

AFS

Educational Advisory Council

A Brief Introduction



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Purpose and Tasks

To strengthen the educational competence of AFS Germany in order to sharpen its profile as provider of international exchange and global education,

- by monitoring current issues, state-of-the-art findings, and new developments in the civic, scientific, and political contexts of our work
- by providing scientifically sound and applicable insights on questions and issues related to everyday exchange practice, e.g. on learning motives, processes, formats, and impact
- by advising the Board, National Office, and volunteer groups conceptually from various disciplines, in order to facilitate strategic and practical programming decisions
- by supporting InterCultur and AFS Germany in co-developing concepts and resources together with AFS International, and by advising on appropriate formats of dissemination and implementation in the local context

Council Members



PD Dr. Luisa Conti

Researcher and lecturer, Institute for Intercultural Business Communication, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena

Expertise: Digitalization strategies for inclusive school development; intercultural collaboration; diversity and discrimination; intercultural issues in post-digital societies; transformative education; global citizenship education



Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kühnen

Academic Chair at Bremen International School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), Constructor University Bremen; Spokesperson DFG Research Training Group "Social Dynamics of the Self".

Expertise: Cultural psychology; cross-cultural differences in self-construal; cultures of honor; universal vs. culture-specific aspects of morality; teaching and learning in multi-cultural settings; intercultural competence



Prof. Dr. Kirsten Nazarkiewicz

Professor of Intercultural Communication, Department of Social and Cultural Studies, Fulda University of Applied Sciences; Director of Master Program in Intercultural Communication and European Studies; Senior Partner *consilia cct* GbR

Expertise: Cultural, linguistic and gender sociology; culture-reflexive competencies for individuals, teams and organizations

Council Members



Hannah Tümpel

Mediator, trainer and lecturer, Berlin;
previously director of volunteer service
kulturweit (German UNESCO Commission)
and Deputy Director UWC (United World
Colleges) International

Expertise: International conflict resolution
and mediation, international education,
volunteer services



Prof. Dr. Yeliz Yildirim-Krannig

Professor of Intercultural Business Communi-
cation, University of Applied Sciences - HAW,
Hamburg

Expertise: Interculturality and diversity; inter-
cultural encounters in migration societies;
culture and communication; virtual team
collaboration and development

Coordination



Stefanie Vogler-Lipp

Intercultural trainer,
InterCultur gGmbH, Berlin



Uli Zeuschel

Trainer and facilitator,
independent project coach,
Henstedt-Ulzburg

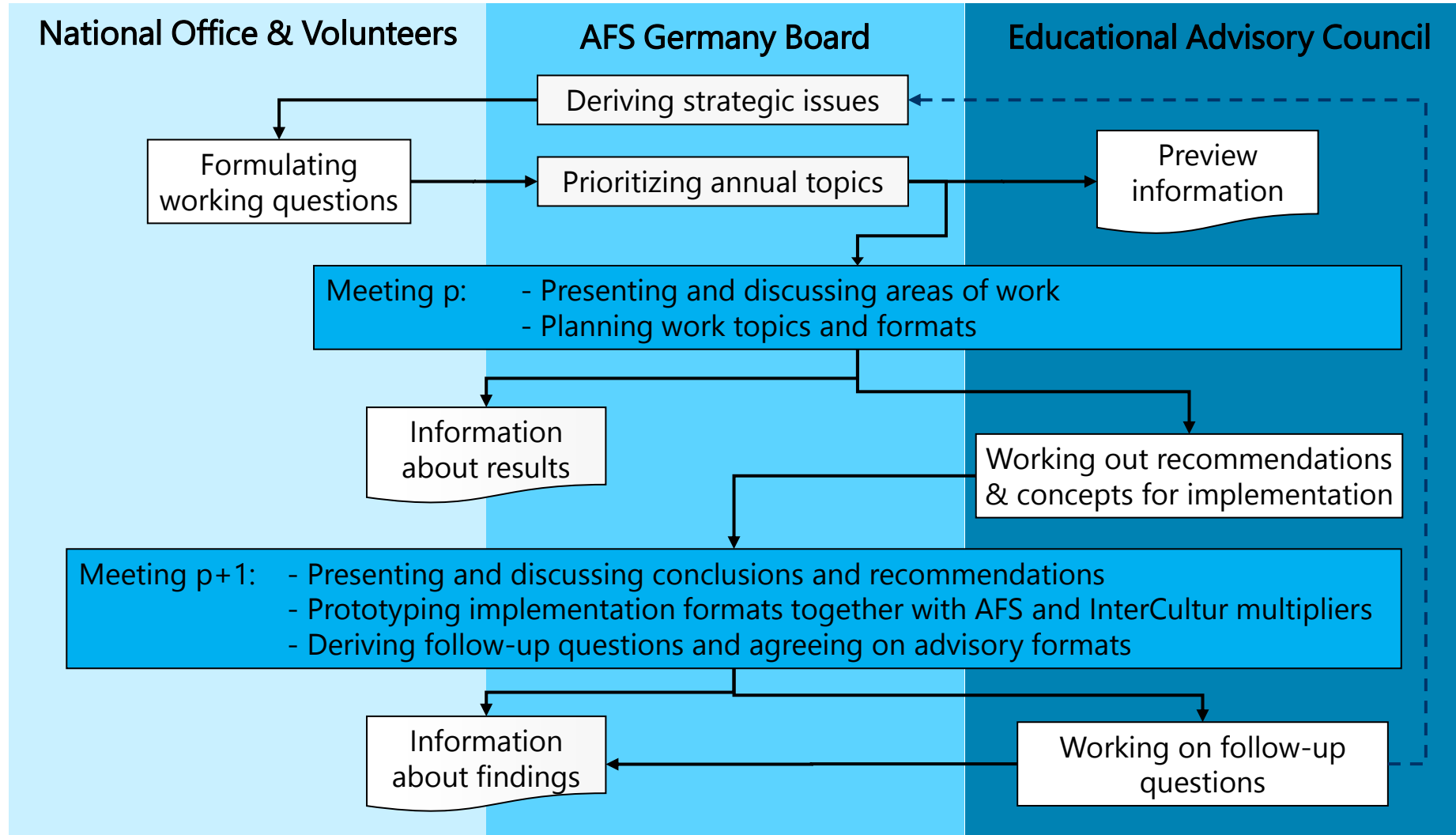
Topics 2025/2026

- ❖ AFS strategy and organization development
- ❖ Quality criteria for high-school and volunteer service programs
- ❖ AFS Educational Framework for Active Global Citizenship
- ❖ Methods for fostering Active Global Citizenship, e.g. educational escape games
- ❖ Education for Digital Citizenship

Fall meeting 2025: November 21/22, Haus Venusberg, Bonn

Spring meeting 2026: May 29/30, Hamburg

Workflow & Interfaces



Former Advisory Council Members

- Dr. Klaus Koopmann, Bremen University (2009-2013)
- Prof. Dr. Monika Keller, Max-Planck-Institute on Educational Research, Berlin (2009-2013)
- Dr. Steffi Nothnagel, Chemnitz Technical University (2009-2014)
- Arne Gillert, Kessels & Smit, Hamburg (2009-2015)
- Barbara Seibert, Elbinstitut Hamburg (2011-2016†)
- Steffen Henkel, crossculture academy, Stuttgart (2009-2018)
- Dr. Arne Weidemann, Cultural Psychology, Leipzig (2013-2019)
- Prof. Dr. Jürgen Bolten, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena (2009-2023†)
- Gottfried Böttger, Educational Exchange Service, Bonn (2013-2024)
- Kristin Draheim, Draheim Dialog, Berlin (2015-2024)
- Dr. Rudolf Camerer, etc - European Language Competence, Frankfurt/M. (2014-2024)
- Prof. Dr. Francisco Javier Montiel Alafont, Duale Europäische Wirtschaftsakademie - EWA, Madrid (2013-2025)

Questions & Ideas?



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