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Maritta Koch-Weser has a distinguished career spanning more than three decades in international development, as anthropologist and environmentalist. She has field experience in Latin America, South & East Asia, and in parts of Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and some countries of the Former Soviet Union. She has led major environmental & social assessment tasks, as well as investment programs in the environment, agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and urban-industrial sectors.

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