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Professor Ernst A. Brugger has been a consultant to businesses and public institutions in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia for more than 25 years, working on the implementation of sustainable development strategies in various fields. From 1986 to 1996, he was managing director and delegate of the board of directors of FUNDES (Fundacion para el desarrollo sostenible), a private institution with the initiative to promote small enterprises in Latin America.

Today he is president of the Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa, of the "tourism council Graubünden", co-founder and vice chairman of BlueOrchard, a leading microfinance and impact-investment firm, as well as board member of other companies. Furthermore he was the long-standing chairman of Precious Woods Holding and SV Group. Additionally, he is an honorary member of the Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

As co-founder of "The Sustainability Forum Zurich" (TSF) and in his project work, he advocates the implementation of economically founded strategies for sustainability, corporate responsibility and good governance in business, politics and society. Privately he engages himself strongly in the family-run company "Finca la Amistad" in Costa Rica – a farm specialized in the sustainable cultivation of Cocoa.