

Biography

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Dr. Hans-Jürgen Hoyer serves as the Secretary General of the [International Federation for Engineering Education Societies \(IFEES\)](#) and the [Executive Secretary of the Global Engineering Deans Council \(GEDC\)](#). Additionally, Dr. Hoyer is a Resident Scholar in Global Engineering in Marquette University's OPUS College of Engineering and the co-founder of the [Indo-Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education \(IUCEE\)](#). Dr. Hoyer initially became involved with IFEES and the GEDC when he served as the Director of International Programs and Strategy for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

Prior to 2006, Hans J. Hoyer was CEO of World Links, a spin-off of the World Bank. In this capacity, he worked globally on issues related to secondary education, teachers' education, and on-line collaborative learning focusing on science and social studies among high school students across the globe.

Dr. Hoyer has led several international development programs, including CARE, Plan International, and Heifer International. In these latter roles, he held executive leadership positions such as Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, and Regional Executive and was responsible, among others, for raising large financial resources from a multitude of donors including government agencies, the World Bank, IAB, several foundations, corporations and private donors. He also represented the largest U.S. farming membership association as a spokesperson at the European Union and European Parliament in Brussels and also represented them in Mexico and Central America.

Dr. Hoyer has served on the board of directors with Nelson Mandela of El Taller, a global civil society network headquartered in Tunisia as well as on several social-action community groups. He was also on the staff of the Inter American Foundation, created by the U.S. Congress to support socio-economic development throughout Latin America/Caribbean. He was on the advisory board of Hewlett Packard's e-Inclusion Global Advisory Board related to their work in South Africa and Founding member of the Board of the Engineering for the Americas (EftA) initiative under the umbrella of the OAS. He serves on the Editorial Committee of the Argentinean Journal of Engineering Education, Science and Technology and is a member of the Consultative Committee at Aalborg University and UNESCO.

Dr. Hoyer has been a Visiting Scholar at the Center for International Studies at MIT, a Fellow at Harvard's School of Education and Visitor at the Kennedy School of Government. He was dean of the graduate program at the School for International Training, World Learning and Executive Director of the Executive Training Program for global governmental and NGO leaders in Brattleboro, Vermont. He also taught at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia and Montgomery College, Takoma Park, Maryland. Presently, he is an Honorary Professor at universities in Hungary, India, Kazakhstan and Peru.

Born in Berlin, Germany, he immigrated to the United States of America as a teenager. He earned his Ph.D. at American University in Washington, D.C. As a post-doctoral fellow with the Organization of American States (OAS), Dr. Hoyer carried out research in the Rio de la Plata region of South America. He started his career as a Peace Corps Volunteer and high school teacher in Linares and Talca, Chile and has lived in over twenty countries including India, Sri Lanka, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, South Asia, Belgium, Kenya and Zimbabwe. Over his extensive career he has visited more than 135 countries, is fluent in four languages and conversant in an additional five languages.

He has written and published on a broad range of subjects related to international development, politics, health, education, and engineering education.