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## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF FLORIAN KRAEMER**

### **General Information and Qualifications:**

Name: Florian Kraemer  
Date Of Birth: 24th of September 1972  
Nationality: German  
Qualification: BA/SS (Bachelor of Arts of Social Science),  
UNISA (University of South Africa)  
Majoring in Social Work and Psychology, with additional training in  
Individual- and Group Counselling and Marriage Guidance  
Certificates: - Youth Network For Africa's Future - Int. Youth Conference (IFM – SEI)  
- Enhancement of Capacity Programme, Project Management (Community  
Chest)

### **Curriculum Vitae:**

**1979 – 1992:** Attended a Waldorf School in Ueberlingen (Germany), successfully completing "Abitur" (the German equivalent of Matric or the British A-Levels) in July 1992.

**May – Jun. 1988:** First experiences in social work, working in a home for physically and mentally handicapped adults as part of a practical.

**Jun. – Dec. 1988:** First visit to South Africa as an exchange student for six months.

**1992 – 1996:** Extensive travels in Asia (India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand) and Africa (Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe). As a witness to extreme poverty, Aids and the beginning civil wars in Rwanda and what was then Zaire developed the wish to work as a Social Worker with disadvantaged communities in Africa.

- Jan. 1997:** Moved to Cape Town to enrol at the University of South Africa (UNISA) for a degree in Social Science, majoring in Social Work and Psychology.
- Mar. – Nov. 1998:** Practical work at Haven Homes in Woodstock (residential care facility for destitute, former street people), conducting group and casework interviews and running workshops for the elderly.
- 2001 – 2002:** Practical work at Highway Home in Maitland (residential care facility for street children), running Aids awareness workshops, facilitating a community development project, co-founding and running a bridging programme for street children and conducting person-centred individual and group therapy sessions with mentally challenged, sexually and physically abused, disabled and otherwise underprivileged children.
- Nov. 2002:** Successfully completed the BA/SS (Bachelor of Arts of Social Science) degree through UNISA.
- Mar. – Dec. 2003:** Founded the charity organisation **POSITIV LEBEN e.V.** (LIVING POSITIVE) in Germany, raising funds for the project **INDAWO YENTSIKELELO**, giving public talks and newspaper interviews, raising public awareness for the situation in South Africa, etc.
- Jan. – Oct. 2004:** Laid the groundwork for the launch of **INDAWO YENTSIKELELO** in Cape Town.
- Oct. '04 – Feb '09:** Executive Director (Management) of the project "**INDAWO YENTSIKELELO – A Place of Blessing**".
- 2007:** Co-Founder of the stage show „**ZABALAZA**“, together with co-workers Xolisa Majambe and Bongwiwe Majambe.
- 2007 – 2012:** Tours with „**ZABALAZA – Songs of Hope**“ (2007), „**ZABALAZA – Songs of Freedom**“ (2008), „**ZABALAZA – African Spirit**“ (2010) and „**ZABALAZA – Voices of Africa**“ (2012) four times through Germany, Switzerland, Austria and England for a total of 32 weeks, to great success, with children from the project. Result: 40.000 spectators and more than 200.000 € in direct donations for the project. ([www.zabalaza.com](http://www.zabalaza.com))
- July 2008:** Founded the Orphan Project **VULAMASANGO**.
- Sep. '08 – Feb. '09:** Chairperson of the Board of **VULAMASANGO** (Open Gates).
- Since March 2009:** CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of **VULAMASANGO**.