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Education:

- Newport University, Master of Business Administration, thesis in value chain management in bio-ecological food (1988 – 1990)
- University of applied science in agriculture, Bachelor of Agriculture, Business studies (1983 - 1987)

Short Courses:

2020 Creative writing – Perspectivity
2020 Action learning research and online facilitation
2016 - 2022 Filmmaking workshops (23) in producing 48 hour challenge movies
2019 Re-certified (for the 4th time since 2008) as Certified Professional Facilitator
2019 – 2020 Several workshops and training on SDGs
2016 Basic and advanced security
2013 Equity Focused evaluations, Emerging Trends & National Evaluation Capacity Development for country led M & E systems - UNDP September
2012 Participatory video
2009 Filmmaking

Membership in Professional Societies:

- NEDWORC Association - Professional Network of Development Cooperation Experts (www.nedworc.org)
- International Association of Facilitators (IAF)
- ReflACTION, a network promoting community-led initiatives during humanitarian crises situations

Key Qualifications:

Researcher, interviewer, facilitator, trainer in facilitation and action research techniques and filmmaker with more than 25 years' experience in development. I have worked in more than 25 countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Gender equality and inclusion, education, bio-diversity and nature preservation, community participation, social accountability, good governance and social development are the key areas, where I provide my expertise. More than 10 years' experience with video and photo-voice productions. Online facilitation experience with Zoom and Teams.

Country experience:

Long-term: Kenya;
Short-term: Albania, Armenia, Benin, Bosnia, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, India, Nigeria, Kenya, Moldova, Palestine, Romania, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda, Ukraine, Zambia

Languages:

Dutch	Mother tongue
English,	Full professional working proficiency
French	Moderate working proficiency
Spanish	Basic knowledge

Selected relevant professional experience of most recent assignments:

2023 ongoing	-	Coaching international students in Academic Consultancy Training
Company		Facili2transform
Client		Wageningen University and Research
Position		Coaching
Duties		Coaching and guiding international students in Academic Consultancy Training. The students provide academic consultancy to a society based client or enterprise and are guided in this process.
2022 ongoing	-	Teaching film and documentary making and acting at primary schools and coaching children
Company		Facili2transform
Client		IPPON and Qrabbl – on behalf of 400 primary schools in The Netherlands
Position		Teaching and coaching
Duties		Teaching and coaching children in the age from 10 – 12 in filmmaking and documentary making techniques and acting. During a one day workshop children produce a movie or a short documentary.
2020 ongoing	-	Facilitation of hybrid meetings/ webinars on themes related to international development
Company		Facili2transform
Client		NEDWORC
Position		Facilitator and coach
Duties		Facilitation of various hybrid meetings and webinars on themes related to international development having various development and international experts as participants.
2021 2022	-	Facilitating and coaching two learning groups of development professionals on implementing acquisition strategies
Company		Facili2transform
Client		NEDWORC
Position		Facilitator and coach
Duties		Coaching two groups of development professionals in defining, implementing and monitoring their acquisition strategies. This was done for a period of 7 months, having 8 meetings per group
2021		Training action research and filming human stories conducted for Humanitarian Professionals
Company		Facili2transform
Client		Academy for humanitarian action – Bochum, Germany
Position		Online trainer, facilitator and coach for collecting, assessing and film human stories for monitoring and evaluation
Duties		Training and coaching humanitarian professionals from 6 humanitarian aid organisations in 6 countries in doing action research and doing video interviews for monitoring, learning and evaluation purposes.
2021		Action research, collection of stories on how refugee communities in Greece are living under the conditions of Covid-19.
Company		Facili2transform
Client		Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), Country Office Greece
Position		Online trainer, facilitator and coach
Duties		Action research by collecting stories on how refugee communities in Greece are living under the conditions of Covid-19. Stories have been collected through goal free interviews. The process is facilitated through online meetings where participants gradually practise in doing research, interviewing and filming. The process was used as learning process for both the refugees and the participating humanitarian organisations.

Employment Record:

Year	Employer	Position/Duties
1997 - present	Facili2transform Coaching, facilitation and training. Based in Nijmegen, The Netherlands	Facilitation, coaching and training youngsters, students, humanitarian aid workers in action research and facilitation skills. Assignments for Academy of humanitarian action in Bochum, Vereniging Nederlandse Gemeenten, Welthungerhilfe, Biogov - Interreg, European Union, Convention on Bio Diversity, DHV, United Nations Environment Program, IPPON, Handicap International, Christian Aid, IccoenKerkinActie, Belgian Technical Cooperation, NEDWORC, Hogeschool Utrecht, Reflaction, Swiss Solidarity, WECF and Worldbank. Details of the different assignments available on request.
1995 - 1996	Institute of Cultural Affairs - International (ICAI), Brussels, Belgium	Co-ordinator of the global ICAI conference with the theme Civil Society held in Cairo, Egypt and trainer facilitation skills
1992 - 1995	Institute of Cultural Affairs - Kenya	Consultant planning, monitoring and evaluation and fundraiser for the operation of the Institute of Cultural Affairs in Kenya. Programmes were focused on community development and women empowerment.

Other details:

Personal qualities: Structured, good listener, creative, result oriented, good team worker

Presentation of scientific case study “Ethiopean Social Accountability Programme” on evaluation and visualizing research results by video at the international conference “Between Edges and Margins – theme Deviance and social control of malpractices” – 13 and 14 September, 2018 at the University of Ghent, Belgium

Rewards: Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau, On the 21st May, 2010 rewarded by her Majesty with the "Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau".

Nomination of short films: The short film “Mystery of the disappeared farmer’s wife” was screened and nominated at the Multicultural Filmfestival in Toronto, Canada in September, 2021.

The short film “Secret” was nominated and screened at the Diorama Filmfestival in Delhi, India in December, 2021.