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# Hello, I'm Fabian Wagner

Independent Consultant



## Independent Consultant JUNE 2020 - PRESENT

In June 2020, I took the decision to become an independent human rights consultant. Building on my experience in international development, civil society, politics and academia, I was able to focus on safeguards in international development projects, especially at the intersection of environmental protection and the rights and important contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities. Over the past two and a half years, I have created more than 40 human rights and political context analyses, 15 gender analyses and 10 environmental impact assessments, thereby advising upcoming development projects in more than 30 countries on how to avoid unintended negative consequences in these fields and promote a truly inclusive and sustainable approach to development. Furthermore, I was able to successfully conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and subsequently produced an Environmental and Social Safeguards Framework for conservation projects of the WWF in Cameroon, as well as organise the creation of a new land-rights based project of GIZ in Brazil as Head of the Appraisal Mission. Besides, understanding the formalities of the project cycle, I have been able to successfully support 4 projects in Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, as well as reporting back to the respective ministry in Germany.

## Previous Experience

### GIZ Development Advisor

JUNE 2018 - MAY 2020  
// BRASÍLIA, BRAZIL

As development advisor, I worked for a GIZ project that strengthened the governance mechanisms of a Brazilian policy (PNGAT) that seeks to involve indigenous peoples in the management and conservation of their territories, focussing primarily on those in the Amazon rainforest. My tasks involved:

- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- Implementation of project activities (events, meetings, capacity building)
- Contributions to the strategic reflection of the project
- Anthropological research on land rights and community conservation
- Partner Liaison & Networking

Besides, I won 25.000,00 € to implement an independent research project on a land rights instrument (Planos de Gestão Territorial e Ambiental, PGTA) and summarise my findings in a report on 20 years of indigenous community forest management in Brazil (published in December 2021).

### Survival International Assistant Campaigner

APRIL 2017 - MARCH 2018  
// BERLIN, GERMANY

For the indigenous rights NGO Survival International, I helped their Berlin office to develop and implement their campaigns on human rights violations in environmental protection projects in Asia, Latin America and Africa for the German-speaking area, creating communication strategies and materials.

### AU-EU YPIH Environment & Climate Fellow

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2017  
// BRUSSELS, ADDIS ABABA,  
ABIDJAN

As one of 36 young leaders from both continents, I was invited by the African Union and the European Union to produce the EU-AU Youth Declaration, which I was able to present to and discussed with the heads of state from both continents at the 4th EU-Africa Summit in Abidjan in 2017. I was a fellow in the environment and climate cluster and as such, I helped to draft the five project ideas the Youth Declaration contains in this thematic field. We worked several weeks each from the European Commission Headquarters in Brussels with the corresponding DGs, the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa and the summit venue in Abidjan, giving me and the other fellows detailed insights in the inner workings of the institutions involved.

### FYEG Co-Spokesperson

MAY 2016 - JUNE 2018  
// BRUSSELS & EUROPE

43 member organisations elected me first as a Board Member and later as Co-Spokesperson of the federation that represents young green organisations from all over Europe and acts as the youth wing of the European Green Party. As such, I was responsible for the political coordination of the members, as well as the representation towards the public. On top of organising between 4-7 political education events per year, I helped to develop policies and positions for the party and the European parliament.

## Languages

German	—————●
English	—————●
Portuguese	—————●
Spanish	—————●
French	—————●
Arabic	—————●
Hindi	—————●

## Education

SOAS, University of London  
**MA Social Anthropology of Development**  
OCTOBER 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015 // LONDON, UK

In my course, I focused primarily on human and indigenous rights, participatory development and the inclusion of minorities.

Johannes Gutenberg University  
**BSc Biology**

OCTOBER 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2014 // MAINZ, GERMANY

My BSc in Biology focused on ecology and taxonomy of plants and invertebrates.

University of London  
**BSc International Development**

OCTOBER 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015  
// DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE

I studied International Relations parallel to my other courses as a second degree.

## References

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## More Information

For more information and a list of previous assignments, please feel free to consult my website:  
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# Achievements & Assignments

## Highlights

GIZ

**Agenda 2030 - Territorios Vivos, Brazil**

// May 2022 - August 2022

// Head of Mission

*As Head of Mission, I led the appraisal mission for the second phase of the BMZ-funded, GIZ-implemented project "Agenda 2030 – Territorios vivos" that seeks to improve land rights for Brazil's traditional populations. I was responsible for designing the mission format, choosing interview partners and coordinating interviews, and overseeing the signing of inter-institutional agreements with political partners.*

AAE

**Preparation of an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and Environmental and Social Mitigation Framework (ESMF) for Boumba Bek-Nki-Ngoyla-Mintom Landscape, Cameroon**

// September 2022 - November 2022

// Human Rights and Safeguards Specialist

*As Human Rights and Safeguards Specialist for the Uruguayan consulting firm AAE, I worked on the preparation of the ESIA and ESMF for the Boumba Bek-Nki-Ngoyla-Mintom Landscape in Southeastern Cameroon, including performing risk analyses based on interviews with local stakeholder, preparing a socio-economic and political background assessment and developing mitigation measures for the risks identified.*

## Consulting

GIZ

**Project: "Agenda 2030 - Territorios Vivos", Brazil**

// May 2022 - August 2022, 25 work days

// Head of Mission

GIZ

**Project: "REDD Early Movers", Brazil**

// February 2022 - May 2022, 24 work days

// Supporting the project management

// Reporting to the German Ministry for International Cooperation (BMZ)

GIZ

**Three Projects in the field of Climate Change, Rwanda**

// February 2022 - June 2022, 12 work days

// Human Rights and Gender Analysis for each of the projects

GIZ

**Project: "EcoAdvance - Green Labelling and Certification", Latin America**

// January 2022 - April 2022, 30 work days

// Supporting the drafting of the project proposal

// Human Rights and Gender Analysis

// Participation in the Appraisal Mission

GIZ

**Project: "Access to Justice for Women and Girls", Tanzania**

// February 2022 - May 2022, 12 work days

// Human Rights and Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "Global Energy Transition GET", worldwide**

// December 2021 - May 2022, 19 work days

// Human Rights Analyses for 10 countries in Africa and Latin America

GIZ

**Project: "ProteGEEER -Climate-friendly technologies and capacity development/ National Waste Policy", Brazil**

// July 2021 - March 2022, 31 work days

// Support in the reporting to the BMZ

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# Consulting (continuation)

GIZ

**Project: "ProteGEER -Climate-friendly technologies and capacity development/ National Waste Policy", Brazil**  
// July 2021 - March 2022, 31 work days  
// Support in the reporting to the BMZ

GIZ

**Project: "Access to Justice for Women and Girls", Tanzania**  
// February 2022 - May 2022, 12 work days  
// Human Rights and Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "Strengthening National-Regional Linkages in SADC", Southern Africa**  
// October 2021 - December 2021, 9 work days  
// Human Rights and Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "Sustainable Employment through AgriBusiness (AgriBiz)", Ghana**  
// September 2021 - December 2021, 8 work days  
// Human Rights and Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "Supporting the Police Force", Gambia**  
// August 2021 - October 2021, 5 work days  
// Environmental Impact Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "Good Governance", Uzbekistan**  
// August 2021 - October 2021, 8 work days  
// Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "ProCLIM-AR - Supporting the low-carbon and climate resilient development of Argentina", Argentina**  
// May 2021 - August 2021, 14 work days  
// Gender Analysis  
// Support in the Safeguard and Gender Process  
// Participation in the country mission

GIZ

**Project: "ProADAPTA - Supporting the implementation of Brazil's National Adaptation Plan", Brazil**  
// July 2021 - July 2021, 8 work days  
// IPCA (Integrated Human Rights and Context Analysis)  
// Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "EnDev -Energising Development", 21 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America**  
// February 2021 - March 2021, 28 work days  
// 21 IPCAs (Integrated Human Rights and Context Analysis) for 23 countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America.

GIZ

**Project: "TerraMar - Integrated Protection of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity", Brazil**  
// January 2021 - February 2021, 8 work days  
// IPCA (Integrated Human Rights and Context Analysis)  
// Gender Analysis

GIZ

**Project: "Alternative Climate-Neutral Fuels", Brazil**  
// November 2020 - January 2021, 14 work days  
// IPCA (Integrated Human Rights and Context Analysis)  
// Gender Analysis  
// Environmental Impact and Climate Analysis (UKP)  
// Supporting the creation of the IKI Project Proposal

GIZ

**Project: "Ideas for Green Recovery", Costa Rica**  
// November 2020 - December 2020, 6 work days  
// Environmental Impact and Climate Analysis (UKP)

GOPA Consulting

**Project: "Climate-friendly technologies and capacity development/National Waste Policy", Brazil**  
// October 2020 - November 2020, 6 work days  
// IPCA (Integrated Human Rights and Context Analysis)  
// Supporting the creation of the IKI Project Proposal

GIZ

**Project: "Protection and Sustainable Management of Indigenous Territories in the Brazilian Amazon", Brazil**  
// April 2019 - August 2019, 5 work days  
// Safeguard Checklist  
// IPCA (Integrated Human Rights and Context Analysis)