

DDRN General Assembly 2009

Board candidate:

Claus Jørgensen

Director, NIRAS A/S

I hold a MSc (Geography, 1981) from University of Copenhagen and have been working both in the education sector in Denmark and in about 30 developing countries for the UN, Danida and other donor organisations. I have been member of the DDRN Board since November 2006, and before that I was a board member of its predecessor, the Research Network for Environment and Development (ReNED).

As Director in NIRAS A/S I am responsible for NIRAS's work in the developing countries. With about 1,300 permanent employees NIRAS is one of the leading engineering and consulting companies in Scandinavia. The main competences are environment, agriculture & agribusiness, rural development, water, energy, climate change, education, good governance, private sector development and monitoring systems, as well as coastal zone management, port constructions, fragile state & post-conflict reconstruction and disaster preparedness.

In DDRN I represent the private sector, which is an important stakeholder and resource for linking development research to real world applications. I am also member of the International Committee of Danish Association of Consulting Engineers (FRI), and of Faculty of Science's (University of Copenhagen) Board Panel of Receiving Organisations (Aftagerpanel).

I stand for re-election to the DDRN Board because I find it important to bridge development research with the private sector. The linking of the two is what I will be using my mandate for.