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Programs for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) and Co-founder of the Indo-US Collaborative for Engineering Education (IUCEE).

In addition, he has served as CEO of World Links, a spin-off of the World Bank, 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. He earned his Ph.D. at American University in Washington, D.C., and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Organization of American States, carrying out research in the Rio de la Plata region of South America. He is Honorary Professor in universities in India, Peru, and Kazakhstan.

He has lived in more than twenty countries in Chile, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay, Argentina, Mexico, South Asia, Europe, and Sub-Saharan Africa; visited more than 133 countries; and is fluent in four languages and conversant in an additional five languages.

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. He 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 which is under the umbrella of the OAS.

He has written on a broad range of subjects related to international development, politics, health, education, and engineering education. He was born in Berlin, Germany.