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After gaining professional experience in the development and application of environmental and social information for management decisions at a German Bank and at Saturn, General Motors (USA), he worked for the European Commission for two years on linking environmental information demand and supply in industry and science. He was a senior consultant within the "Sustainable Production and Consumption Department" at the Wuppertal Institute and a consultant at United Nations Environment Programme within the "Sustainable Consumption and Production" unit. He was the founding director of triple innova, one of the leading German innovation research centre. He is a member of the Global Council on Sustainable Consumption at the World Economic Forum.