

Vice-Chair of the Management Board / Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Dr Christoph Beier

- Degree in geography
- Born 19 April 1962 in Gräfelfing near Munich, Germany



Educational Background

- 1981 – 1982 Studied German and philosophy at Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich
- 1983 – 1989 Studied geography, politics, ethnology and agriculture at Munich Technical University
- 1995 Doctorate degree from Ruhr-Universität Bochum, dissertation on decentralization and development management in Indonesia

Professional Background

- 1989 – 1990 Project Manager responsible for attracting businesses to the area, Gesellschaft für Wirtschaftsförderung Saar (Saar business promotion agency)
- 1990 – 1991 EEC desk officer in the Policy Division of the Saarland Ministry of Economics (responsible for European policy, regional development programmes)
- 1991 – 1996 Research associate to the Professor for Economic and Social Geography, Faculty of Geography, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 1996 – 1998 Government Advisor on decentralisation attached to the Indonesian Ministry of the Interior on behalf of GTZ
- 1998 – 2000 Research assistant to the Professor for Economic and Social Geography, Faculty of Geography, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- from 2000 Director General, holding power of attorney and member of the Committee of Executives, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, Eschborn
- 2000 – 2003 Director General of the Planning and Development Department, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, Eschborn
- 2003 – 2007 Director General of the Country Department Mediterranean Region, Europe and Central Asian Countries, also responsible for the German Public Sector Clients business sector, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, Eschborn
- 2007 – 2009 Director General of the Country Department Asia/Pacific, Latin America/Caribbean,

	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, Eschborn
2010	Managing Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, Eschborn
from 2011	Vice-Chair of the Management Board, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn and Eschborn
from 2012	Chief Operating Officer (COO), holding power of the Regional Departments of GIZ including the Germany Department, International Services as well as the Business Units Migration, Global Partnerships/ Emerging Economies and Industrialised Countries, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn and Eschborn

Honorary posts and miscellaneous

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI)
- Member of the Board of the Indo-German Consultative Group
- Member of the Board of the Bertelsmann Transformation Index BTI
- Appointed by the German Chancellor a key expert on 'Germany in the eyes of the world' as part of the Chancellor's Dialogue on the Future of Germany 2011-2012
- Numerous publications and articles in journals, and frequent appearances as speaker at congresses and conferences
- Extensive consulting assignments relating to development cooperation
- Ruth-Massenberg Prize conferred by the Ruhr-Universität Bochum for the best doctoral thesis in 1995
- Developing Countries Prize conferred by the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau and the University of Giessen