Managing Global Governance

Global network for transformative change
At the present time, global society deals with increasingly difficult challenges. How can human security and well-being, the stability of ecosystems, and sustainable prosperity be realised worldwide?

The world is at a turning point: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Declaration have generated momentum for transformative action. Global centres of power are shifting towards the South and East. Developing countries and rising powers are having a stronger voice in international decision-making.

The MGG programme, which is implemented by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), provides an innovative platform for training, knowledge cooperation and policy dialogue. It brings together actors of governmental and non-governmental organisations from important rising powers and Germany/Europe to jointly contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
The MGG Academy is the core training format of MGG. It brings together young professionals from rising powers and Europe to collectively address global challenges. It supports future change-makers who are dedicated to transformative change.

The MGG Academy is based on the premise that knowledge, leadership qualities and visionary action are vital for making change happen. The four-month course thus blends academic modules, leadership development and applied project work.

The alumni of the MGG Academy contribute a global perspective and an international network to their home institutions. As important partners of the MGG network, they participate in MGG Knowledge Cooperation and Policy Dialogue.
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**MGG transforms** the international processes on sustainability standards by bridging the gap between industrialised countries and rising powers.

**MGG facilitates** inclusive stakeholder dialogues among scholars, industry federations, standardisation bodies and civil society.

**MGG enables** actors from the South to become equal partners in shaping sustainability standards.

**Sustainability standards in global value chains**

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“Creating knowledge networks and laying the foundations for a more inclusive and sustainable global governance, this is what Managing Global Governance stands for.”

Dr Archna Negi (Alumna MGG 2007)
Associate Professor
Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
“MGG is a contribution to global peace and development. It nurtures openness and intercultural competence. That is a huge asset for international cooperation and for the dialogue with our partners.”

Martin Jäger
State Secretary
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
MGG involvement in T20 process

The involvement in the Think20 (T20) process is one example for MGG’s engagement in policy dialogues. In this context, think tanks and research institutions provide research-based policy advice to the G20. The MGG network ensures a broad level of participation by development partners. It provides jointly-generated knowledge to German ministries as well as to partner governments and international organisations.

- MGG integrates a wide range of think tanks from rising powers into the T20 process.
- MGG transforms T20 into an inclusive ideas bank which brings together perspectives from North and South.
- MGG facilitates the collaboration of T20 with African think tanks, supported by the MGG partner the South African Institute of International Affairs.
“We live in times when indifference and passiveness are unacceptable luxuries. In this sense, MGG constitutes an ideal platform to support dedicated young leaders who want to work towards a more just, equal, and sustainable global society.”

Dr J. Carlos Domínguez (Alumnus MGG 2013)
Academic Director
Instituto Mora, Mexico
MGG in a nutshell

Partner organisations
Government bodies, think tanks, research institutions, civil society and private sector organisations in MGG partner countries.

Cooperation partners
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Federal Foreign Office and German Council on Foreign Relations

Objectives
Creating knowledge and partnerships at eye level for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Target groups
Current and future leaders

Financing
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Alumni

Germany & Europe
Brazil
South Africa
India
Indonesia
Mexico
China
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