MGG Academy

Training and dialogue for transformative change
What do we offer?

A **global learning journey**: Participants explore solutions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and broaden their perspectives by learning from peers with other sectoral and national backgrounds.

A **dialogue-oriented and interactive approach**: The Academy combines a broad range of working methods, including practical experience and participatory approaches, training, lectures and discussions with experts, study trips and peer coaching.

A **life-long network**: MGG participants build up intense interpersonal contacts to their peers and have access to the MGG network of institutions.
What do we offer?

**To institutions**

- **Staff qualification with a global perspective:** MGG alumni return home with an international network and a global perspective. They have developed their leadership competencies and possess a profound ability to address global governance issues in their institutions’ work.

- **Opportunities for new forms of cooperation** on innovative ideas, concepts and projects.

- **Partnership in a vibrant global network** of institutions from rising powers and Germany/Europe contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
Introduction

The MGG Academy is a four-month training course. It takes place between August and December at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) in Bonn.

The MGG Academy supports future change-makers who are dedicated to transformative change. It brings together young professionals from rising powers and Europe to collectively address global challenges. Building trust, exchanging perspectives and developing a mutual understanding belong to the core assets of the MGG Academy.

We believe that future change-makers need profound knowledge of global challenges and the ability to analyse complex interdependencies, as well as personal and social skills. The Academy thus blends knowledge components on global challenges with the development of the participants’ leadership competencies. In an action-oriented component, participants apply the knowledge and competencies they have acquired and develop a change project.
Set up, content and duration of the MGG Academy

Knowledge
Academic Modules focus on various aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They provide a space for dialogue and the creation of knowledge.

International Futures is a seminar organised by the Federal Foreign Office and the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in Berlin. It explores opportunities and challenges for diplomacy in the age of globalisation.

Leadership
Leadership Modules aim at strengthening individual and collective leadership competencies and support deep reflection on personal values and attitudes.

Action
Project Teams provide a free learning space. The participants work in small teams and develop a change project addressing a globally relevant challenge.
“I feel so proud to be part of the MGG network. I still keep in contact with most of my colleagues from MGG 11. I also met alumni from other years, which is a great opportunity for cooperation.”

Camila Neves Soares Oliveira
Ministry of Environment, Brazil

“Participating in the MGG Academy was one of my best decisions in life. It is a place where you learn not only from brilliant lectures, but also from other participants from different countries. More understanding about diversity, mutual respect and empathy are several positive outcomes that I carry forever from the MGG Academy.”

Mohammad Reza Wardy
Secretariat of the Vice-President, Indonesia
Prospective participants should

- work in a partner institution of the MGG network or in an institution that is interested in future cooperation
- speak English fluently
- be between 25 and 40 years old
- have at least three years of working experience
- be sensitive to other cultures, open to team work and to a broad variety of working methods

Scholarship and financial responsibilities

Scholarship includes:

- accommodation and a monthly ticket for local transport
- a monthly allowance to cover living costs
- health, accident and liability insurance

Scholarship does not include:

- travel expenses to and from Germany
- financial support for families
“How we interpreted the academic content in the group exceeded my expectations. How we contributed to each other’s ideas, drawing on our different professional strengths - that is what made the MGG Academy so special.”

Shruti Yerramilli
Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India

“MGG’s lasting effect is the ability to change and transform individuals. After MGG, you are never the same.”

Bheki Gutshwa
National Treasury, South Africa
“I prefer to use two words to describe MGG: diversity and tangibility. MGG helped me to extend my scope of research and helped me to build up a social network with researchers and practitioners from rising powers.”

Tang Lixia
China Agricultural University, China

“Thanks to MGG, I have been able to provide more visibility at international level to my institution. I have been able to work closer with government and civil society around many projects.”

Jorge Pérez Pineda
Instituto Mora, Mexico