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Key Qualifications

Mr Kristiansen is an independent consultant based in Copenhagen with seventeen years' experience in international development, communication planning, programme implementation and policy formulation.

Particular areas of interest in recent assignments include support to post-conflict reconstruction in fragile states (Sudan 2009, Zimbabwe 2009), donor harmonisation in regional development (IGAD/Horn of Africa 2008-09), good governance (Kenya 2009-10) and gender equality (Benin 2007, Bangladesh 2008).

Critical analysis, strong communication skills and participatory working principles have been shaped by working experience with the Danish Foreign Office, the UN, NGOs and the private sector. Verner Kristiansen's present portfolio includes development planning, conference chairing, process facilitation, concept development and lecturing at the University of Aarhus.

Education : M.Sc. International Development and Communications
University of Roskilde, Denmark – cand.comm. 1992
Studies in Applied Linguistics, Political Communication
Birkbeck College, University of London – 2000/01

Languages	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Danish	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
German	Excellent	Excellent	Good
French	Good	Good	Fair
Spanish	Good	Fair	Fair

Country experience

Europe: Denmark, United Kingdom (1999-2003), Germany (1998-99), Netherlands (2009) - **Africa:** Uganda (1990), Zimbabwe (1992-95, 2009), Guinea Bissau (1996), Burkina Faso (1996), Ghana (1996), Eritrea (1997), Benin (2007), Ethiopia (2008-09), Djibouti (2008), Sudan (2009), Kenya (2009) - **Latin America:** Nicaragua (1984-85), Costa Rica (1985)– **Asia:** China (2007), India (1995), Bangladesh (2008).

Professional experience

- 2007 - present : Verner Kristiansen Kommunikation
Independent consultant – specialising in international development programming, communication planning and programme formulation, including monitoring, review and evaluation assignments, conference chairing and conceptualisation – recent assignments include
- Appraisal of governance programme (Kenya 2009)
 - Formulation of Transition Ass. to Zimbabwe (2009)
 - Joint up support to IGAD (Addis/Djibouti 2008-10)
 - Review of support to peace process in Sudan (2009)
 - Gender equality review (Bangladesh/Benin 2007-08)
- 2005 - 2007 : Monday Morning - Think Tank of News
Head of Secretariat - Danish Innovation Council
Established in 2003, the Innovation Council facilitates business development, strategic networks and reforms
- 2004 - 2005 (12 months) : Confederation of Danish Industries - Copenhagen
Senior Adviser – responsible for design of corporate globalisation project and leadership development
- 2003 - 2004 (9th out of 9 years with MFA) : Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Copenhagen
Head of Section - Development Policy, Danida Board, Council for International Development Cooperation, policy development and communication on MDGs
- 1999 - 2003 (5th to 8th of 9 years with MFA) : Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - London
First Embassy Secretary - UK economy and EU policy, including development policy, i.e. on Africa and Asia
- 1998 - 1999 (4th of 9 years with MFA) : Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Copenhagen
Seconded to the Dep. of Business and Industry to develop policy on regional integration and branding

- 1998 : Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Copenhagen
 (3rd of 9 years with MFA) Head of Section - EU Policy Coordination
 National policy coordination on EU cooperation on telecom, research and culture; relations with Germany
- 1997 - 1998 : Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Bonn
 (3rd of 9 years with MFA) Embassy Secretary - German economy and EU policy, including development policy and new federal states
- 1995 - 1997 : Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Copenhagen
 (1st and 2nd of 9 years with MFA) Head of Section - NGO and Africa Departments
 Support to Danish development NGO's, Country desk Horn of Africa and EU Africa policy
- 1995 : Academy for Educational Development - Washington
 (1 month) Consultancy to compile a health education manual on effective use of radio in AIDS prevention
- 1995 : CowiConsult - Copenhagen
 (4 months) Consultancy to review institutional aspects of Danish support to health promotion programmes of the WHO
- 1992 - 1995 : UNICEF Zimbabwe - Harare
 (3 years) Communications Adviser (Junior Professional Officer) to develop AIDS programme communication strategy: Campaign planning, co-production of radio programs, videos for general public as well as teacher training, workshops, budgetary control and evaluations
- 1990 : UNICEF Uganda - Kampala
 (6 months) Communications Adviser (intern, short term consultant) to develop and pilot test radio component of AIDS programme for Ministry of Health & Radio Uganda.