



Pressemitteilung

Genf, den 15. Januar 2008

Walter Fust übernimmt die exekutive Führung des Forums

Der Stiftungsrat hat den auf Ende April 2008 zurücktretenden DEZA Direktor, Botschafter Walter Fust, zum exekutiven Leiter des humanitären Weltforums berufen. Der 63 jährige wird ab Mai 2008 die Verantwortung dafür übernehmen, die vom Stiftungsrat beschlossene strategische Ausrichtung in die Tat umzusetzen. Stiftungsrat und Sekretariat sind erfreut, die langjährige Erfahrung von Walter Fust in internationaler Fragen, in der Entwicklungspolitik und der humanitären Hilfe nutzen zu können.

Kofi Annan
Präsident des Stiftungsrats

Press release

Geneva, 15 January 2008

Walter Fust nominated as CEO of the Global Humanitarian Forum

The Foundation Board has nominated Ambassador Walter Fust as the Chief Executive Officer of the Global Humanitarian Forum. Ambassador Fust, 63 years old, will take up this new position in May 2008, following his retirement as Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. He will be in charge of implementing the strategy set by the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board and the Secretariat are pleased to count on the vast experience of Walter Fust in international affairs and his expertise in development and humanitarian issues.

Kofi Annan
President of the Foundation Board

Communiqué de presse

Genève, le 15 janvier 2008

Walter Fust nommé Directeur Général du Forum humanitaire mondial

Le Conseil de Fondation du Forum humanitaire mondial a nommé l'Ambassadeur Walter Fust au poste de Directeur Général. Walter Fust, 63 ans, prendra ses fonctions en mai 2008 après avoir pris sa retraite de la Direction du développement et de la coopération suisse (DDC). Il sera chargé de mettre en oeuvre la stratégie développée selon les lignes directrices du Conseil de Fondation. Le Conseil de Fondation et le Secrétariat sont heureux de pouvoir compter sur la vaste expérience de Walter Fust en matière de relations internationales et sur sa connaissance approfondie du développement et des dossiers humanitaires.

Kofi Annan
Président du Conseil de Fondation

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Curriculum Vitae
of

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Ambassador



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Mr. Walter Fust, born in 1945 in Mosnang/St. Gallen, Switzerland, studied at St. Gallen University and graduated with a Master of Political Science. He entered the diplomatic service in 1975 and was assigned to Berne, Geneva, Baghdad and Tokyo. From 1976 to 1979 he was in charge of economic affairs at the Swiss Embassy in Baghdad. In 1979, he was transferred to Tokyo, responsible for economic, commercial and industrial affairs. In September 1983, he was appointed deputy head of the Integration Office, dealing with the Swiss government's relation with the European Community and the EFTA countries. From 1984 to 1986 he was appointed as personal adviser to Federal Councillor Dr. Kurt Furgler, Minister of Public Economy and President of the Swiss Confederation in 1985. In 1986, he was elected as Managing Director of the Swiss Office for Trade Promotion. From 1990 to August 1993 he served as Secretary General of the Ministry of the Interior (Environment, Public Health, Research, Higher Education, etc.).

In September 1993 Mr. Fust was appointed Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) based in Bern (www.sdc.admin.ch). He is Chairman of the Board of the "Global Knowledge Partnership GKP", a network dealing with knowledge, information and communication technologies (ICTs) for development cooperation. Furthermore he is member of the Steering Committees of the "UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development GAID", of the "Development Gateway Foundation", and of the "International Risk Governance Council" (IRGC). He is also member of the Board of "Diplo Foundation", an organization specializing in the use of ICTs in order to promote education and research in the field of diplomacy, international relations and international organizations. On July 6, 2007, Mr. Fust was appointed member of the Advisory Board of the newly established "Development Cooperation Forum" within the UN-ECOSOC.

Mr. Fust is retiring from his present function End of April 2008.