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Team Leader Environment and Climate Change

- **Educational background:** MSc in forest sciences (ETH Zurich), PhD in participatory natural resources management and development (University of Reading UK)
- **Years of professional experience:** Since 1999
- **Years in development/international cooperation:** Since 1999
- **Year started in organisation:** 2006

- **Thematic competences:** Collaborative forest management, international forestry, forests and poverty alleviation, natural resources governance, agroforestry, sustainable livelihood approaches

- **Process competences:** Project cycle management, reviews, evaluations, livelihood studies, facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes and events, development-oriented research, establishment of research networks and institutional partnerships

- **Country experience long term (more than 6 months):** Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan

- **Country experience short term (1 to 6 months):** Madagascar, Nepal, North Korea, Tajikistan, Tanzania

- **Mother tongue/other working languages:** German / English, French, Russian, Italian

- **Other experience:** PhD on livelihoods, knowledge and forest management strategies of local people in the walnut-fruit forests in Southern Kyrgyzstan; development-oriented research at the human-forest interface at ETH Zurich

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