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Position	Senior Advisor Information and Communication Technologies for Development/Project Manager International Cooperation Projects

KEY QUALIFICATIONS/FIELD OF EXPERTISE

- Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D)

- Interdisciplinary research and education for Sustainable Development

- Community Service Learning & ICT

- Project Management of International Cooperation in Higher Education

SUMMARY OF WORK EXPERIENCE

Anna Bon is an expert in ICT for Sustainable Development in the Global South. She coordinates a research and educational program, titled "W4RA --"Web Alliance for Regreening in Africa". This program brings together international development projects, community service learning and field-based research for Sustainable Development. In the framework of the W4RA program, Anna Bon coordinates two master courses, the VU course "ICT4D" and the international course "ICT4D in the Field". She supervises master research projects in Information Sciences, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence in and for the Global South. Since 2006, as a senior staff member for the Centre for International Cooperation, she has managed numerous international development projects in African, Asian and Latin American countries. She holds a PhD and is a qualified academic lecturer in the interdisciplinary field of ICT for Development.

PROJECTS

West Africa

- **The Web Alliance for Regreening in Africa in Ghana, Mali and Burkina Faso (W4RA)** 2016-ongoing

Burkina Faso

- **Towards food and nutrition security for rural women and their families in Burkina Faso** 2022-2023

Guatemala

- **The Defence of SRHR and LGBTI Human Rights In Guatemala – Enhancing ICCPG's capacities to incorporate critical analysis**
  2020-2021

Mali

- **Strengthening capacity of AOPP to support sustainable cereal seed systems in Mali**
  2021-2023

Ghana

- **Design and co-development of innovative, community-centered education in ICT for Sustainable Development**
  2018-2022

Malaysia

- **Design and co-development of innovative, community-centered education in ICT for Development**
  2018-2022

TEACHING

Anna is a qualified lecturer at the VU Computer Science Department. She coordinates the elective master courses "ICT4D "and "ICT4D in the Field".

Anna is a core member of the working group that designs and implements a new curriculum for the European Master "Digital Society and Global Citizenship" as part of the EU funded Aurora Alliance project of the Aurora European Universities' Network.

Since 2018, she supervises ICT4D related master research projects for students Information Science, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence.

RESEARCH

Anna is the coordinator of the interdisciplinary research program W4RA and a member of the DISE research group. She contributes with her research activities to the VU Network Institute, the Amsterdam Sustainability Institute and the Amsterdam Law and Technology Institute. She signed the Vienna Manifesto on Digital Humanism and is a contributor to the international DigHum initiative. She was member of the organization team of ACM Web Science Conference in 2018 and 2022. She organizes and chairs at VU the annual International Symposium "Perspectives on ICT4D".

PUBLICATIONS

View Anna Bon's publications at VU Research Portal.