



## ELLY RIJNIERSE

### Facilitating community leadership in sustainable development

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Aspirations of local communities for their own future are for me the litmus test for sustainable development.

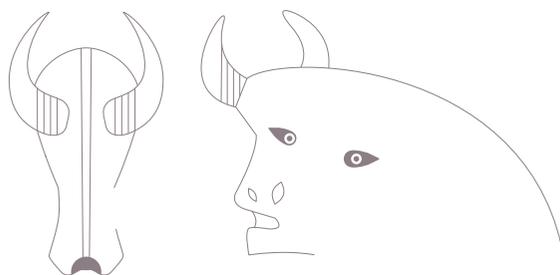
Over 10 years I facilitated programs in Sub-Sahara Africa with communities near oil, gas and mining projects, to support them visualizing and negotiating a sustainable future.

The determination of people to build their community, often despite difficult conditions, inspires me. I am passionate to help creating the conditions for people and communities to realize their aspirations.

My fields of interest are natural resources management, conflict managements, social stability & inclusion of vulnerable groups, the creation of structural conditions for peace & sustainable development. As program or project manager & expert on socio-economic development in the area of large (international) investment projects, I see my role as thought leader and strategic thinker, setting the stage for creative forms of collaboration between communities, government & companies, fitting in the context.

What I can offer is to get the community perspective on the rader, so that investments pay off for both communities and investors, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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# WORKING EXPERIENCE

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## 2016 - 2017 Senior Advisor Community Development & Extractives

SECURITY & JUSTICE PROGRAM / CORDAID

- Strategy development & advice for the Extractives program in the Strategic Partnership 'Dialogue & Dissent' between Cordaid and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2016-2020. Regions: South Sudan, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Afghanistan, Global.
- Facilitation participatory design advocacy program Niger Delta 2016-2020.
- Management of the Nigeria program 2016 (€200.000) and preparation of the Nigeria program 2017 (€400.000).

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Partner in the preparatory group for the European Partnership for Responsible Mining (EPRM): <http://europeanpartnership-responsibleminerals.eu/>
- Member of the Working Group 'Peace and Reconciliation / Extractives' of Caritas Internationalis.

## 2013 - 2015 Senior Advisor Community Development & Extractives

EXTRACTIVES PROGRAM / CORDAID, THE HAGUE

- Strategy development & advice for the Extractives Program: Community Development in areas affected by extraction of oil/gas or metals/minerals. Total budget of the Extractives Program: €4.1m (2013); €6.2m (2014); €3.5m (2015). Regions: Nigeria, South Sudan, Kenya, DRC, Colombia, Guatemala, Global.
- Facilitation baseline studies in South Sudan (Oil); Kenya (Oil); DRC (Mining).
- Fundraising: Responsible for Extractives chapter in proposal for Cordaid partnership with MFA 2016-2020 'Dialogue and Dissent': total budget Extractives chapter > €2 m.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Co-Chair of the preparatory team for the Working Group 'Peace and Reconciliation/Extractives', Caritas Internationalis (2015)
- Set up team for the Niger Delta Low Carbon Growth Initiative (2014)
- Participation in the set-up of the Responsible Mining Index (2013-2014) <http://responsibleminingindex.org/>

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2011 - 2012 **Senior Program Manager**

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM / CORDAID, THE HAGUE

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- Manager Niger Delta - Nigeria and Chad program (*annual budget per country app. €1 m*)
- Co-designer of the Extractives Program Cordaid (*Operational 2013-2015*)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Participation in Dutch Parliament 'Round Table on Corporate Social Responsibility in West Africa' (2011)
- Participation in Round Table discussion on Social Responsibility in the Niger Delta with CEO Shell Nigeria (SPDC) and the Director Nigeria of the Stakeholder Democracy Network (SDN), Lagos, July 2012

2007 - 2010 **Program Manager**

MINORITIES PROGRAM / CORDAID, THE HAGUE

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- Program manager Niger Delta - Nigeria (2007-2010), Chad (2007-2008) (*annual budget per country app. €1 m*)
- Linking and Learning facilitator on Natural Resources & Identity
- Facilitation scientific studies 'Indigenous Peoples and Oil Palm Plantation Expansion in West Kalimantan' and 'Mining Conflicts and Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala', in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam

HIGHLIGHT

- Femscript project: the first steps towards the making of the film 'Daughters of the Niger Delta', by MIND in Nigeria: <http://www.daughtersofthenigerdelta.org/>

2001 - 2006 **Program Manager**

EASTERN EUROPEAN CORDAID, THE HAGUE

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- Manager country programs: Albania, Georgia (*annual budget per country app. €1 m*)
- Manager Regional Minorities program (*Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Roumenia*) in collaboration with Justice and Peace Commission, NL
- Co-initiator and -designer of the Minorities Program of Cordaid (2007-2010)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Amalipe, a Roma organisation for Bulgaria, started as an organisation promoting the education of Roma culture in primary schools. Amalipe is now invited in Brussels to advice on the use of European funds for Roma integration: [www.amalipe.com](http://www.amalipe.com)
- Co-Plan in Albania: the director of Co-Plan became the founder of the Polis University. This university reflects the thought leadership of Co-Plan: [www.Co-PLAN.org/](http://www.Co-PLAN.org/) [www.universitetipolis.edu.al](http://www.universitetipolis.edu.al)

2001 **Project Manager**

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION (ECCP)

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- International conference: Towards Better Peace building Practice

2000 **Facilitator of internal reflection on the Nature of the State in Sub-Sahara Africa**

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE HAGUE / AFRICA DEPARTMENT

1994 - 1999 **Ph.D. Research** (UNFINISHED)

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM / AFRICAN STUDIES CENTRE, LEIDEN

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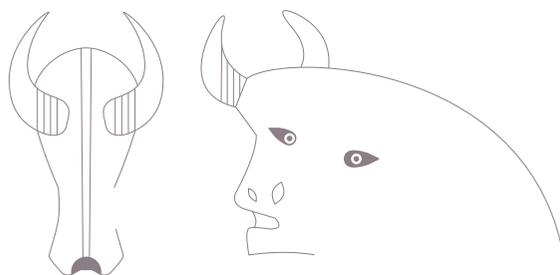
- 'Democratisation and Globalisation: The Perspective of Cotton Farmers in Benin'

**Junior Researcher**

1992 - 1994 AFRICAN STUDIES CENTRE, LEIDEN

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# EDUCATION, COURSES & ENRICHMENT

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## Education

1994 - 2000

**PhD Research 'Democratisation and Globalisation in Benin'**  
(unfinished)

1993 - 1994

**Political Anthropology**  
Centre d'Etudes d'Afrique Noire (CEAN), Bordeaux

1986 - 1992

**Political Sciences, MSc.**  
University of Amsterdam /  
Political Sciences, International  
Relations Development Studies

1981 - 1986

**Professional Training Dietetics**  
Noordhollandse Scholen-  
gemeenschap, Amsterdam

1975 - 1981

**Secondary School**  
Pius X Lyceum, Amsterdam

## Languages

**Dutch** / Mother tongue

**English** / Fluent

**French** / Fluent

## Courses

2017

**Summer School:  
Land Acquisition, Resettle-  
ment and Social Sustainability**  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Globalisation Studies Groningen,  
Community Insights Group,  
Intersocial, World Bank Group

2015

**Training in facilitation of Multi-  
Stakeholder dialogue 'Applying  
the Principles of Sustainable  
Development Approach'**

22nd International Programme  
on the Management of Sustain-  
ability (IPMS-22) / Sustainabi-  
lity Challenge Foundation in  
partnership with TIAS School for  
Business and Society, Tilburg

2013

**Certificate 'Social Impact As-  
sessment and Management'**  
International Association for  
Impact Assessment / Calgary,  
Canada

**'Impact Assessment: The Next  
Generation'**  
IAIA 2013 / Calgary, Canada

2011

**Certificate 'Seminar Interna-  
tional Negotiation'**  
Netherlands Institute of Inter-  
national Relations / Clingen-  
dael, The Hague

## Other functions

2002 - 2006

**Member of the Board, Musici-  
ans without Borders, Alkmaar**  
[www.musicianswithoutborders.nl](http://www.musicianswithoutborders.nl)

2001

**'Young Leader'**  
Contact person for the Young  
Leaders conference and  
European co-leader for the  
planning committee:

'The Renewal of the Transat-  
lantic Partnership. The Respon-  
sibility of the EU and the USA  
for Stability, Security and Peace  
in the World'

Loccum, Germany / Hayward,  
California, USA

## Rewards

2001

**Reward of €5,000 by the board  
of Pentascope for the pre-  
sentation of the Cosmology  
Triangle concept, as developed  
during my PhD study.**

Subject: 9/11