

Vice-Chair of the Management Board

Dr Christoph Beier

– born in 1962

Educational Background

- 1983 – 1989 Studied geography, politics, ethnology and agriculture at the Technical University of Munich
- 1995 Doctorate degree from the Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), dissertation entitled 'Dezentralisierung und Entwicklungsmanagement in Indonesien' (decentralisation and development management in Indonesia)



Professional Background

- 1989 – 1990 Project manager responsible for attracting businesses to the area, Gesellschaft für Wirtschaftsförderung Saar (gwSaar) (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 chair of economic and social geography ('Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeographie'), Department 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 chair of economic and social geography ('Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeographie'), Department 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

Other posts

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- Member of the Senate of the National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech)
- Member of the Advisory Board of the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)
- Member of the Board of the Bertelsmann Transformation Index BTI
- Member of the Board and Honorary Professor of Tongji University, Shanghai
- Member of the National Urban Development Policy Board