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Top Skills

Africa

International Development

Policy Analysis

Benedikt Franke

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Greater Munich Metropolitan Area

Summary

I am the Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Munich Security Conference (MSC). I am passionate about seeking to understand international relations and how to make diplomacy work.

Before joining the MSC, I served as the Special Assistant for former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Laureate Kofi Annan. I did my PhD on constructivism in African politics at the University of Cambridge after a Masters in International Relations at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

I sit on a number of relevant committees such as the Foundation Council of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and the European Council on Foreign Relations. In my (limited) spare time I work as Special Envoy for Transatlantic Dialogue and Humanitarian Action of the Sovereign Order of Malta.

Experience

Munich Security Conference

14 years 6 months

Vice Chairman

February 2021 - Present (5 years 2 months)

Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Chief Executive Officer

February 2020 - Present (6 years 2 months)

Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Chief Operating Officer

October 2014 - February 2020 (5 years 5 months)

Head of Protocol and External Relations

October 2011 - February 2020 (8 years 5 months)

Global Governance Institute (GGI)

Director

February 2010 - Present (16 years 2 months)

Christlich-Soziale Union

Beauftragter für Strategiefragen

January 2012 - January 2014 (2 years 1 month)

Munich

Kofi Annan Foundation

Policy Officer

January 2009 - May 2011 (2 years 5 months)

Geneva, Switzerland

Education

University of Cambridge

PhD, Politics · (2005 - 2007)

University of Oxford

Research Fellow, International Relations · (2008 - 2009)

The Johns Hopkins University - Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced
International Studies (SAIS)

Master's degree, International/Global Studies · (2003 - 2005)