creativity, and business acumen.



One Goal For All organisation promotes sustainable economic and political education and the integration of new economic developments. To achieve this, individuals with expertise in organizing and implementation have been recruited from a range of different fields, including capacity building in education, international development projects, and civic education, among others. In attempt to tap young migrant talents, the association engages the immigrant youths in educative workshops for computer skills, and mentors them to strive towards maximizing their academic and career potentials.



The Moving Women Empowerment Network is a platform that celebrates and supports women, providing a space for them to connect with others. The network has over 500 women on its private platform, who benefit from training on entrepreneurship and career development. It is a project of Edtextain e.V., a non-profit organisation registered in Germany since 2014 that supports educational and intercultural exchanges in Germany and globally. The network has brought together women from various spheres and has raised great and successful leaders in the politics, businesses, social engagements and families.

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BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Clément Compaoré

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Originally from Ouagadougou, Dr. Compaoré is the Co-Founder and Board member of Giving Africa a New Face association. After successfully pursuing his masters and doctorate studies at the LMU university, and working with various institutions in Germany, he returned to Ouagadougou to become a lecturer at the University of Education Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) in Burkina Faso. The ENS is responsible for the education and in-service training of state-accredited high school teachers in the Burkinabe education system. Dr. Compaoré's research and teaching focus on the didactics of German as a Foreign Language and technology-enhanced learning. Since his return to Burkina Faso, he has contributed directly to knowledge transfer in the Burkinabe educational landscape. Dr. Compaoré has continuously engaged in Germany through GAaNF as correspondent and expert advisor in engagements with West-Africa.



Barr. Edith Otiende-Lawani

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Barr. Otiende-Lawani heads the Board and Legal Departments at Giving Africa a New Face Association. After accomplishing her law studies in Germany and working with various legal firms, she was driven by her passion for promoting a positive image of Africa to co-found the GAaNF association that has been a game changer in German-African collaborations. Her ambition is to establish inclusive, diversity friendly structures in Germany that will help migrants maximise their potentials in Germany and abroad. Moreover, she seeks to promote a fair collaboration with Africa, that will enhance Africa's performance as an equal partner to Europe and the globe. Besides facilitating engagement between migrant civil society and public stakeholders, Ms. Otiende-Lawani continues to advocate for policy reforms as regarding migration and integration. Ms Otiende-Lawani is also quite active in politics where she holds positions both within the regional and state-level.

BIOGRAPHIES



Leonard Konrad

Afro German Business Pitch e.V.

Leonard is a 5th generation Afro-German, has a master's degree in industrial engineering and works full-time as a management consultant. In an honorary capacity, Leonard co-founded AiDiA. AiDiA held the first Afro-German business pitch event in 2022. With this AiDiA-Pitch the organization pursues the economic empowerment of black entrepreneurs in Germany, cross-community networking, and a platform for inspiration, creativity, and business acumen. AiDiA thus makes an important contribution to a more diverse German business community.



Dr. Daniel Ogutu

Doki's Advice

He is the founder of Doki's ADVICE e.V. and a licensed Specialist Doctor in Germany for internal and emergency medicine. Doki's Advice, a childhood dream, is a free online medical consultation platform for needy patients and medical workers which is found on Youtube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and shares various educational articles and videos concerning your health. Daniel and his Team travel twice a year to Kenya and serve in co-operate rural government hospitals consulting and treating free of charge. They also sponsor missing equipment to the hospitals they visit. Imaging tests and various medication has been paid using Doki's remarkable online donation programs found on their homepage.



Ronald Kawessi

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

He is the GAaNF ambassador to Uganda and he has worked with GAaNF on different projects including the Skilling project in Kisumu, Kenya. He also works as an Assistant Lecturer at Makerere University at the Department of Construction Economics and Management and is the Projects Lead at PropTech Uganda. He is also a former board member at Africa PropTech Forum. He obtained his Bachelors from Uganda at Makerere University before moving to Germany for his Masters in Land Management at Technical University of Munich and later for an MBA at Hochschule Munich. His areas of specialty are project management, digital transformation, Built environment, asset valuation, portfolio management and land management.



Akinola Famson

Afrika-Rat Berlin Brandenburg e.V.

Originally from Nigeria, Akinola is a cultural mediator, consultant, lecturer and artist who is involved in various cultural and education projects in Germany and abroad. A well sought-after lecturer in the field of "Inter/transcultural relationships and issues". Akinola is the founder of Equal Chance Support Foundation Africa (ECSFA, www.ecfa.org.ng) and a member of board of the Afrika-Rat Berlin Brandenburg e.V. (an umbrella organisation of African associations, initiatives in the state of Berlin and Brandenburg, www.afrika-rat.org) and the executive officer of Alliance for anti-discrimination educational work in the Federal Republic of Germany (Bund für Antidiskriminierungs- und Bildungsarbeit in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland e.V. (BDB e.V.), www.bdb-germany.de)

BIOGRAPHIES



**Dr. Sarah
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Women Empowerment Network

Is a communications professional and technology enthusiast with a strong multi-media background. She is passionate about projects that empower and advance especially women and youth. She is the founder of the Moving Women Empowerment Network Platform, a project by Edtextain e.V.



Kazeem Ojoye

African Youth Enlightenment Empower
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Is the founder of the AYEESSI Initiative. He lived a significant part of his life in Nigeria before moving to Germany where he attended junior and higher education. He studied Informatic at the TU- München and worked for large enterprises like BMW Group, Unicredit AG. He is presently a Senior Solution Architect IT at SKY GmbH.



Caroline Mwangi

AG-Career Hub

Originally from Kenya, she is the co-Founder and CEO at AG-Career Hub, the largest network for Kenyan professionals based in Germany. After graduating in International Management from the University of Applied Sciences in Augsburg, Caroline saw the need to create a platform with a key focus of establishing linkages in business and academia to facilitate partnerships and collaborations with companies, universities and diaspora communities in Germany and in African countries. The community is made up of professionals, graduates, students business owners who studied, trained, worked in Germany or have relocated back to their countries of origin. Together with the experts and mentors within the platform, the hub creates linkages, mentors, coaches and trains young professionals as well as share career and business opportunities in Germany and in Kenya

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Stella Mukele

Morgen e.V.

Is a German citizen who was raised in Kenya. After completing her MBA studies in Germany, she joined an international corporate firm in Munich. Her previous studies include Dentistry, Chemistry & Mathematics. One of her passion is charity work and in her free time she pursues social projects in Germany & Kenya. In cooperation with Giving Africa a New Face, she is working on a mentorship program to support migrant refugees affected by the Ukrainian war. The focus of this program is on students who fled Ukraine & would like to pursue their studies in Germany. Stella is an advocate for diversity at the workplace and particularly a strong supporter of African women who would like to upgrade the status quo. Through this they not only improve their own lives but that of their communities as well.



Kumbirai Chipadza

Deutsch Connect

Is a Zimbabwean based in Germany who is also the founder and CEO of Deutsch Connect a German based Afrocentric startup that links African and German business through B2B matchmaking, market linkages and talent acquisition. He also co-founded Kuchera, a cutting edge telematics solution built for the mining industry. At the same time, he was also chosen as one of the 40 African and German young business leaders to accelerate economic cooperation between Africa and Germany through ACYLE Program by the German government in 2021. In 2022, he was voted as the Ortel African Entrepreneur of the year. He is passionate about empowering young Africans and believes in smart migration and brain gain.



Bernard Ochieng

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Is a Kenyan Medical Physicist with several years of clinical experience and currently a Volunteer at CAaNF. His past and present engagements with community-based organisations and initiatives include: Secretary-General, Association of Medical Physicists of Kenya; Chairman-Emeritus; Maseno Old Boys Association; Member: Local Church Technical Committee; Member: Board of Directors: MOBA SACCO; Member: Maseno School Board of Management; Relay for Life (Cancer Awareness®). He is studying for a Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering & Medical Physics at the Technische Universität München. Additionally, he holds a Certificate in Management & Leadership and Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification. He is passionate about Mentorship at home and abroad.

BIOGRAPHIES



Hon Kevin Uguru

One Goal For All e.V.

Is the CEO of Kevins Digital Media a Multimedia Graphics designing and E-Commerce company in Germany. Concept development and implementation for co-operate bodies, companies and individuals. Divert printmedia and Vocational training platform for students and skill workers. Divert award winner on labour-skill market in Germany. He is also the founder and CEO of a non governmental body ONE GOAL FOR ALL. A network of professionals from different disciplines with the main objective to Acquire, Develop and Execute divert projects and skill acquisition for the vulnerables, that have sustainable development characters both inland and abroad, through interdisciplinary driven approach. A politician with leadership position from one of the biggest political party in Germany CDU and a member of the parliament and other key organisations in Germany, with Nigeria root.



Christine Ogolla

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Is originally from Kenya and currently living in Germany, with a background in Biochemistry and Healthcare Management. Christine has several years experience in coordinating and managing pharma and health related projects, and in conducting health market analyses. In cooperation with GAaNF e.V, Christine runs a migrant website called Migrant-#changethenarrative where she updates migrant related contents. Based on her own personal struggles, Christine is passionate about influencing policies with regards to proper integration of skilled migrants into the German labor market.



Bill Kodja

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Is originally from Benin, he has worked for more than 7 years in tourism as a guide and tour manager in 5 countries in West Africa. He has also worked for 3 years as a customer care representative, translator and interpreter in Freelance. Currently he is the executive assistant at GAaNF and also doing a master's degree in Intercultural Germanistics and German Language Didactics.

BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Rachid L'Aoufir

The African German Working Community

Dr. Rachid L'Aoufir is a civil society leader and a business consultant. His fields of expertise are capacity building, organisational change, and international cooperation. He holds a double doctorate from the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences in Paris and the Free University of Berlin.



James Torkuma Igbo

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Is the CI & Public Relations coordinator for Giving Africa a New Face (GAaNF) region Bavaria, Upper Franconia. He is from Nigeria, has a bachelors degree in BSc Sociology, and is currently studying for his second Bachelors in African Visual and Verbal Arts at University of Bayreuth, he is also a Media E-Tutor for the university of Bayreuth.



Nangombe Negumbo

Giving Africa a New Face e.V.

Is a Namibian MBA graduate from the International Graduate Center Hochschule Bremen based in Germany. She currently works in the role of HR & Stakeholder Management for Giving Africa a New Face (GAaNF) with its headquarters in Munich. She previously worked for the National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia for almost close to 6 years as a Public Relations and Communications Officer. She believes that everyone no matter their ethnic disposition deserves an opportunity to showcase their skills #diversityandinclusionattheworkplace.



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Has 15 years of professional experience in finance, controlling and risk management. After graduating with a degree in industrial engineering, the trained banker earned his doctorate (Dr. rer. pol.) from the University of Karlsruhe (TH). Prof. Dr. Steurer began his professional career as a risk management officer in the research department and as a group leader for country and bank risks in the finance department at DaimlerChrysler AG.



**H.E. Hon. Amb.
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She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria, in 2004 and a Doctoral Degree in the same field from the International University of Bamenda, Cameroon, in 2019. She is a member of the following professional bodies: Nigeria Institute of Management (NIM), Fellow, Chartered Institute of Local Government & Public Administration (FCPA), Fellow, and the Federal Polytechnic Idah (FFPI).

SPEAKERS PROFILES



H.E. Hon. Amb. Tom Amolo

Embassy of Kenya

Ambassador Tom Amolo is a Senior Career Member of the Kenyan Foreign Service joining in 1983. He is currently Kenya's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federal Republic of Germany. He was the Political and Diplomatic Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nairobi from 2015 to 2020 (SPECIAL ENVOY: KENYA'S SECURITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN CONCURRENTLY WITH PDS FUNCTION FROM 2018); served as High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.- from March 2013 to December 2015 .



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Mr. Markus Priesterath

Head of Division IIII5
Volunteering and Civil Society (BMI)

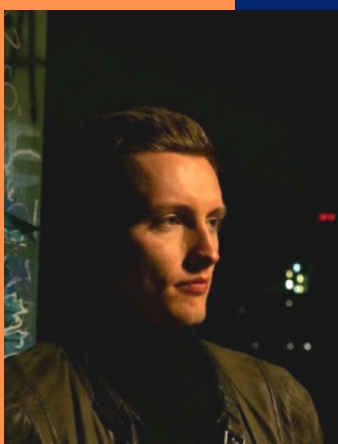
Having studied law, politics, history and psychology, Mr Markus Priesterath has worked with several institutions both within the private and public sector. Since 1999, he has been working at the Federal Ministry of the Interior Community, where he heads the Division for Volunteering and Civil Society. Mr. Priesterath has previously worked with the the press and information office of the German Federal Government, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, youth associations as well as Speaker in the German Bundestag. He has also engaged in several activities and projects abroad.



Mr. Dennis Röntgen

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Dennis Röntgen joined the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in 2019 as an advisor. In the unit for policy issues on flight and migration, he is responsible for the topic of development-oriented approaches to labor and training migration, and until recently was also responsible for the ministry's cooperation with diasporas engaged in partner countries of development policy. Previously, he worked for GIZ in projects on biosecurity in Tunisia and Morocco, advised German companies on political developments and security risks in sub-Saharan Africa, and worked as a program assistant on the Africa-EU Partnership in the European Commission. Dennis Röntgen holds a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Cologne and a Postgraduate Master degree from the College of Europe in Bruges.



Thadeus Fürstenau

Federal Foreign Office (AA)

Mr Fürstenau works at the Federal Foreign Office where he is the Speaker / Desk Officer for Flight and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa / Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has previously worked with Foundations like Robert Bosch Foundation as Project manager in cooperation management in the field of education (Berlin), as well as Berghof Foundation (Berlin), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Tunis). Mr Fürstenau has academic background in War and Conflict Studies in Potsdam/Dublin with an Emphasis on African Conflicts.