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Dear Reader,

Currently, preparations for the 23rd UN Climate Change Conference (COP23) in Bonn from 6 to 17 November are in full swing. The construction of the negotiating and visitor zones „Bula" and „Bonn" is progressing in the immediate vicinity of our Institute. Numerous planning meetings with the UN Climate Secretariat, the city of Bonn, local and international non-governmental organizations, research institutions and companies have shown how many different actors will unite in the fight against climate change and be on-site during that time to offer a diverse programme.

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is involved in many of the official formats during COP23. Within our project "Klimalog – Research and dialogue for a climate-smart and just transformation", funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, we will be present with side events in the negotiation area and in the visitor area. Likewise, DIE is one of the co-organisers of the Development & Climate Days, taking place on 11 and 12 November at the Kameha Grand Hotel in Bonn.

DIE will put additional emphasis on sustainability and climate aspects with two major events. The international conference „Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?" will issue a strong call for decisive steps to accelerate the implementation of climate and sustainability commitments. The conference will bring together influential high-level participants from academia, civil society, business, international organizations, national and regional/local governments, as well as media representatives and artists. Jointly organised by DIE and IIASA - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis the conference will take place – back to back with COP23 – on 4 and 5 November in Bonn-Königswinter.

Furthermore, DIE will be the venue of the „Interconnections Zone" between 6 and 17 November. With a thematic focus on the synergies between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, more than 40 events – mainly organised by external partners who had applied for the event zone – will take place at DIE. The „Interconnections Zone" is open and freely accessible without COP accreditation and offers a transdisciplinary space for dialogue, discussion and mutual exchange of ideas during the COP23 in the immediate vicinity of the negotiation area.

Imme Scholz

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Start of transdisciplinary project in the water sector

All around the world, water resources are at risk because of insufficient coordination among different kinds of water uses. Researchers from the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) have begun tackling this issue in August by investigating innovative forms of coordination and cooperation as part of the transdisciplinary project "Increasing Good Governance to Achieve the Objectives of Integrated Water Resource Management" (STEER). Project partners include the University of Osnabrück, the Ecologic Institute, the University of Kassel, the Water Board of Oldenburg and East Frisia (Oldenburg-Ostfriesischer Wasserverband), and the Emscher Public Water Commission (Emschergenossenschaft).

Together with local actors, the project team is developing a diagnostic approach that will allow a precise description of diverse water governance systems as well as an analysis of complex water resource problems. Researchers will use this diagnostic framework to explore if and how successful measures can be transferred from one context to the next. Along with local stakeholders, the team will also design new solution strategies and management options. The project is part of the Measure "Global Resource Water" (GROW) and is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

New research group: Transforming carbon consumption patterns of the new middle classes

The growth of new middle classes in middle-income developing countries implies a strong rise in both consumption and carbon emissions. On 1 August, the interdisciplinary research group "Sustainable Middle Classes in Middle Income Countries: Transforming Carbon Consumption Patterns", funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, has started working on this topic. Over the next four years, Babette Never, Hanna Fuhrmann and Sascha Kuhn will analyse the individual motivations for, trends in and impacts of middle class consumer behaviour in Ghana, Peru and the Philippines. They focus on the emission intensive sectors transport, housing and appliances. The group will jointly develop concrete strategies and interventions for advancing sustainable consumption with local research partners and stakeholders. These will be tested in experimental settings to inform policy.

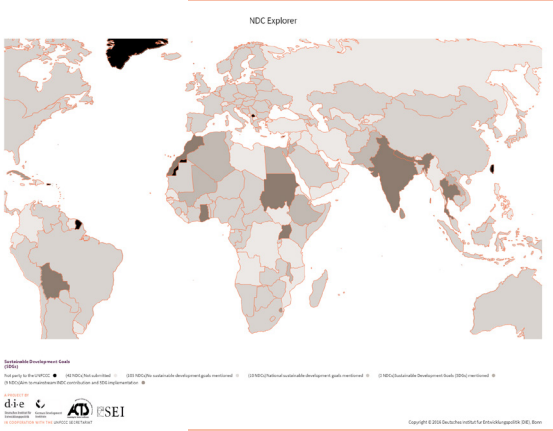
As "international fellows", researchers from the Grupo de Análisis para el Desarollo (GRADE) in Peru, the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), the University of Ghana, and the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) are core partners. Through the research group, the DIE has become a member of the UNEP "10 YFP Sustainable Consumption and Production – Sustainable Lifestyles and Education Programme".

The Kick-off workshop „Transforming carbon consumption patterns of the new middle classes", will be held on 23 and 24 November at DIE in Bonn.

News from the Klimalog-project

Updated and improved: News from the NDC Explorer

Since the beginning of 2017 users enthusiastically analyse and compare the content of all submitted national climate action plans via our online tool, the NDC Explorer.



Plenty of feedback has been reached the Klimalog project since. The content of the NDC explorer is continuously updated, inter alia following NDC submissions of Haiti, Malawi, Serbia, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Venezuela, Zimbabwe and Palestine. Moreover, two analytical categories have

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The Nexus Water - Energy - Land - Climate

been added to indicate which NDCs refer to other domestic or international strategy papers on adaption or mitigation. Users also get the total number of submitted NDCs in the chosen category and subcategory easily within the maps, legend or directly within the bar charts.

We are looking forward to receiving your feedback and remarks!

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Online tool: Unveiling the environmental reality of trade agreements

Trade agreements no longer just aim at eliminating tariffs but deal with many non-economic issues. As such, a majority of 85 per cent of all trade agreements already covers various environmental dimensions. While the increasing uptake of environmental rules in trade agreements is well-acknowledged, we lack a deep understanding of the development and variance of environmental provisions in trade agreements across topics, time periods as well as regions and countries.

Back to back to the 2017 WTO Public Forum in Geneva, researchers of the Klimalog project at DIE and the University Laval, Canada, officially launched the jointly developed online tool TREND analytics at an event hosted at the Graduate Institute Geneva. The online tool is based on the Trend & Environment Database (TREND), which was developed at the Canada Research Chair in International Political Economy. TREND analytics offers online access to almost 300 different environmental provisions relying on the full texts of almost 630 preferential trade agreements (PTAs).

SDSN Germany

On the occasion of the Bundestag elections, SDSN Germany urged the parties in an official letter to their general secretaries to place the 2030 Agenda at the center of their internal and foreign politics. In the beginning of the election campaigns SDSN Germany had already addressed the parties and demanded to include the 2030 Agenda in their programmes.

The extended steering committees session on 27 September in Berlin used the preceding Bundestag elections to discuss the demands of Sustainable Development on Bundestag and Federal Government.

SDSN Germany was able to win Bärbel Höhn, chairwoman of the Committee on Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, as a speaker. The "Science Platform Sustainability 2030", which was brought forward with the new edition of the German Sustainable Development Strategy, began working with joint support of SDSN, the German Committee Future Earth (DKN Future Earth), and the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS). SDSN's Co-Chair Dirk Messner is one of three chairpersons of the platform's steering committee, which is staffed with personalities from research, politics and civil society. On 12 September, the steering committee met to explore the future works' foci and formats.

DIE-researchers at the 2017 German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum

Ulrich Volz and Peter Wolff have discussed the implementation and financing of the Sustainbale Development Goals with 18 participants from Japan and Germany during this year's German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum in Tokyo. In the one-week Forum, which has been chaired by Ulrich Volz, key challenges of the 2030 Agenda were debated with high-ranking experts.

The Young Leaders Forum was established in 2006 by the Japanese-German Center Berlin (JDZB) to bring together young professionals from Germany and Japan to have an exchange on important

Ulrich Volz with participants of the Young Leaders Forum

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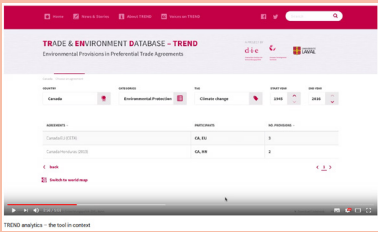

TREND analytics - Video Tutorial

socio-political topics and build a network between young professionals from both countries.

News from the training department

Get to know the MGG Programme!

The Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme published two short videos on the agenda of the network at the kick-off of the MGG Academy on 21 August. Alumni, partners, colleagues and sponsors not only show what MGG is all about, but what it can achieve!

Watch the new videos on the YouTube channel of the DIE.

MGG Academy 2017 kicks off

The 15th course of the MGG Academy, which focuses on global governance and international cooperation through knowledge, leadership, and action, has started. The 23 participants are young professionals from Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, and the EU. They bring in perspectives from their different areas of expertise including art, human rights, government, private sector, academia, and civil society – making the experience challenging as well as enriching.

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Participants of the 15th course of the MGG Academy

Ranging from the intense leadership trainings to the academic components of the Programme, the group managed to leave their comfort zone and to enter the learning zone. The diverse cultural and professional backgrounds stimulated in group work have already fostered a favorable environment for more realistic and comprehensive discussions.

The group, moving forward, expects to identify national pathways to international common futures by challenging the status quo and by being challenged. The Academy is an opportunity to re-discuss the SDGs under their countries' perspective and to build constructive solutions together taking into consideration their national contexts.

The 53rd Postgraduate Training Programme: A successful start into an eventful time

On 1 September 2017, the 53rd course of the Postgraduate Training Programme at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) began. In the following, the participants report on their impressions of the first days.

Besides exciting kick-off sessions by Dirk Messner, Imme Scholz and other interesting speakers, the highlights of the course´s beginning were meetings with DIE employees, controversial discussions with participants of the MGG Academy as well as first encounters with the heads of our country working groups (LAGs).

Of course, this year's postgraduate course has kept up the long standing traditions such as visiting the vineyards of Ahrtal. Amazing weather and fresh wine provided favorable conditions to get to know each other closer and to enjoy the great nature around Bonn.

We are now very much looking forward to starting the work in our LAGs. In addition to LAGs that focus on sustainable public procurement in Costa Rica, ecosystem-based climate change adaptation in Colombia, this year's course is characterised by one peculiarity: The third working group will focus the region of Southern Africa in order to investigate the transformative potential of civil society networks.

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Participants of the Postgraduate Training Programme

Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude for the warm welcome and the smooth introduction into the plenary phase. We are

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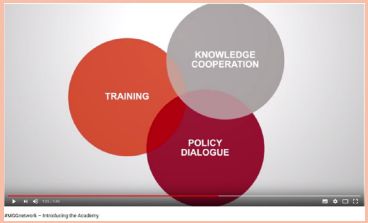

Video: **#MGGnetwork - Introducing the Academy**

Video: **#MGGnetwork - Solutiosn for transformative change**

excited about our time at the DIE and the many lively discussions ahead, particularly, with our LAG leaders Andreas Stamm, Carmen Richerzhagen, Jean Carlo Rodriguez and Merran Hulse.

Staff News

Sibylle Riedmiller, awarded the Order of Merit Cross from the Federal Republic of Germany

Sibylle Riedmüller, alumna of the 8th course

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of the Postgraduate Training Programme of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), has been awarded the order of Merit Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany for her commitment to conserve Tanzania's natural heritage.

In 1991 she developed the idea of Chumbe Island Coral Park (CHICOP) in Zanzibar, Tanzania: a small, seven bungalow ecolodge on the island, operated as a non-profit enterprise, where the revenue generated from visitors would pay for preserving and conserving the marine biodiversity, protecting the coral rag forest on the island, and fund extensive environmental education programmes (see: www.chumbeisland.com). This led to Chumbe becoming the first marine protected area (MPA) in Tanzania, and the first privately established and financially self-sustaining MPA in the world! Today, the project is regarded as a leading model for sustainable conservation, ecotourism and education throughout the international community. The DIE congratulates Ms Riedmiller to this honourable award.

Brüntrup appointed Science Correspondent

Michael Brüntrup has been appointed Germany's science correspondent of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). This honorary post aims at supporting the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) – one of the mechanisms of the convention – under the coordination of the national focal point, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). On the one hand this recognises Mr. Brüntrup´s activities and publications on drought resilience management developed in the frame of a research project funded by SEWOH (special initiative "ONE WORLD – No Hunger") in the last three years. On the other hand, there seems to be a window of opportunity to upgrade and extend the importance of UNCCD. It has received a mandate by its 196 member countries to follow up on the Sustainable Development Goal 15.3., which reads: "By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world" This goal is also called land degradation neutrality. This provides many connections with other SDGs such as agriculture and forestry and corresponding policy areas.

Hackenesch visiting Assistant Professor at University of Bayreuth

Christine Hackenesch, researcher in the department Bi- and multilateral Development Cooperation and regional coordinator for Africa, has been a visiting Assistant Professor of African Politics and Development Policy at the University of Bayreuth during the summer semester.

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Michal Brüntrup

Forthcoming Events

#CrossroadsBonn Conference

Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?

4 - 5 November 2017 in Bonn-Königswinter

Back to back with COP23, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) together with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) will host the international conference "Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?" in Bonn on 4 and 5 November.

Representatives from science, politics, business and civil society will discuss driving forces and challenges with respect to accelerating the transformation towards sustainability. Especially, the key sectors of energy, transportation and land use need major transformations. Furthermore, it will be discussed how to deal with nationalist and authoritarian counter-transformations that could undermine peace, stability, and human wellbeing and how to strengthen a new culture of global cooperation, substantiated by mutual respect and support.

The conference will issue a strong call for decisive steps to accelerate the implementation of climate and sustainability commitments. We are proud of having received confirmations from a number of high-level speakers, among them Barbara Hendricks, Leena Srivastava, Jeffrey Sachs and Achim Steiner. Furthermore, prestigious institutions such as UNFCCC, UNDP and World Resources Institute have embraced the goals of the conference as a core partner. The Conference is supported by Stiftung Mercator, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Stiftung Internationale Begegnung of Sparkasse in Bonn.

Interconnections Zone during COP23

6 - 17 November 2017 at DIE in Bonn

Throughout the UN Climate Conference DIE will host the Interconnections Zone at only five minutes walking distance from the main negotiations venue ('Bula Zone'). With more than 40 events, the Interconnections Zone provides a transdisciplinary space for civil society, researchers, policy-makers and other stakeholders to explore interconnections and possible synergies between climate action and sustainable development. Join the dialogue towards more integrated and balanced development, delivering on the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement! The Interconnections Zone will

be accessible without COP23 accreditation and is supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Host partner of the 15th Development & Climate Days

The German Development Institute / Deutsche Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is one of the co-host partners of the Development and Climate Days which is traditionally held during the UN Climate Conference, this year on 11 to 12 November at the Kameha Grand Hotel, Bonn. Red Cross Climate Centre, the International Institute for Environment and Development, the International Development Research Centre,

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Development & Climate days
Global ambition.
Local action.
Climate resilience for all.
#DCdays17

the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, the Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice, and We Mean Business, DIE will co-lead parallel sessions focusing on the topics of resilience through empowerment, valuing lived experience and local knowledge, transparency and downward accountability, as well as shared resilience. Visit the Development and Climate Days - a creative venue for people to connect and explore solutions for climate change.

Conference on Futures of Global Cooperation

8-10 November 2017 in

From 8 to 10 November, the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre of Global Cooperation Research brings together leading scholars from different academic fields in order to discuss the ,,Futures of Global Cooperation". The international conference serves as forum for an interdisciplinary exchange on future dynamics, perspectives and concepts of global cooperation. The focus will be on convergences and conflicts of world order concepts, the significance of polycentric global governance and the effects of right-wing populist motivated movements on the international system. With this event, the Centre is looking forward to gaining stimulation for the colleague programme's implementation in the upcoming research phase.

Review Events

Workshop ahead of the AU-EU Summit

In preparation of the AU-EU summit in November 2017 in Ivory Coast, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, and the European Commission organised a high-level workshop in Cadenabbia, Italy. African and European high-level policy-makers, business representatives and academics discussed about the future of the EU-Africa relations. Kwesi Quartey, the deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, opened the discussion with a keynote speech. The debate focused on an assessment of the partnership, the question of common values in EU-Africa relations, the role of the private sector and an analysis of current initiatives aimed at strengthening investments in Africa as well as the future of EU-Africa cooperation after the expiry of the Cotonou Agreement in 2020. African and European participants criticised the limited progress in implementing the Joint Africa-EU Strategy. At the same time, it was emphasized that over the last few years the relations gained importance for both sides.

Workshop series on prospective migration policy

In the period from June to November 2017 the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research conducts a workshop series in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung concerning "Prospective migration policy: Scenario building on relations between West Africa and Europe".

Following up on a first workshop in June in Berlin, a second workshop took place in Dakar, Senegal early September with participants from various professional backgrounds and from twelve African and six European countries. The workshops focused on the developmental perspectives of Africa and the EU - West Africa relations in the context of migration. The participants developed four scenarios which gave an outline of the potential future.

DIE at the open Day of the Bundesregierung 2017

At the invitation of the German Federal Government, around 135,000 visitors joined the 19th official open day in the German capital. Altogether 14 federal ministries as well as the Federal Press Office invited the public on the weekend of 26th and 27th August to get to know their work first hand. Just like in previous years, the German Development

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Michal Brüntrup (DIE) and Andreas Gies (BMZ)

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Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) presented itself with its own booth and events at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The open day at the ministry on Stresemannstraße focused – among other issues – on the special initiative "ONE WORLD – No Hunger".

To this end, DIE presented its extensive work on food security and agriculture for a world without hunger. This included the premiere of a new documentary on drought resilience, as well as personal dialogue with our research experts Michael Brüntrup and Waltina Scheumann. In addition to countless interested citizens, also some international diplomats and decision makers of the Federal Government were keen on getting a conversation with us going. Among the guests at DIE's booth that day were Abdallah Saleh Possi (Ambassadors of Tanzania to Germany) and Ramesh Prasad Khanal (Ambassadors of Nepal to Germany), as well as Andreas Gies (Head of Directorate-General 2 at BMZ).

Showcase Event at World Water Week 2017: NDC Explorer – Water in 163 Climate Plans and insights in implementing climate plans in Kenya and Morocco

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), jointly with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) hosted a showcase event at the World Water Week in Stockholm. The session was moderated by Ines Dombrowsky and explored the role of water in several countries' climate action plans under the Paris Climate Agreement, the so-called (intended) Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Hannah Janetschek (DIE) presented the NDC-Explorer, an online tool for NDC analysis, developed by DIE, ACTS, SEI and the UNFCCC secretariat. Furthermore, the contribution of climate initiatives in the area of water has been highlighted and the role of the water sector as an integrating element in the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Agenda has been discussed. In-depth insights on the coherence of water and energy agendas in Kenyan cities were given by Joel Onyango (ACTS) while Holger Hoff (SEI) and Nour El Houda el Hamoumi (GIZ) presented opportunities for improved policy and institutional coherence with references to water, energy and climate in Morocco. Reviewing the role of water in the 163 NDCs submitted worldwide, the discussion scrutinized on how water management options are expected to contribute to stop climate change and at the same time to contribute to achievements of a multitude of SDGs. For further information, please see the Current Column.

from left to right: Holger Hoff, Hannah Janetschek, Joel Onyango, Nour El Houda el Hamoumi und Ines Dombrowsky

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Furthermore, Waltina Scheumann (DIE) discussed cooperative agreements between farmers and water utilities from a governance perspective within an event about water quality challenges in agriculture.

From the Brandt Commission to the 2030 Agenda

On 31 August 2017 the German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel invited experts to a conference to discuss the meaning of international commissions and reports for global development and international cooperation. The event focused on the path from the Brandt report via Brundtland report towards the 2030 Agenda. Gro Brundtlandt, UNDP's head Achim Steiner, foreign minister Gabriel, further high-ranking guests and young diplomats and scientists discussed the actions needed to realise the 2030 Agenda. Emphasis was put on investments in the reduction of inequality and climate protection and investments in multilater-

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al institutions. DIE-Director Dirk Messner moderated the event.

Green Finance Workshop with UN Environment Inquiry requested by the „Vulnerable Twenty Group“

In cooperation with the UN Environment Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System, DIE has organized a workshop on request of the "Vulnerable Twenty Group (V20)" on 8 September in Berlin. The V20 is a group of developing countries which will be particularly affected by climate change. The aim of the workshop was to discuss suitable research approaches for analyzing the implications of a stronger incorporation of sustainability considerations in financing decisions. It was agreed that a study for the V20 will explore measures to avoid a downgrading of V20-countries by international rating agencies until the next meeting of the V20 with the G20 at the occasion of the Spring Meetings 2018 of the IMF and the World Bank.

Contribution to UN-agendas

On 15 September, a joint international event organized by the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik / German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) and the United Nations Association of Germany /UNA-Germany (Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen – DGVN) took place in Berlin. The Goal of this event was to discuss academic contributions to the implementation of central UN-agendas. DIE-Director Dirk Messner und DIE's UN-expert Silke Weinlich spoke about reform processes within the United Nations to strengthen knowledge-based policies. This included e.g. an upgrade of knowledge as a global public good in the UN arrangement as well as significant, non-volatile expenditures of the UN on "Knowledge for Development" and major efforts to support African countries in building independent knowledge infrastructures.

DIE co-host of the T4SD-Forum 2017

At the Trade for Sustainable Development (T4SD) Forum of the International Trade Centre (ITC) held on 25-27 September in Geneva, DIE together with the MGG Network organised a half-day side event on "small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and sustainability standards". Standards constitute a promising market-based instrument for sustainable production and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The findings of five country case studies from the emerging economies of Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa were discussed. The authors of those case studies, national experts and members of the Managing Global Governance (MGG) network of DIE, presented the drivers and constraints for SMEs adopting social and environmental standards. Strongest incentive for the implementation of sustainability standards is the associated access to supply chains, global value chains and lucrative export markets. Implementation and certification costs, however, surpass the financial capacities of multiple SMEs. Hence, the increasing importance of standards may exclude smaller enterprises from international markets.

Top from left: Yose Rizal Damuri, Shikhar Jain, Marcelo De Oliveira Nunes, Amrita Goldar,
down from left: Anna Wahu Ngarachu, Manish Pande

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Brazil, China and India have launched national platforms on voluntary sustainability standards that assist SMEs with the implementation of standards. Representatives of these platforms have commented on the findings from the country cases. One important solution is a balanced cost-sharing (and benefit-sharing) between smaller suppliers and lead firms of value chains. Under the auspices of the United Nation Forum on Sustainability Standards (UNFSS), the DIE

and the MGG network will continue to follow and guide the process.

Panel Discussion at the WTO Public Forum: From the G20 Hamburg Summit to MC11 in Buenos Aires - Smooth path or bumpy road?

As part of the Public Forum of the World Trade Organization (WTO), DIE together with its partners the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI) and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) organised a panel discussion on the role of the G20 in the international trading system in Geneva on 27 September 2017. The panel discussion is part of the T20 Task Force on Trade and Investment.

At the panel discussion Axel Berger, Senior Researcher at DIE and Co-Chair of the T20 Task Force on Trade and Investment, argued that the G20 is a unique international forum that can overcome policy silo mentalities and bridge trade policy and other public policy objectives such as sustainable and inclusive growth. Often these broader objectives are neglected in trade policy debates.

In fact, trade policy has emerged as one of the most contested policy fields during Germany's G20 presidency. This is due to deteriorating public support for world trade in many countries and an increasingly protectionist policy stance in key G20 countries.

Against this background, panellists reflected on the outcomes of the Hamburg Summit on trade-related issues such as the G20 anti-protectionist stance, trade adjustment policies and policy coherence in light of the 2030 Agenda. Furthermore, the speakers discussed the implications of the Hamburg Summit for the WTO's 11th Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires and the future of the WTO.

New Publications

DIE-Publication Update

The Publication Update is a service of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) that provides a monthly overview of DIE's publications, including a short summary and a direct hyperlink to the PDF download.
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Horstmann, Britta / Jonas Hein
Aligning climate change mitigation and sustainable development under the UNFCCC: a critical assessment of the Clean Development Mechanism, the Green Climate Fund and REDD+
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We argue that the UNFCCC regime does not sufficiently address the risks of negative effects related to mitigation investments. Those who have least contributed to climate change, but are most vulnerable to its impacts, could thus face a double equity gap. Read more...

Bohnet, Michael
Politische Ökonomie der deutschen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit: Bestimmungsgründe, Akteure und Allokationsmuster
Discussion Paper 20/2017

Die Studie beleuchtet die Bestimmungsgründe für die Höhe und Struktur der deutschen EZ. Sie gibt einen Überblick über Entscheidungsprozesse und die damit verbundenen Prioritätensetzungen. Dabei werden die bilaterale und multilaterale EZ analysiert und die Akteure und Instrumente beleuchtet. Mehr lesen...

Holzapfel, Sarah / Michael Brüntrup
SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) in the context of the German Sustainable Development Strategy: are we leaving the starving behind?
Briefing Paper 13/2017

This analysis and commentary examines the German Sustainable Development Strategy, which outlines measures designed to implement the 2030 Agenda with regard to SDG 2: ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture. Read more...

Briefing Paper

Briefing Paper are available on the DIE website: www.die-gdi.de.

Groß, Lisa
Negotiating the implementation of peacebuilding: a challenge for the transition to peace and democracy
Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
Briefing Paper 10/2017

Müller, Corinna / Christiane Ströh de Martínez/ Michael Brüntrup
Successful agricultural mechanisation in sub-Saharan Africa and the significance of agricultural financing
Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
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Berensmann, Kathrin
Upscaling green bond markets: the need for harmonised green bond standards
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