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Profile

Dr. Raoul Blindenbacher is a Swiss National and the Co-President and Co-Founder of Blindenbacher Borer Consulting Ltd., an enterprise dedicated to the consulting, teaching and research in the fields of policy analysis, strategy development and governmental learning in complex political systems. His clientele covers a wide range of international institutions such as the World Bank Group, United Nations Organizations and the OECD as well as national, sub-national and municipal governments worldwide. On behalf of the Swiss government he served as Vice President of the Forum of Federations in Ottawa and Executive Director of the Second International Conference on Federalism. From 2007-2010 he was the advisor to the Vice Presidents of the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group and the World Bank Institute in Washington DC.

Dr. Blindenbacher developed a new interdisciplinary theory of governmental learning, which he published for the first time in *The Black Box of Governmental Learning*. The theory sets the intellectual groundwork for the Governmental Learning Spiral - a practical concept to enhance sustainable capacity building in whole-of-government and whole-of-society settings. He has spent the last decade teaching the concept in numerous international conferences, trainings, and e-learning events with high level participants representing all societal spheres from developed and developing countries. Participants dealt with a broad range of topics including public sector reform, multilevel governance and decentralization, accountability and poverty reduction, and most recently, issues in health governance and health diplomacy.

Dr. Blindenbacher earned a doctorate in education, organizational sociology, and political science from the University of Zurich and holds a master degree from St. Louis University. He also completed postgraduate fellowships and executive education programs at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He also holds a Visiting Professorship at St. Louis University. Mr. Blindenbacher is the author and editor of numerous publications in the field and he lectures at various universities in Europe and the United States.