

SDG Graduate Schools Alliance - midterm conference

*Digitalisation in higher education and research in international cooperation
for sustainability (June 5-7, 2023, Bonn)*

The conference will be held in hybrid mode. In-person participation in the conference is only possible at the invitation of the organizers. If you are interested in attending the sessions, you can join the zoom sessions after registration. For online participation please register at the following link:

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PROGRAM

DAY 1: MONDAY, June 5, 2023

2.00 p.m. Opening and Welcome Notes

Prof. Dr. Matin Qaim

Executive Director, Center of Development Research, University of Bonn ([ZEF](#))

Anette Braun

Senior Policy Officer, Education Division, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development ([BMZ](#))

Dr. Kai Sicks

Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service ([DAAD](#))

Moderator: Dr. Dennis Avilés Irahola

Senior Researcher, Dept. for Political and Cultural Change, Center of Development Research, Bonn University (ZEF)

2.30 p.m. Presentation of the SDG Graduate Schools Programme

Lars Gerold

Head of Section, Institution Building in Higher Education, German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD

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2.45 p.m. Introduction to the Conference

PD Dr. Eva Youkhana

Acting Director, Dept. for Political and Cultural Change, Center of Development Research, Bonn University (ZEF), Project Leader SDG Graduate School – Doctoral Studies Support Programme ([DSSP](#))

Dr. Tomás León Sicard

Environmental Studies Institute, Universidad Nacional de Colombia ([UNAL](#)), Project Leader SDG Graduate School – Doctoral Studies Support Programme (DSSP)

2:55 p.m. Insights on aspects of digitalisation and online teaching

Trends in Digitalisation for Sustainability and the experience of UNSCC

Samant Veer Kakkar

United Nations Systems Staff College ([UNSSC](#))

Crisis-induced change: challenges and lessons learned from a transnational study program

Enrico Behne

[University of Leipzig, Graduate School of Global and Area Studies](#)

Digital Teaching and Virtual Mobility in Contexts of Multiple Inequalities – Experiences from a DAAD Funded Centre of African Excellence (CERM-ESA) and the DIGI-Face Project (online only)

Dr. Malve von Möllendorff

[Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg](#)

4.15 p.m. Coffee Break

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4.30 p.m. Panel Discussion on Research Data Management

Panelists:

Susana Barrera (Coordinator of the Environmental Information System – Instituto de Estudios Ambientales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (UNAL))

Antonio Rogmann (Research Data Manager, German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS))

Dr. John Jolliffe (Project Manager [NFDI4Chem](#), German National Research Data Infrastructure, University of Mainz)

Moderator: PD Dr. Eva Youkhana (Acting Director, Dept. for Political and Cultural Change, Center of Development Research, Bonn University (ZEF))

5.50 p.m. Closing Remarks

6.30 p.m. Welcome Dinner

DAY 2: TUESDAY, June 6, 2023

8.45 a.m. Coffee

9.00 a.m. Opening Remarks

9.15 a.m. Digitalisation Aspects – SDG Graduate Schools' Perspectives I

Digitalisation in trAndeS: Opportunities and Challenges

Dr. Bettina Schorr, and **Frauke Berg**, both [Freie Universität Berlin, Germany](#):
Postgraduate Program on Sustainable Development and Social Inequalities in the Andean Region (trAndeS)

Environmental information and geopolitical of knowledge (SIAMI IDEA)
Susana Barrera, Nicolás Pérez, and Juan Manuel Rengifo, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (UNAL): *Doctoral Studies Support Program (DSSP) on Environmental Peace-Building and Development in Colombia*

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Performing Research Data Management: Comments, criticism, and collaborative efforts from a Trilateral Graduate School

[Jehoshaphat Philip Sarbah, University of Cape Coast, Ghana](#)

[Dr. Adiwu Talatu Onkala, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria](#)

[Samuel Mund, University of Hildesheim, Germany](#)

Performing Sustainability – Cultures, and Development in West-Africa

10.45 a.m. Coffee Break

11.00 a.m. Digitalisation Aspects – SDG Graduate Schools' Perspectives II

Digital engagement with real-life urban problems - using online engagement platforms on informal settlement upgrading in postgraduate teaching

[Taki Sithagu, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa](#)

[Prof. Dr. Marie Huchzermeyer, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa](#)

Wits-TUB-UNILAG Urban Lab Interdisciplinary Bilateral Postgraduate Studies Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa

Experiences and lessons learned from CLIFOOD digitalisation initiatives to overcome resource constraints

[Dr. Sintayehu Yigrem Mersha, Hawassa University, Ethiopia](#)

German-Ethiopian SDG Graduate School: Climate Change Effects on Food Security (CLIFOOD)

Research Data Management in Chemistry - Expectations, Challenges, Tools & Reality

[Prof. Dr. Udo Kragl, University of Rostock, Germany](#)

RoHan Catalysis – Rostock-Hanoi SDG Graduate School

The Importance of the Digitization of Traditional Knowledge - Spectroscopic and Biological Data for Plants Valorisation at YaBiNaPA

[Prof. Dr. Bruno Lenta, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon](#)

Yaoundé - Bielefeld Bilateral Graduate School Natural Products with Antiparasite and Antibacterial Activity (YaBiNaPA)

1.00 p.m. Lunch Break

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2.30 p.m. Digitalisation Aspects – Partners’ Perspectives I

Online-Teaching Experiences from the WAC-SRT

[Dr. Michael Ayamga, University for Development Studies, Ghana](#)

Dr. Wolfram Laube, University of Bonn, Germany

Best Practices in Sustainable Chemistry. Experiences with NFDI4Chem

[Prof. Dr. Sonja Herres Pawlis, RWTH Aachen University, Germany](#)

3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

3.45 p.m. Digitalisation Aspects – Partners’ Perspectives II

The Digital Side of the Main Agroecological Structure, an Environmental Tool for Valuing Agrobiodiversity

Dr. Tomás León Sicard, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Survey data for cross-country studies using digital tools

[Dr. Sundus Saleemj](#), Center for Development Research, University of Bonn (ZEF)

4.45 p.m. Closing Remarks

6.30 p.m. Dinner

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2023

Internal Workshop of the SDG GS Alliance and DAAD – participation at the invitation of the organizers only!

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