

6. OFF-GRID EXPERTS WORKSHOP

Special Guest: Bärbel Höhn

Special Representative for Energy in Africa of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Key Note: With decentralized renewable energies overcome poverty, create jobs and added values, strengthen local entrepreneurs and economies in rural areas



Saturday, 21 September 2019, 11.30 a.m.

Background:

Mrs. Bärbel Höhn, together with Mr. Josef Göppel, is a Special Representative for Energy in Africa of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Mrs. Höhn was engaged in several citizens' action committees since 1981. She is a member of the green party and was 1990 elected to the state parliament of North-Rhine Westphalia. Mrs. Höhn was Minister of Environment and Agriculture of North Rhine-Westphalia from 1995 to 2005 and a member of federal parliament German Bundestag from 2005 to 2017 as well.

Date and Place of Birth	May 4, 1952 in Flensburg
Academic Education	Graduate mathematician
1978 - 1990	Research Assistant at the University of Duisburg
1981	Engaged in several citizens' action committees ("Stadtelternrat Oberhausener Kindergärten", the "Frauenforum" (womens' assembly) and the "Bürgerinitiative gegen Giftmüllverbrennung")
1985	Joining the political party "DIE GRÜNEN" and represented green ideals for four years in the Oberhausen city council
1990	Top candidate for the Greens in 1990 elections - elected to the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia and served as the green groups spokesperson until 1995
1995 - 2005	State Minister for the Environment, Regional Development and Agriculture
2005 - 2017	Member of federal parliament German Bundestag
2014 - 2017	Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Nature Protection, Climate and Nuclear Safety