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Maritta Koch-Weser has a distinguished career spanning more than three decades in international development, as anthropologist and environmentalist. She has field experience in Latin America, South & East Asia, and in parts of Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and some countries of the Former Soviet Union. She has led major environmental & social assessment tasks, as well as investment programs in the environment, agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, and urban-industrial sectors.

Maritta Koch-Weser is **Founder and President of Earth3000**. As a non-profit organization founded in 2001, Earth3000 supports strategic innovations in governance for environment and development, combining academic, advisory, and board engagements in the environment and social entrepreneurship fields.

Since 2009 Dr. Koch-Weser also leads a new program on Contemporary Studies of Amazonia “**Amazonia em Transformação: História e Perspectivas**” at the **Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of São Paulo, Brazil**.

In her earlier career, Dr. Koch-Weser worked for some 20 years at the **World Bank**, in Washington DC. At the time as one of the organization’s first social scientists, she was closely associated with instituting the World Bank’s very first environmental and social policies, and later on also with the formation of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). She was responsible - as **project officer and later in successive senior management positions** - for the implementation of major sustainable development programs for the Central Policy, Asia, and Latin America Vice-Presidencies.

In her most recent positions in the 1990ies she headed the **World Bank’s Asia Environment Programs** for five years, before becoming **Director for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development for the Latin America and Caribbean Region**.

After leaving the World Bank, Dr. Koch-Weser served as **Director General of IUCN -The World Conservation Union**, the foremost global environmental umbrella organization.

Maritta Koch-Weser holds a 1975 Ph.D. from the Universities of Bonn and Cologne, Germany, and a 2010 Honorary Doctorate from Oxford Brookes University, UK.

During her early post-doctoral career, she taught Anthropology and Latin American Studies at George Washington University in Washington D.C., and carried out extensive field work in Brazil.

Maritta Koch-Weser is married to Caio Koch-Weser, with 3 children.