

Biography

Dr Karl Klingsheim

PhD Science and Tech Counsellor for Africa that built top performing Nordic Tech Transfer system over 15 years.

Dr. Karl Klingsheim has served in industry, public institutions and governmental organisations, and he has extensive experience from academic and industrial research. He is a seasoned educator with tenure as professor in Norway and in Poland. He has served as executive officer and board member for multinational companies as well as for university spin-offs. He has been instrumental in the concept development, formation, fundraising, business development, staffing, marketing, sales, operations, and benefit extraction for a large number of initiatives, programs, and start-up companies in Norway and in USA.

As Science & Technology Counsellor with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Pretoria South Africa, he facilitated and supported bilateral relationships in higher education, research, innovation, and business development in and between Norway and South Africa, many in the Marine Sector.

As Chief Executive Officer, Karl headed the inception and development of NTNU Technology Transfer AS ("TTO"), a subsidiary of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, to a successful operation with 30 technology transfer professionals. TTO is a for-profit commercialisation unit bringing new products and services to global markets, with multiple growth companies created each year.

Dr Karl is a Dr.Ing. (PhD) tenured professor and RTTP (Registered Technology Transfer Professional). He is now the Moonwalk team Norway Director with wide responsibilities.

MOONWALK ROLES

Pawa · Board Advisor/Director 2020–

Moonwalk · Director Africa 2019–

Moonwalk Academy · Director 2019–

Mocean One · Interim CEO 2019–

Moonwalk Tomorrow Portfolio · Executive Chair 2015–2016 + 2020–

NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY / ADJUNCT PROFESSOR 2019–

KINGDOM OF NORWAY–INNOVATION NORWAY / SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCELLOR TO AFRICA 2016–2019

Kingdom of Norway Diplomat facilitating science and tech relations between Norway and Africa. Based in Pretoria, South Africa.

NTNU / ADJUNCT PROFESSOR DIGITAL INNOVATION 2013–2016

NTNU TECH TRANSFER / CEO 2003–2016

NORCOM NETWORKS CORP/ VP & CTO 1995–1997

TELENOR GROUP / HEAD OF R&D 1992–1995

Responsible for all R&D across Telenor Group uilt R&D from 0 to 300 people.

SINTEF / DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH 1989– 1992

SINTEF / RESEARCH SCIENTIST 1985–1988

GE / MANAGER 1983–1985

Austin Texas

CHAIRMAN / BOARD DIRECTOR ROLES

ASTP Proton association of university Tech Transfer Offices

Royal Norwegian Academy of Academic Sciences

MazeMap (chair)

NTNU Accel (venture acceleration: chair)

Caetron

NTNU Social Research (chair)

Young Entrepreneurship (chair)

Dossier Solutions

Innovation Mid-Norway (founding co-chair)

Mison (chair)

Nukleus (partner)

Clustra (co-founder/chair/ceo)