

Candidate Statement

Name: Christian Gross
Chapter: Göttingen-Hannover
Position: Chair
Gender: Male



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Dear Friends and Fellow Members of Democrats Abroad!

My name is Christian J. Gross, and over the past two years I was your Chair for the Goettingen-Hannover Chapter of DA. My story is simple. I was born in Germany and grew up in Ohio. I did my undergraduate studies in geology at Beloit College, Wisconsin. The liberal arts education there taught me that there is more to life than just your major area of study. My political, social, historical and environmental consciousness developed during this time. After my studies I moved to Oregon where I also vote. I got my first taste of environmental political work by working for the League of Conservation Voters. As a professional Geologist I worked for the US Forest Service in Oregon.

In 1992 I moved to Germany where I continued studying geology at the University of Goettingen and conducted geological research in various countries, including Austria and Namibia. In 2007, I also started a geoscience editing and translation service.

My responsibility as an overseas American voter never left me because democracy is a precious and fragile system, and the right to vote is priceless. I take this right very seriously and have only missed one election in my adult life. Thus, in 2000 I became a member of Democrats Abroad and participated in six DA Annual General Meetings.

Being elected as chair in 2019, during the time of President Trump has been a real challenge, which has allowed me to grow into the office. With a great team of dedicated volunteers and the chapter's leadership team, we managed to pull off a successful Global Presidential Primary in Braunschweig, Goettingen, Hannover and Kassel. Furthermore, tremendous work (phonebanking, registering voters by tabling events and holding online events) followed right up to the 2020 General Election. We have achieved a great victory in attaining the Presidency, the House and the Senate in 2020, but the work and road to building a better society for all does not stop here.

One of my goals is to continue to develop the chapter further with a regular flow of activities. Unfortunately all our lives have been affected by this terrible global pandemic, which has made holding in person events unrealistic, but with online platforms like Zoom, we have the tool to expand our chapter community. I hope you will consider my diverse experience and dedication to Democrats Abroad when marking your ballots. It has been an honor to serve you and thanks to all of you for your consideration.