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Jan Visser is a lifelong learner who has benefited from carefully negotiating opportunities in informal and formal learning environments alike. He is an accomplished scientist with published research in both theoretical physics and the sciences of learning. As a practitioner, he is devoted to enhancing human existence by advancing the capacity to learn in a lifelong, life-wide, and life-deep perspective. He has worked internationally for almost half a century. Having lived in four different continents, he feels at home in a multicultural world and enjoys conversing in multiple languages. He is President and Senior Researcher at the Learning Development Institute (LDI) and Professor Extraordinary at Stellenbosch University, South Africa, while formally residing in France. In the 1990s, Visser was UNESCO's Director for Learning Without Frontiers (LWF), a global transdisciplinary initiative which aimed at slashing barriers to education around the world while helping to construct new visions of learning. LDI, an autonomous not-for-profit organization, is the successor to LWF. Visser is also a musician (who built some of his own instruments) and an avid walker.