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### EXPERTISE:

**Political Economist.** Jindra Čekan/ová, Ph.D. has spent 30 years listening to aid participants and policy makers, villagers, implementers and ministers around the world, especially on food security and livelihoods. She created **Sustained and Emerging Impacts Evaluations** at [Valuing Voices](http://www.valuingvoices.com).

### EDUCATION:

- **Ph.D. / M.A.L.D.** The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University 1994, 1990  
Thesis: "Listening to One's Clients: a Political Analysis of Mali's Famine Early Warning Systems"
- **University of Cambridge, Research Associate** (UK) and **Pew Charitable Trust Fellow** 1990-92
- **B.A.** Gettysburg College: Economics and Political Science 1983
- **e-Certified Knowledge Professional** certificate from Knowledge Management Institute 2011

### REGIONAL EXPERTISE:

- **Africa:** *Anglophone:* Ethiopia, the Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. *Francophone:* Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal;
- **Latin America/ Caribbean:** Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and Peru;
- **Europe:** Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Kosovo, Macedonia, United Kingdom.
- **Asia:** India

**Languages:** Bilingual English & Czech (FSI 5/5), proficient French (FSI 4S/3R), basic Spanish (FS1)  
**Dual Citizenship:** USA and Czech Republic (EU).

**Impact Guild, Co-founder** 2018-present  
Supporting development (I)NGOs to tap into new financing through impact investment and by adding M&E impact value toward the Sustainable Development Goals: <http://www.ImpactGuild.org>

**Valuing Voices at Cekan Consulting LLC Catalyst/ President** 2013-present  
Sustainable Solutions for Excellent Impacts. Research, Monitoring and Evaluations, Publications, Presentations in US, Europe and Africa, blog, research and publications: <http://www.valuingvoices.com/>

### SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATIONS: Ex-Post Project, Projected and Emerging Sustainability

**Sambodhi and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in India** 2020  
Sustainability Advisor Consultant for Health Advocacy and Evaluation, working with NGOs/ CSOs

**American Red Cross, International Services** 2018-19  
Benchmarking of Exit and Sustainability Strategies to inform the AmRC global Graduation Strategy

**Terre Des Hommes Italia in Bangladesh** 2018-19  
Evaluated lessons learned for adolescent migrant partners, develop an exit strategy/sustainability plan.

**Lutheran World Relief, Grape Value Chain Ex-post Project Evaluation (Tanzania)** 2018  
Designed, managed and co-led with Valuing Voices team member Kagendo this grape production, marketing and cooperative strengthening project evaluation 3 years post-closure

**USAID E3 Basic Education, MSI Case Study Research Lead, Ex-post Evaluation (Uganda)** 2016-7  
Designed, managed and implemented an evaluation of sustained outcomes of USAID-funded project in Uganda, leading four researchers and experts with Palladium, part of a four-country comparative study

**Catholic Relief Services Team Lead, Ex-post Sustainability Evaluation (Zimbabwe)** 2016  
Led team of qualitative and quantitative evaluators to assess sustainability of an African project targeting 100,000 people. Evaluating sustained and emerging impact of agriculture and livelihoods

**Catholic Relief Services, Post-Project Evaluation Consultant (Niger)** 2015  
Led a mixed-method [post-project evaluation, three-years post-project closeout of CRS Niger's](#) Nutritional and Food Security Program (PROSAN). Researched sustained outcomes, uptake by national partners and unexpected impacts among participants of this highly sustainable food security/ resilience project

**Federation of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent *M&E and Sustainability Consultant (Ethiopia)*** 2014  
 Evaluated Ethiopian Red Cross' Society (ERCS) food security project in Tigray on credit, health knowledge, NRM by gender for impact and sustainability. Led team of six, trained staff, led presentations at meetings with 50 stakeholders. Led ex-post self-sustainability inquiry with communities and ERCS.

**Lutheran World Relief, *Participatory Rural Appraisal M&E Consultant*** (Niger) 2006-10  
 Created, conducted community-based participatory M&E system assessment and evaluation for Gates Foundation-funded drought relief for 4,000 women's pastoralists, final evaluation 6 months after closeout with lessons about sustainability and unexpected outcomes. Published in IIED's [PLA Notes](#). Also advised LWR on value-chain evaluation research in Africa with CATIE/ Ford Foundation

#### **SELECTED GLOBAL MONITORING & EVALUATION CONSULTING:**

**USAID PPL/LER (Policy, Planning, Learning Bureau, Office of Learning Evaluation and Research), *Organizational Learning Direct Consultant*** (USA) 2012-13  
 Supported Organizational Learning at USAID/ HQ and field. Designed and trained team in Appreciative Inquiry (AI) process doing 100+ qualitative interviews of USAID/ HQ staff technical and regional learning products and processes adapting AI to [Discovery, Design, Discussion, Dissemination and Determination](#). Interviewed 22 Missions, wrote up M&E and Learning report on best practices on evaluation and performance monitoring platform contracts. [Discussion note](#) 2013

**Global Giving Consultant, *Well-constructed Collaborative Evaluative Experiments*** (USA) 2014  
 Created and led session for 30 staff based on surveys, interviews on research methods

**ITECS Innovative Consulting, *Project Design/ Evaluation Consultant*** (East Africa) 2012-14  
 Consulted on project design/ proposal development, providing technical advice for Maternal Child Health linking, African NGOs, a large international for-profit medical device corporation and US donors

**InterMedia, *Health Policy Evaluative Researcher*** (USA, Global) 2012  
 Interviewed 12 African, Asian and American senior experts and policy makers on international health policy for The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Wrote up key findings for report

**Johns Hopkins University Knowledge for Health, *Evaluation Consultant*** (USA, Global) 2010  
 Led research team to improve eLearning practices for public health, analyze existing data from 35 international public health eLearning courses, survey a subset of 15,000 eLearning users.

**InterMedia AudienceScapes, *M&E Consultant*** (USA, Africa) 2010  
 M&E analysis for the B&MGates Foundation among high-level policy makers in Ghana, Kenya and Zambia. Integrated gender into questionnaire, analyzed data and wrote recommendations report

**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Sanitation & Hygiene Advocacy, *Researcher*** (World) 2009  
 Created and led team to evaluate [advocacy around sanitation and hygiene](#) in 10 countries. Over 100 interviews of senior public, non-profit and industry experts to inform Foundation and partners' priorities. Recommendations including gender analysis. Presented to key Foundation HQ staff with Data Harvest

**World Vision, SP&NK ICB Evaluation & Assessment, *Consultant*** (USA, Global) 2008  
 Evaluated impact of the training and work-plan process including staff's food security knowledge, including international cross fertilization and best practices from 10 global programs plus HQ staff

**Save the Children USA, *Consultant/ Principal Interviewer and Evaluator*** (Africa) 2005-06  
 Facilitated the Integration of Food Security and HIV/AIDS. Gave technical assistance in East and Southern Africa to integrate of food aid and HIV/AIDS, made knowledge sharing recommendations

#### **GRANTS/ UNIVERSITY TEACHING/ FELLOWSHIPS:**

- \* **Michael Scriven's Faster Forward Fund** post-project evaluation research grant 2017
- \* **The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University** Adjunct Asst Profrs. (USA) 1994
- \* **Harvard University Faculty of Arts & Sciences, T.A.Certificate of Distinction in Teaching** 1993-94
- \* **PhD Fellowships: African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge, UK** 1990-91
- \* **Pew Charitable Trust and The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy Fellowships** 1990-2, 1993-4

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and BOARD MEMBERSHIPS and HONORS:**

- **University of Cambridge Advisory Mentor** for the Queen's Young Leaders and University of Cambridge in the Czech Republic Alumni Association 2018
- **KUSARD, Decent Living** (Kenyan NGO Board Advisor and donor) 2004-18
- **American, European and Czech Evaluation Associations** member and speaker 2005-present