



Gaël Lescornec

Gaël Lescornec serves as the European liaison at the World Cocoa Foundation. Based in Geneva, she is responsible for resource mobilization and partnership development in Europe. She brings over 15 years of experience working in international development and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships and processes with the ultimate aim of achieving impact on people's lives.

Before joining WCF, Gaël served as regional director at Coxswain Social Investment Plus (CSI+) in South Africa - a service company facilitating public-private partnerships and managing sustainable supply chain initiatives mainly in Africa. She was responsible for managing a sustainably sourced vanilla supply chain initiative in Uganda involving multiple stakeholders.

Prior to her work with CSI+, Gaël worked as an independent consultant facilitating multi-stakeholder national planning processes across sub-Saharan Africa. She began her career with the United Nations, first with the UNHCR in Rwanda in 1999 and then with UNAIDS from 2000-2006 where she contributed to raising the profile of HIV as an international security issue with the UN Security Council.

After completing her BA in International Communication Studies at Emerson College (USA and Netherlands) in 1996, Gaël worked with the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva for one year before completing a Masters in Development Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1998. Gaël is bilingual in French and English.