



## Dr Dorothea Rüländ

Secretary General (2010–2021)  
German Academic Exchange Service  
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### Principle activities for the DAAD

PROMOS; “Integra”, “Welcome” and “NRWege Pathways into Studying” programmes for people from refugee backgrounds; “Leadership for Syria”; Partnership in “Ciência sem Fronteiras – Wissenschaft ohne Grenzen” Brazilian study programme; boosting networking for German higher education institutions through “Strategic Partnerships and Thematic Networks”; expanding transnational education: opening the Turkish-German University in Istanbul and the German International University of Applied Sciences in Cairo; DAAD organisational reform, ISO certification and restructuring the DAAD’s global network, redeveloping the network of German Centres for Research and Innovation (DWIH); IMKD, IP digital and IVAC digitalisation programmes; Strategy 2025; KIWi.

### Career

2010–2021	DAAD Secretary General
2008–2010	Director of the Center for International Cooperation, Freie Universität Berlin
2004–2008	Deputy Secretary General, Head of the Policy Department, DAAD
2001–2004	Head of Programme Department South, DAAD
2000–2001	Head of Group Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, North Africa, Middle East, DAAD
1994–1999	Head of Jakarta Regional Office, DAAD
1991–1994	Head of Section responsible for United Kingdom, Ireland, Nordic countries, DAAD
1991	Research project Topic: “Family and Society in Transition: A Comparison of Si Phaendin and Buddenbrooks”, supported by a DAAD reintegration scholarship

### Academic education and teaching

1985–1990	Lectureship in the German department, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
1979–1984	Doctorate on “Artists and Society: on the libretti of the young Richard Wagner”, funded by a doctoral scholarship from the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
1980–1982	Lectureship in the Department of German, University of Exeter, United Kingdom
1978–1979	State examination for university teaching in German Studies and History
1974–1978	Studied History, German Studies and Musicology at the University of Freiburg

### Memberships (selection)

since 2020	Internationalisation Council, Universität Hamburg
2015–2021	Board of Trustees, TUM-IAS, Munich
2014–2021	Board of Trustees, GRIAT (German Russian Institute of Advanced Technologies), Kazan
2013–2018	University Council, TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences
since 2011	Board of Governors, GUC, Cairo
2011–2021	Board of Governors, GUTech, Muscat
2011–2020	University Council, University of Freiburg
2010–2021	Vice President of the Consortium of the Turkish-German University (TDU) responsible for administration and finance, Istanbul
since 2018	Supervisory board, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)
since 2013	heiQuality quality management advisory board, Heidelberg University