

## **PROFILES**

**Mr. Laurent Porte:** He is a Learning and Knowledge Officer with the Leadership, Learning and Innovation (LLI) Vice-Presidency of the World Bank.

He has more than twenty years of global experience in the areas of knowledge for development, capacity building and distance learning. Since 2000, he has held various positions at the World Bank Institute and the Africa Region, working on the design and delivery of global and regional knowledge-sharing events for Bank clients, managing Bank staff consultations, coordinating a global network of development learning centers and supporting the implementation of WB operations aiming at developing the capacity of policy makers and development practitioners. Over the past two years, he has supported the Bank's Knowledge Sharing/Knowledge Hubs agenda at the partnerships level, as well as in the peer-learning activities of the Communities of Practice on Knowledge Hubs ([www.knowledgehubs.org](http://www.knowledgehubs.org)).

Prior to joining the World Bank, Laurent worked as a special adviser at the National Center of Distance Learning in France for six years and was the Secretary General of a European network of open and distance learning institutions for four years. Laurent holds a DESCAF (masters) degree in business administration and marketing from ESC Amiens (France Business School).

**Mr. Jeffrey Kwaterski:** He has been working on themes of knowledge management, organizational learning and capacity development within an international development context for more than 15 years. Most recently Mr. Kwaterski served as Director of Knowledge Services for Transparency International. He is currently working as a consultant in support of the knowledge exchange agenda of the World Bank through the consulting firm Root Change. Mr. Kwaterski holds an MBA in Management and an MA in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin.

**Mr. Steffen Janus:** He is currently leads the Knowledge Hubs work program in the World Bank vice presidency for Leadership, learning & Innovation. He is also actively managing and supporting youth employment, social cohesion projects in Africa. Before this, he was program manager for the South-South Facility and led the World Bank Institute's team responsible for e-learning, learning design, and pedagogy. He has ample experience managing teams and projects in adult education, knowledge management and youth employment. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was the founder and CEO of a digital media consulting agency in Germany. Mr. Janus holds an MBA from Columbia University in New York City.