# Dr. Annette Schwandner (*1958)

## Country Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), Nairobi, Kenya



## Resume

### 1. Personal data

| | |
|---|---|
| Name: | Dr. Annette Schwandner |
| Place of birth: | Melle, Germany |
| Nationality: | German |
| Religion: | Protestant |
| Married to: | Prof. Dr. Gerd Schwandner |
| | (former Mayor, City of Oldenburg, State Secretary ret.) |

### 2. Higher Education

| | |
|---|---|
| 1978 - 1982 | Study of History and Geography, Westphalia Wilhelms-University Münster, First state examination |
| 1983 - 1987 | Doctoral studies in History and Geography, Westphalia Wilhelms-Universität Münster PhD thesis (summa cum laude) |

### 3. Professional career

| | |
|---|---|
| 1987 - 1988 | Research asistant at the Historical Institut Westf. Wilhelms-University Münster |
| 1988 - 1993 | Research assistant/ deputy director for museums services, Regional Association of Westphalia-Lippe, Münster |

| | |
|---|---|
| 1993 - 1999 | Head of Museums, Senator (Ministry) for Education, Science, Arts & Sport, Free State Bremen |
| 1999 - 2001 | PA to State Secretary Michael Sieber MdL, Ministery for Science, Research and the Arts, Baden-Württemberg |
| 2001 –2004 | Head of Museums and the Arts Ministery for Science, Research and the Arts, Baden-Württemberg |
| 2004 – 31.12.2019 | Head of Department for Culture, Ministry for Science & Culture,Lower Saxony (Ministerialdirigentin) |
| 1.1.2020 - 31.5.2020 | Head of executive department for special tasks (Ministerialdirigentin) |
| Since June 1, 2020 | Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (KAS), Berlin |
| Since September 1, 2020 | Country Director Kenya KAS, Nairobi Kenya |

## 4. Memberships, scholarships and committee activities (selection)

| | |
|---|---|
| Fall 1995 | Scholarship by the U.S. Department of State (USIA-Visitor-Grant) |
| since 1997 | Member of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) |
| September 2005 | Guest Professor at Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai |
| 2016 | member of the EU committee „Integration and Diversity", Brussels |
| 2015-2021 | member of the 12th synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) |

## 5. Civic Engagement

| | |
|---|---|
| 2007 (founded) | Annette & Gerd Schwandner Foundation for Science and Culture (chairperson), Oldenburg |

Nairobi, May 2022