

## Dirk Walther

Dirk Walther, the project director of 'Support to National Urban Sanitation Policy' project of GIZ is an expert in environment, water and sanitation. He has been working in the sector for more than twenty five years at regional, national and international level. He holds a Master of Science in Geology/Palaeontology, University of Goettingen and a Master of Engineering in Water Resource Management, University of Applied Sciences Northeast Lower Saxony. He has conducted a wide range of research and technical implementation on water, soil and sanitation, water treatment technologies and water resource management. Amongst the long list of projects he worked for few companies and institutions such as; German International Cooperation (GIZ) as an environment, water and sanitation expert; Anna University, Centre for Environmental Studies in Chennai India, as faculty and project & laboratory manager; German Geological Survey (BGR); Celler Brunnenbau, German drilling company; and Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM) as an International seconded expert.

In his professional journey he led many critical fields such as environmental management and education, water resource management, urban & rural development, environmental analytics and laboratory management and soil investigation and drilling.

Walther has also been part of many advisory boards under government of India; he was an Advisor to the Ministry of Rural Development Government of India and State Planning Commission Tamil Nadu on Water Supply and Sanitation. Currently he is closely working with Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare Govt. of India. He has done intensive work in the field of water and sanitation, soil investigation as well as wetland and river rejuvenation. His professional objectives are to provide and enhance technical knowledge and to create capacities for the protection of environment.

Though he is working continuously on various issues for the improvement of Environment, he is also keen on sharing his knowledge with all. He believes that knowledge that he has gained should be shared for a better tomorrow. With this in mind he has authored, co-authored many articles and publications from very early age.

Walther is currently the project director of GIZ Soil project in India under the Global initiative on SEWOH funded by German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Development (BMZ). He was in-charge of the Indo-German Ganges initiative, Support to National Urban Sanitation project and Waste to Energy project as government to government undertaking.