

I-SWO

International development cooperation in crisis regions



Consulting | Education | Realisation

– For companies, institutions and NGOs

„We are looking for partners with an integrity leadership culture, support them in their efforts to relieve the environment and generate programs for sustainable education, vocational integration and crisis-resistant social- and ecosystems.“

– Lothar Schroeder, I-SWO Project Coordinator

Background and Motivation

The current situation in Europe shows a diverse set of problems. Especially young people suffer from increasing unemployment, because there is a lack of economic growth and thus of jobs. The resulting social consequences are spreading. The effects of environmental problems caused by enlarged pressure on resources are becoming more obvious.

This shows the urgent need for action. The essential solution is to stabilize the fragile systems and to mitigate the socio-economic consequences of unemployment. Aspirations for sustainable environmental developments need to be intensified and expanded.

SWO – The Economy and Environment Foundation

SWO, an independent foundation in the field of socio-economics and ecology (founded in 1974), takes care of this issue. We use learning-opportunities also outside the formal education system to give people meaningful employment that leads to sustainable development.

This significant development potential is present in many places, but still unused, and therefore the socio-economic crisis regions are expanding further.

Our vision – Emerging out of the crisis

The SWO offers their proven concepts and programs for crisis regions. Together with stakeholders we want to work out solutions to effect sustainable results over the long term for the environment and for the people living in it.

Thus, a crisis-resistant and sustainable development in education, employment, social- and ecosystems is possible, the SWO initiates and implements projects in collaboration with partners, which are then passed piece by piece into independence.

The focus is on people who are capacitated by specific practical skills in applying their development potential for the environment. Due to the resulting employment, they become multipliers for crisis-resistant sustainable development.

Our development strategy – I-SWO

The SWO makes international development cooperation in crisis areas with cooperation partners .

SWO Framework – with currently 10 programs – forms the basis to encourage local actors in crisis regions in their problem-solving skills for a crisis-resistant sustainable development. This means on the one hand to promote the skills of people with low professional qualification through a meaningful employment within and for resources. Studies point out that growing tension in the population and the emergence of other trouble spots, can be mitigated by such measures, especially in times of crisis. On the other hand the development of skills with consistent inclusion of forward-looking concepts (best practice) in all major decision-making processes has the effect that crisis-proof social and eco-systems can be developed by a sustainable use of resources.



Our commitment – Structure and education management, occasionally on the development site

I-SWO supports its partners with SWO experts in the detection of problem areas, resources, competencies and in the analysis of the system environment. It shall contact relevant actors and organizations, and brings them together.

For pioneering projects, a SWO platform – for preparing sustainable development with systemic evolution management strategies – will be established as an international hub.

Further I-SWO provides tools such as the SWO framework to include sustainable development in decisions. It also provides advice in all phases of the project (see Figure 1: I-SWO approach).

These positive impulses directly promote employment and a crisis-resistant use of resources. The initiated programs serve as an exemplary project, whose influence can be seen not only in the country itself but also beyond its borders. Other actors are thus invited to imitate.

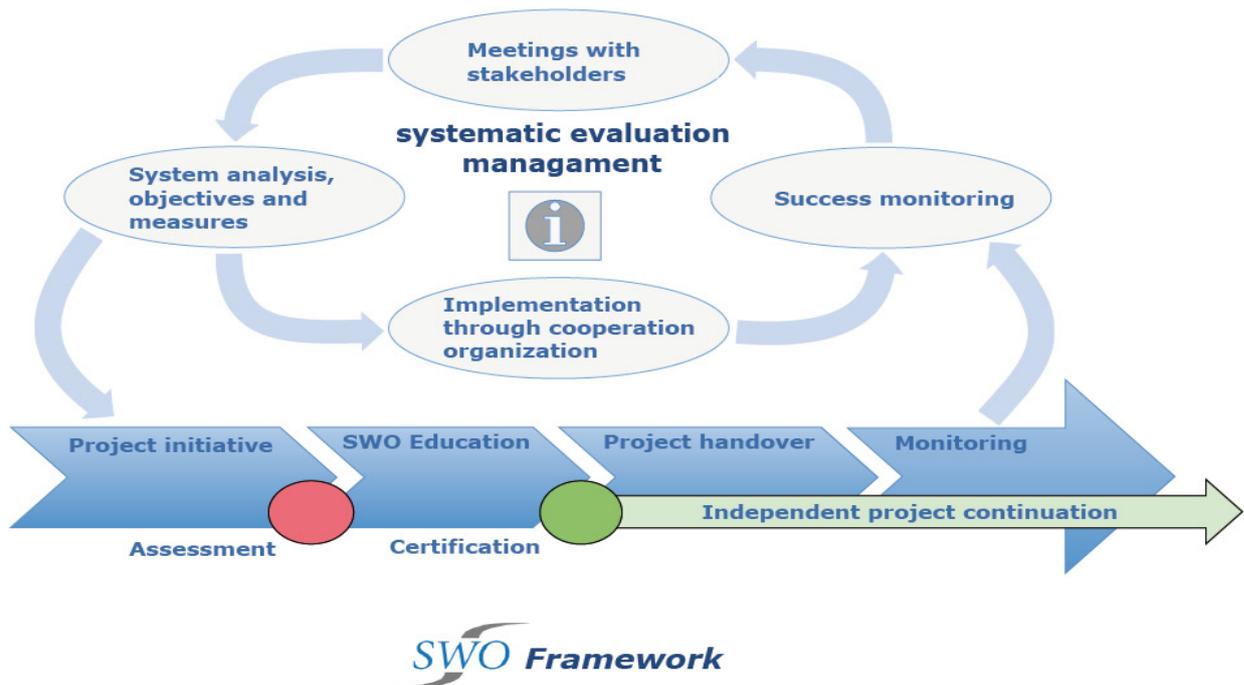


Figure 1: I-SWO Approach

Are you planning a project in sustainable development in education, employment and social- and ecosystems? We look forward to your inquiry!

Contact
 Lothar Schroeder
 I-SWO Projekt Coordinator
 Phone: +41 43 355 58 44
 E-mail: ls@stiftungswo.ch

Foundation Economy and Ecology SWO
 Bahnstrasse 9
 CH - 8603 Schwerzenbach

Reference for organizational development: Association Amokwe Nigeria (<http://www.amokwe-nigeria.org/>)