

PRESS RELEASE

## VENRO with new dual leadership

**Berlin, 14 December 2021. The general assembly of VENRO has elected Mathias Mogge and Martina Schaub as joint chairs of the board, making this the first dual leadership in the history of the umbrella organisation.**

Mathias Mogge, the secretary general of Welthungerhilfe, has sat on the executive management of VENRO since 2013, most recently as its deputy chair. “I am grateful for the trust shown by our members and am happy to be taking this new path at the head of VENRO together with Martina Schaub,” says Mathias Mogge, continuing, “Despite many successes, development and humanitarian aid are facing growing challenges worldwide. We will continue to keep a close watch on German politics and policy in order to make globalisation fair and to overcome hunger and poverty throughout the world.”

Martina Schaub, a member of the executive management of VENRO since 2017 and the full-time chair of OroVerde – Die Tropenwaldstiftung, discusses the change in leadership, saying, “VENRO is a strong voice for development cooperation and humanitarian aid in Germany. Going forward, we will continue to advocate for a strong, independent civil society through the combined efforts of our members. We will not neglect to help move politics towards a socio-ecological transformation. Global solidarity and international cooperation are indispensable for everyone to lead a dignified life and for the protection of our natural resources.”

The new co-chairs express special thanks to their predecessor, Bernd Bornhorst, who led the association for the past eight years. In their words, “He has been dedicated in pursuing the objectives of the association and has made an outstanding contribution to German development policy and humanitarian aid.” Bernd Bornhorst stepped down as chair of the board at the end of his eight-year tenure, in accordance with VENRO’s statutes.

Angela Bähr from the Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung and Carsten Montag from Kindernothilfe successfully ran for the office of deputy chairs at the general assembly. Gudrun Schattschneider from World Vision Germany (treasurer) and Michael Herbst from Christoffel Blindenmission were confirmed as members of the executive management. New members are Dr. Ilona Auer-Frege (MISEREOR), Tatjana Hübner (Eine Welt Netz NRW), Kayu Orellana Mardones (Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe) and Sabine Wilke (CARE Germany).

Press photos and additional information on the new executive management of VENRO are available for download at [www.venro.org/presse](http://www.venro.org/presse).

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