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Professional Summary

Experienced Program Manager, Dialogue Facilitator, and Certified Mediator with over 15 years in social contracts, reform processes, and youth engagement in the MENA Region and Western Balkans. Skilled in working with high-level stakeholders, policy advising, program development, and strategic leadership in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Work Experience

SENIOR ADVISOR AND EXPERT

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – Seconded to the Regional Youth Cooperation Office - RYCO

Western Balkans 6, Tirana, Albania | 09/2023 – Present

- Advising RYCO Secretary General on strategic initiatives and internal reform processes.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Berghof Foundation GgmbH

Beirut, Lebanon | 10/2015 – 08/2023 (on sabbatical)

- Established the Foundation's Office in Beirut and managed a team of 7.
- Increased project's volume to 6 million Euros through designing and managing large-scale peacebuilding programs across Lebanon and the MENA region.
- Signed multiple cooperation agreements with national and international stakeholders.
- Engaged with civil society, political actors, and international partners to foster sustainable conflict resolution.

PROJECT & SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

Berghof Foundation

Beirut & Berlin | 03/2014 – 04/2015

- Managed projects of the Foundation in cooperation with the German Foreign Office, local Lebanese partners and regional actors.

PROJECT MANAGER

Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Amman & Baghdad | 09/2009 – 12/2013

- Managed the Foundation's social and political programs in Jordan and Iraq.

SENIOR PROTECTION EXPERT

UNHCR – Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

Amman, Jordan | 08/2008 – 08/2009

- Conducted legal assessments on refugee status determination.

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Consultancies

UNITAR & UNDP | 2022

- Designed and led workshops for Libyan civil society on Preventing Violent Extremism.

GIZ | 2013 - 2022

- International Expert in the GIZ program "Studies and Expert Fund (SFF)" to support the Review Team with contextual expertise - Beirut
- Planning, facilitation, and moderation of the conference "Palestinian Youth in Lebanon: the Quest for Participation", Facilitating Social Participation of Palestinian Refugees (FASPAR). January-February 2019, Beirut.
- Assessment Study, New Perspectives through Academic Education and Training for Young Syrians and Jordanians (JOSY). February 2015-April 2015, Amman.
- Providing support and strategic advice to the Social and Cultural Fund (SCF) in their cooperation with the Jordanian Government through the Department of Palestinian Affairs (DPA) and their engagement in refugee camps. January 2014-July 2014, Amman.
- Drafting the Peace and Conflict Analysis for the GIZ in Jordan. December 2013-January 2014, Amman.
- Assessment Study, Open Regional Fund. November 2013-April 2014, Amman.

MODERATION & FACILITATION OF HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS | 2010 - 2023

Education and Training

POSTGRADUATE MASTER OF LAW

University of Cologne, Germany | 09/2003 – 05/2006

BACHELOR OF LAW

Yarmouk University, Jordan | 09/1996 – 09/2001

CERTIFICATIONS

- Multi-Track Peace Mediation
- Conflict Management & Conflict Analysis
- International Human Rights Mechanisms
- Leadership & Strategic Management

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Skills

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Program & Policy Development: Designed and implemented over 15 large-scale programs, increasing efficiency by 20%.
- Mediation & Dialogue Facilitation: Facilitated over 50 high and mid-level dialogues, contributing to conflict transformation and fostering cooperation.
- International Governance & Reform Processes: Advised on governance reforms in 5 countries, leading to improved policy frameworks.

SOFT SKILLS

- Stakeholder Engagement & High-Level Negotiations: Successfully negotiated agreements with international partners, resulting in \$6 million in funding.
- Training & Capacity Building: Conducted over 100 training sessions, enhancing the skills of 500+ participants.
- Leadership & Strategic Management: Led teams of up to 10 members, achieving project goals on time and within budget.

Languages

- Arabic – Native
- English – C2
- German – C2