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## Partners



## Conference - “Jump-starting the SDGs in Germany: natural resources and sustainable consumption and production”

**2-4 May 2016 Berlin at the Andel’s Hotel, Landsberger Allee 106, 10369 Berlin**

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The *German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture* (BMEL), the *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies* e.V. (IASS) and the conference partners invite national and international representatives of governments, science, civil society and businesses to discuss in plenaries and dialogue forums and to contribute ideas and approaches to move forward with SDG implementation in Germany and internationally. The conference will focus on partnerships and the need to sustainably manage natural resources and change consumption and production patterns:

### **The key role of partnerships:**

Partnerships to catalyze action will be a recurring theme of the conference. Learning between countries will be an essential element of the 2030 Agenda and partnerships will be necessary at all levels and including a wide range of stakeholders to include everyone’s contributions to a transformational 2030 Agenda.

Countries have committed in the framework of the 2030 Agenda to contribute to the renewed Global Partnership for Sustainable Development but they also need to live up to the agreement reached in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and go beyond ODA to allow for mutual learning and collaboration. New partnerships will be necessary at all levels and including a wide range of stakeholders to include everyone's contributions to a transformational 2030 Agenda. Therefore, the conference features the Swedish government's initiative *'Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, A Call to Action'*, which represents a partnership by nine countries, including Germany. The initiative pledges to work actively to rally support for the implementation of the Agenda, to promote the sharing of experiences and best practices and to promote a continuous engagement at the highest political level around the world. Along these lines, emerging and existing initiatives aiming at providing strategies for an effective SDG implementation will be involved in the conference and we are happy to count on inputs by partners of the Independent Research Forum.

### **Sustainably managing natural resources and changing consumption and production patterns:**

The 2030 Agenda strongly emphasizes that natural resources such as fertile soils, safe drinking water and healthy ecosystems are indispensable for sustainable development. At the same time, the SDGs and their related targets place additional demands on our environment. These demands need to be balanced, if the goals are to be achieved in their integrity. Focusing on natural resources and sustainable consumption and production in this conference allows addressing the inter-linkages between the different SDGs and the related targets. The SDGs and targets linked to natural resources and sustainable consumption and production are in many cases supporting, enabling or relying on each other. They also do have influence and are influenced by other SDGs. For example, the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources is highly linked to sustainable food production systems and agricultural practices, to increasing the share of renewables in the energy mix and to halting deforestation and land degradation. Agriculture is key: The way food and bioenergy are produced strongly influences the progress towards achieving the SDGs. This not only refers to the way land and related resources are managed but also to the way access to resources is organized in rural and urban areas.

During the negotiations of the 2030 Agenda, it was a widely shared view that developed countries should take the lead on implementing the SDG on Sustainable Consumption and Production but implementation must acknowledge the impact of countries' domestic policies in other countries recognizing the complex globalized system of present-day consumption and production patterns. The conference will therefore aim at addressing the topic from these two dimensions.

### **Conference format:**

We will begin with a special segment dedicated to partnerships and mutual learning opportunities between countries including the contributions by non-state stakeholders. The second day opening will set the stage for 8 dialogue forums to discuss natural resources and sustainable consumption and production from a Nexus perspective. I.e. we will discuss under the themes of food security and

nutrition, climate, energy, land governance, water and resource efficiency to describe the crucial role natural resources play for the achievement of the SDGs. These fora build on the research conducted by the IASS, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, in the context of the Renewable Resources and SDGs forum. The last day will be dedicated to drawing considerations for the German context and what Germany's role can be in the global achievement of the SDGs. In the closing segment, the conference chairs will present some preliminary conclusions of the debates for discussion with the participants and distinguished commentators.

## RAFT AGENDA

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
11:00 - 12:00h	<u>Registration</u>
12:00-13:30h	<u>Lunch</u>
13:30 - 15:30h	<p><b><u>First Segment "New partnerships for a universal, transformative 2030 Agenda: we are all in this together!"</u></b></p> <p><i>Keynote:</i></p> <p><b>Abir Ghattas</b>, Activist, blogger and digital communication strategist from Lebanon (tbc)</p> <p><b>Günther Bachmann</b>, General Secretary, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) (tbc)</p> <p><b>Video Message by David Nabarro</b>, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Food Security and Nutrition (via video message)</p> <p><b>Introduction by the Chair: Alexander Müller</b>, Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) and TEEBAg Food Study Lead for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p> <p><b><i>Discussion with representatives of the Swedish Initiative of First Mover Countries</i></b></p> <p><b>Brazil: Rômulo Paes de Sousa</b>, Director of the RIO+ World Centre for Sustainable Development</p> <p><b>Sweden: Johan L. Kuylenstierna</b>, Executive Director Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</p> <p><b>Germany: Marianne Beisheim</b>, Senior Researcher, SWP (tbc)</p> <p><b>Colombia: Silvia Montañés</b>, General Coordinator, Centre for International Strategic Thinking (CEPEI) (tbc)</p> <p><b>South Africa: Masego Madzwamuse</b>, Team Leader: Economic and Social Justice Cluster - Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (OSISA)</p> <p><b>Tanzania: Stephen Chacha</b>, Founder and CEO, Africa Philanthropic Foundation (APF) (tbc)</p> <p><b>Timor-Leste: Terence McCaughan</b>, Country Director, Plan International Timor-Leste (tbc)</p> <p><b>Tunisia: Ahmed Allouch</b>, Vice President and Project Manager, Youth Without</p>

	<p>Borders (tbc)</p> <p><b>Liberia: Christopher Wleh Toe</b>, Secretary General, National Civil Society Council of Liberia</p> <p><b>Facilitation: Ivonne Lobos Alva</b>, Coordinator SDGs Forum, IASS Potsdam</p>
<b>15:30 - 16:30h</b>	<b><u>Coffee Break</u></b>
<b>16:30 -18:00h</b>	<p><b><u>Interactive panel “The role of non-government partnerships and initiatives: learning from promising examples”</u></b></p> <p>Independent Research Forum: <b>Måns Nilsson</b>, Scientific Director Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</p> <p>Together 2030: <b>John Patrick Ngoyi</b>, Justice, Development and Peace/Caritas Committee of the Catholic Church in Nigeria (JDPC)</p> <p>Future earth and Stakeholder Forum: <b>Farooq Ullah</b>, Executive Director Stakeholder Forum</p> <p><b>UNDESA</b> Rep to present the Partnerships for the SDGs platform: <b>Tonya Vaturi</b> or <b>Irena Zubcevic</b> (tbc)</p> <p>Global Soil Week: <b>Jes Weigelt</b>, Co-lead Sustainability Governance Programme and Global Soil Forum Coordinator, IASS, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</p> <p>Moderation: (tbc)</p>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	
<b>09:30-11:00h</b>	<p><b>CONFERENCE OPENING</b></p> <p><b><u>“Jump-starting the SDGs in Germany: natural resources and sustainable consumption and production “</u></b></p> <p><b>Christian Schmidt</b>, German Minister for Food and Agriculture</p> <p><b>Maja Fjaestad</b> - State Secretary to Minister for Strategic Development and Nordic Cooperation Kristina Persson</p> <p><b>Patrus Ananias</b> - Brazilian Minister of Agrarian Development</p> <p><b>Klaus Töpfer</b>, Executive Director Emeritus and Founding Director IASS</p> <p><b>Interactive exercise to show need for integration in SDG implementation (approx.. 15-20min)</b></p> <p><b>Facilitation by the Chair: Alexander Müller</b>, Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) and TEEBAg Food Study Lead for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p>
<b>11:00-11:30h</b>	<b><u>Coffee Break</u></b>

<b>11:30-13:00h</b>	<b>Parallel Dialogue Forums:</b> 8 parallel dialogue forums (covering themes from concept note)
<b>13:00-14:30h</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30-17:00h</b>	<b>Parallel Dialogue Forums (continued from before lunch):</b> 8 parallel dialogue forums (covering themes from concept note)
<b>17:00-18:30h</b>	<b>Interactive reporting back and discussion</b> (incl. Coffee Break) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wrap-up on how sessions' discussions will contribute to Chair's conclusions</li> </ul>
<b>19:00h</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b> (transportation from hotel at 19:00)
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>09:00 –11:00h</b>	<p><b><u>"Implementing the SDGs in Germany – where do we stand, where do we go?"</u></b>  <b><u>Learning from the discussions in the dialogue forums for a nexus approach to the SDGs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Inputs by representatives of the dialogue forums and discussion</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Reflections by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dirk Messner</b>, Director, German Development Institute (DIE)</li> <li>- <b>Jasmin Burgermeister</b>, UN-Jugenddelegierte für nachhaltige Entwicklung (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Ortwin Renn</b>, Scientific Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</li> <li>- <b>Klaus Milke</b>, Chairman of the Board Germanwatch</li> <li>- <i>Moderation: Christiane Grefe / Dagmar Dehmer (tbc)</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:00-12:00h</b>	<u>Coffee Break and photo action</u>
<b>12:00-14:00</b>	<p><b>Interactive panel: <i>Germany in the world, looking forward</i></b>  Presentation of conference conclusions by conference chairs followed by interactive panel discussion with reactions from distinguished panelists.</p> <p><b>Johan L. Kuylenstierna</b>, Executive Director SEI and <b>Alexander Müller</b>, Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) on behalf of all the conference chairs (organizers and partners)</p> <p>Distinguished commentators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Stefan Bauernfeind</b>, Head of Division for Sustainability, Chancellery</li> <li>- <b>Klaus Töpfer</b>, Executive Director Emeritus and Founding Director IASS</li> <li>- <b>Teresa Ribera</b>, Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Layla Saad</b>, Deputy Director Rio+ World Centre for Sustainable Development</li> <li>- <b>Harald Braun</b>, German Ambassador to the UN (tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Clemens Neumann</b>, Director General Biobased Economy, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Closing remarks by conference chairs</p>
<b>14:00 –15:00h</b>	<u>Lunch</u>

