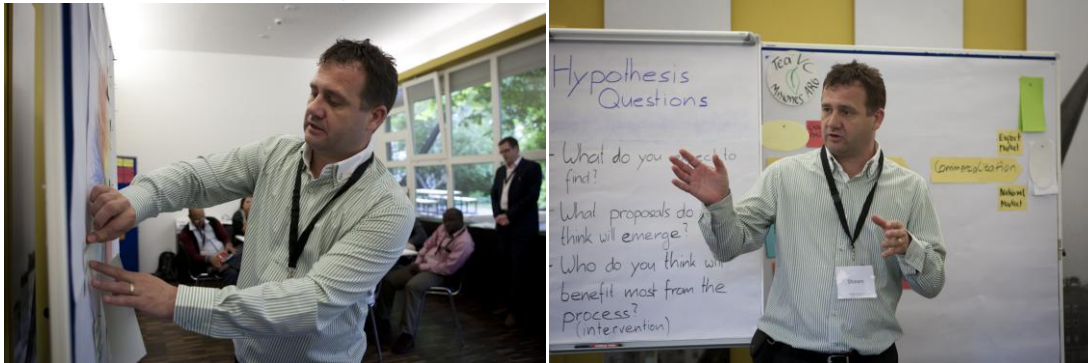


My time with Mesopartner



Over the last 10 years I have worked with Mesopartner in different ways. My first experiences were as a customer during my role as a senior LED expert working for the GTZ. I saw the guys from Mesopartner as these very creative gurus who could summarize very complicated analytical models into simple presentations and fun training sessions. I remember how Jörg could convert a conversation between mini workshops into a working paper in a matter of hours. During this time I learned that even complicated issues can be explained in simple terms if you can figure out the essence of a theory and its practical applications. I also came to appreciate the importance of visually recording the dialogue during workshops and diagnosis and came to realize how important a shared perspective is for economic progress.

Over time my relationship changed from that of a customer to an associate and shortly thereafter a partner in 2008. Suddenly my customers looked at me to provide guidance in terms of process design, institutional change and recording insights gained during diagnosis into publications. During this time I came to appreciate how all the Mesopartner partners and associates are working in completely different themes and regions, but how central the theme of process consulting, facilitation and social change is. The other very important subtitle to our work is that of capacity building, not just during formal training events. We build the capacity of the clients that we work with during meetings, while designing events, preparing and conducting fieldwork and recording and internalizing findings. Everything we do ends in organizations involved in economic development doing things differently after our intervention.

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