

## CURRICULUM VITAE STEFANIE POLLENDER

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Since 11/2017

Freelance Coach, Mediator, and Facilitator based in Kampala, Uganda

Clients include GIZ Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan and Zimbabwe, Brot für die Welt / Dienste in Übersee, Eirene/ACFODE, SNV, NMS, Madiba, AIZ, Horizont3000, Lebensidealisten and the private sector

Coaching

- Individual coaching on the topics of work-life balance, dissolving obstructive beliefs, strengthening self-esteem, dealing with jealousy, developing a vision for the future
- \* Couples coaching on the topics of long-distance relationships, communication problems, cheating, falling in love, resolving injuries
- \* Leadership coaching on the topics of team leadership, delegation, creating team motivation, and solving team conflicts
- \* Outgoing professionals / MAPs on the topics of expectations, cultural challenges, fears about the future, understanding roles

Mediation

- \* Supporting teams to resolve their conflicts and establish better communication
- \* Supporting couples to solve conflicts in their partnership

Facilitation of processes

- \* Preparation of workshops for outgoing professionals and their partners
- \* Upward feedback facilitation for leaders to jointly reflect on leadership style and ensure that the leader and employees work harmoniously together
- \* Team building workshops to engage teams in a process of reflection on their expectations and their communication patterns and to build trust within the team
- \* Customized trainings on topics such as leadership, communication, conflict management



O4/2014 – 10/2017 Advisor for Organizational Development for a Women Organization and different Resident Associations for GERMAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (GIZ), Harare, Zimbabwe

O7/2011 – 10/2013 Peace Expert in the Civil Peace Service Program (ZFD) for GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GIZ), Beirut, Lebanon

O1/2009 – 06/2011 Academic Director for the American organization WORLD LEARNING – School for International Training (SIT Study Abroad), Kigali, Rwanda

## **EDUCATION**

10/2020-08/2021	Certified Systemic Coach and Mediator – Hanseatic Institute for Coaching, Mediation and Leadership, Hamburg, Germany
08/2006 – 05/2008	MA in Intercultural Relations, Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA (Summa cum laude).
	10/1999 – 04/2003 MA in Psychology, Freie University, Berlin, Germany (Summa cum laude)
10/1997 — 10/1999	BA in Psychology, Philips University, Marburg, Germany
07/2000 – 08/2001	Certified Trainer in Adult Education, ABF e.V. (Work, Education & Research Institute), Berlin, Germany

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

09/2020	Non-Violent Communication
07/2017	Certified Change Manager
04/2016	Fundraising Fundamentals and Resource Mobilization
03/2013	Peace and Conflict Impact Assessment
07/2011 – 09/2011	Development politics and good governance, empowerment: human rights and gender, understanding organizations – accompanying change processes, project and team management
09/2010	Certified Trainer in "Do No Harm"
03/2006	Certified Mediator
04/2005 & 06/2007	Certified Trainer in Alternatives to Violence (AVP)