

Dr Minu Hemmati

A clinical psychologist with a doctorate in environmental and organisational psychology, Minu was a Senior Lecturer at the University of Saarbruecken, Germany, 1992-1998. Since 1998, she has been working as a self-employed advisor and programme coordinator with NGOs; governments; international agencies; and corporations.

Areas of work include participation of stakeholders in policy-making; communication and collaboration of stakeholder groups (multi-stakeholder processes); women/gender and sustainable development (e.g. climate change; tourism; consumption); information tools and capacity development.

Minu has regularly participated at UN Summits and Commission meetings since 1996, covering sustainable development, urbanisation, and gender issues. She also co-coordinated the Women's Caucus to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development from 1999-2001.

Minu was closely involved in the World Summit on Sustainable Development (South Africa, August 2002), and the discussions on multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development in the Summit process. She coordinated the 'Implementation Conference: Stakeholder Action For Our Common Future', held immediately prior to the UN Summit in Johannesburg. This multi-stakeholder process and event resulted in over 20 partnership initiatives in the areas of freshwater; energy; food security; and health.

Serving as a Special Advisor to IUCN – The World Conservation Union, Minu has since 2002 been helping to develop and implement The SEED Initiative (Supporting Entrepreneurs for Environment and Development), a partnership of IUCN, UNEP, UNDP, a number of Governments, the Global Compact, and Swiss Re. SEED is designed to support locally driven, entrepreneurial partnerships for sustainable development.

Minu is also engaged in process design and facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogues and partnerships with a variety of organisations.

Latest publications include articles and reports on gender & sustainable development issues, stakeholder participation in policy making and collaboration of stakeholders. Her book "Multi-Stakeholder Processes for Governance and Sustainability - Beyond Deadlock and Conflict" was published by Earthscan, London, in January 2002.

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