

Biography

Cornelius Hagenmeier is an internationalisation of higher education expert with more than ten years of experience, and a jurist rooted in the German as well as South African jurisdictions. He was awarded a PhD degree from the University of Cape Town (UCT) in 2021 for his thesis, titled *Equality in Higher Education Partnerships: Defining the Concept in Divergent Contexts*. He qualified to be appointable as a judge (assessor jurist) in Germany after completing his first German law degree at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Besides this, he has attained South African LLM (UCT) and LLB degrees (UNISA). He is a non-practising attorney of the High Court of South Africa. Hagenmeier accepted an appointment at the University of Venda in 2007 and was responsible for internationalisation at this institution from 2011 until 2017 as the university's first Director of International Relations. He moved to the University of the Free State in 2017, where he now serves as the Director of the Office for International Affairs. In a voluntary capacity, he serves on the board of the African Centre for Higher Education Internationalisation (AfriC).