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# World Food Programme Biography



## **Ute Klamert** Assistant Executive Director

Ute Klamert has been Assistant Executive Director for Partnerships and Advocacy since February 2019. In this role, Ms Klamert leads the organization's engagement and resource-mobilization activities with governments, United Nations agencies, private sector and other partners. She also drives communications and advocacy efforts to further WFP's mission of 'saving lives, changing lives'.

To enable WFP to continue reaching more vulnerable, food-insecure people around the world, Ms Klamert is committed to investing in the skills and capabilities of her staff as well as increasing diversity across the Partnerships and Advocacy Department.

Ms Klamert has more than 30 years of global experience in development cooperation, partnerships, resource mobilization, strategy and operations, including 15 years in senior leadership positions. Prior to joining WFP, she served as Director-General for the European, Mediterranean Region and Central Asia Department in the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ). She managed complex change processes and oversaw strategic development in areas including the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. She also fostered innovation in delivery approaches in fragile settings such as those beset by conflict. In this role, Ms Klamert managed a budget of approximately 1 billion Euros per annum, and around 5,500 staff in decentralized and multi-disciplinary teams across seven divisions and 34 GIZ country offices.

Ms Klamert serves on the German Commission on Root Causes of Displacement, which is working on concrete proposals for the German Government to identify and mitigate the main causes of refugees' displacement.

A German national, she holds a law degree from the University of Regensburg. She is married with two daughters, with whom she shares a love of skiing.

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