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Newsletter

Dear Reader,

On 7 and 8 July 2017, the G20 Summit will take place in Hamburg. One of the key topics will be the question, how a closer co-operation between G20 and Africa can be facilitated. The Think20-Network – think tanks from the G20 countries – has already discussed this question with African think tanks and high-level representatives from Germany, South Africa and the Pan-African organizations during a meeting from 1 to 3 February in Johannesburg. The T20-Africa-Conference “Africa and the G20: Building alliances for sustainable development” provided an important forum to develop perspectives on the Africa-G20-Cooperation together with African partners working at the interface of science and politics. During an informal political dialogue with representatives of the African Union (AU), the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the German federal government, German proposals on the partnership with Africa such as the ‘Compact with Africa’ and the ‘Marshall Plan with Africa’ were debated. The conference was organized by the South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA) and the German T20 co-chairs, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Institute for World Economy Kiel (IfW). The intensive and ongoing cooperation of

the DIE with partners from emerging countries in the context of the **Managing Global Governance Programme** played a key role in the success of both the conference and the political dialogue.

You may read first results in the conference communiqué or follow the discussion on “Africa and its partners: building alliances for sustainable development” via our blog. On the occasion of the G20 conference of foreign ministers in Bonn, the DIE will hold a high level panel debate together with the City of Bonn and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) on the topic “Fostering Multilateralism: The role of the G20” on February 16 at the Old City Hall in Bonn.

On 29 and 30 May, another event highlight will take place in the context of the G20, namely the Think20 Summit Global Solutions in Berlin, co-hosted by the DIE. At the summit, core **policy recommendations** of the T20 Task Forces will be discussed with high-ranking G20 representatives. Researchers of the DIE led the drafting of the policy recommendations for the G20 on the subjects **Agenda 2030**, global tax cooperation and **international trade**.

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Annual Report 2015/2016

We live in turbulent times. The synchronicity of asynchronicities has become a global reality. This is also reflected in the Annual Report 2015 – 2016 of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE). 2015 saw us hopefully following developments with the ground-breaking accords concluded by the international community: the ambitious global Sustainable Development Goals adopted as part of **Agenda 2030**, the Paris Climate Agreement, which commits the international community to a climate-neutral development pathway, and the Third



International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa. By contrast, 2016 proved to be a year of crisis for Europe and the West as a whole: Brexit, the EU's near existential crisis, and the momentum of right-wing populist, authoritarian and nationalistic movements. We were and are now more than ever called upon to work in global research, consulting and training partnerships to promote democracy, scientific freedom and transnational solutions to global challenges.

In this Annual Report 2015 – 2016, we provide you with insights into selected research activities and topic areas of our institute, such as the growing relevance of transformative policies, the development policy challenges presented by displacement and refugee movements, and the opportunities we have as a research institute to help shape political processes, the current one being as co-coordinator of the Think Tank 20 (T20) process as part of the German G20 Presidency.

Your free download of the Annual Report is available [here](#). For a print version please send an e-mail to: presse@die-gdi.de

Germany on its way to the 2017 General Elections: Blog on the future of development policy

In the run-up to the German general elections (Bundestagswahlen) in September 2017, a strategic debate on the future of development policy is of vital importance. In the face of pressing international problems, the significance of development cooperation for political debate has risen enormously compared to previous elections.

Launched in October 2016, the blog "**Zukunft der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit**" (#ZukunftEZ) by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) has provided a unique platform for diverse voices from within Germany and abroad. So far, 46 blogposts by 49 authors have been published. Members of the German and European Parliament, policy experts, researchers from development cooperation institutions, academics, representatives of civil society, the media and the private sector have all shared their personal viewpoints on pending issues as well as national and international challenges.

Each week, two to three blogposts put a spotlight on current issues, e.g. the repercussions of the Trump administration on international cooperation and their implications for Germany's role in development politics. **Stephan Klingebiel** of the DIE coordinates the blog and is responsible for its contents.

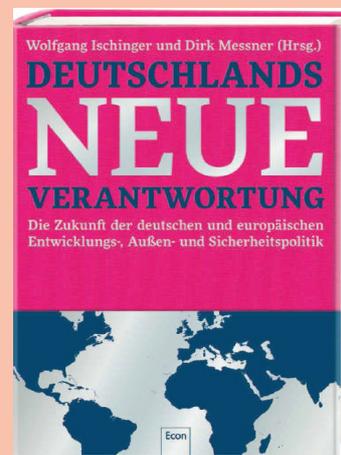
Publication of „Deutschlands neue Verantwortung“

Supported by Bill Gates as well as the Federal Ministers Ursula von der Leyen and Gerd Müller, **Dirk Messner**, director of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), presented the edited volume "**Deutschlands neue Verantwortung**" (Germany's New Responsibility) to an international audience at the Munich

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from left to right: Wolfgang Ischinger, Ursula von der Leyen, Gerd Müller, Bill Gates, Lutz Meyer, Dirk Messner, Michael Schaefer

Security Conference. The book, published by Dirk Messner and co-editor Wolfgang Ischinger, seeks to encourage a better linkage between Germany's foreign, development and security policies. 145 well-known experts from politics, science and civil society give their views on the future role of Germany in world politics.

In a [video-statement](#), which was recorded during the event, Dirk Messner explained "we have to take more responsibility and invest in foreign relations". In his essay on "International cooperation for global sustainability: a new role for Germany" ("[Internationale Kooperation für globale Nachhaltigkeit: eine neue Rolle für Deutschland.](#)"), Dirk Messner furthermore discusses how Germany could fulfill external expectations on international cooperation. Besides, two additional articles were contributed by authors from the DIE: [Julia Leiniger](#), head of the department [Governance, Statehood and Security](#), demands a higher international engagement for democracy in her article "Democratization to enhance Stability" ("[Demokratieförderung schafft Stabilität](#)"). Another article was co-authored by [Tilman Altenburg](#), head of the department [Sustainable Economic and Social Development](#), [Christine Hackenesch](#), co-regional coordinator [Africa](#), and [Stephan Klingebiel](#), head of the department [Bi- and Multilateral Development Cooperation](#). In their essay

on "Stability by Development and Democracy: a new Africa-policy for Germany and Europe" ("[Stabilität durch Entwicklung und Demokratie: eine neue Afrika-Politik für Deutschland und Europa](#)") they call for a new German responsibility concerning Africa.

News from the Klimalog project

NDC Explorer successfully launched

For seven months, sixteen scientists at four different organizations have developed the [NDC Explorer](#). In January, the new online tool on international climate policy was successfully launched.

In the (Intended) Nationally Determined Contributions ((I)NDCs), members of the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) formulated their concrete national contributions in the global fight against rising temperatures and the consequences of climate change. By now, 163 individual (I) NDCs have been submitted, which need to be managed, analysed and examined; a major challenge for all actors of global climate action.

Together with partners at the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) and the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) in cooperation with the UNFCCC secretariat and supported by the Federal Ministry for

Your way to the NDC Explorer

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Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), a team of researchers led by **Pieter Pauw** therefore started gathering all (I)NDCs in one database to present them via an interactive tool: the 'NDC Explorer'.

"NDCs are key instruments to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement and to move towards a low-emission and climate resilient future. Understanding NDCs and navigating the information that is communicated in NDCs is critical for their implementation and will help to enhance the ambition of global efforts over time", Claudio Forner at the UNFCCC Secretariat said. "The NDC Explorer contributes to the goal of the NDC Partnership to provide open-access knowledge tools that support the global efforts for effective and ambitious NDC implementation", Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Director General at the BMZ, added.

Publication of Memorandum „NRW gestalten“

In January the memorandum "NRW gestalten", which is the result of the three-year negotiation process "Fortschritt gestalten NRW" (shaping progress in North Rhine-Westphalia) was handed over to the Premier of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia Hannelore Kraft, the Minister of Science Svenja Schulze, the Minister of Economics Garrelt Duin and the Minister of Urban Development Michael Groschek. In six working groups, representatives of civil society, economy and science had discussed both challenges and future pathways for a sustainable development of NRW. The main topics during the discussions were urban life, energy supply, science as an engine for



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from left to right: Michael Groschek, Rainer Schmeltzer, Hannelore Kraft, Dirk Messner, Svenja Schulze, Garrelt Duin

progress, the future of work, NRW as a place for economic growth as well as the dialogue between businesses and civil society.

On this occasion, **Dirk Messner**, director of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) outlined in his much-noticed **speech** that NRW was a region with a lot of experience concerning change. He highlighted the importance of this competency in times when right-wing populist movements challenge the democratic and liberal system. According to Messner, it is therefore crucial to face the challenges of economic globalization and to take advantage of the possibilities that digitalization offers for development. However, planetary boundaries needed consideration as the limits of development, while it needed to be ensured that change does not lead to new social disparities.

WBGU special report on G20 handed over to Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel

On the occasion of the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Bonn, the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), together with T20 Germany and led by **Dirk Messner**, handed over the **WBGU Special Report on the German G20 Presidency** to the German Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs Sigmar Gabriel.

In the report, the WBGU calls on the group of the twenty most important industrialized and emerging countries (G20) for the rigorous implementation of the **2030 Agenda** and of the Paris Climate Agreement, as well as for awareness of the great transformation to sustainability as a unique project of modernization that offers significant economic development opportunities.



from left to right: Inge Paulini (WBGU), Axel Berger (DIE), Dirk Messner (DIE/WBGU), Sigmar Gabriel (German Foreign Minister), Claus Leggewie (KWI), Clara Brandi (DIE), Martina Fromhold-Eisebith (RWTH Aachen/WBGU)

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Video on the NDC Explorer



NDC Explorer: Making Climate Action Plans comparable and transparent



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Dialogue with NRW environment minister on the topic of transformation and counter-transformation

On invitation of the Minister of Environment of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Johannes Remmel, **Dirk Messner**, director of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) discussed the implementation of the **2030 Agenda** and the Paris Climate Agreement with the management of the Ministry of Environment in February. The occasion of the dialogue was the search for climate and sustainability policy options in the light of right-wing populist dynamics in North Rhine-Westphalia, which are impeding sustainability reforms in many western countries.

Training

DIE Postgraduate Programme at the International Career Fair in Germany's Foreign Ministry

The 12th International Career Fair of the German Foreign Ministry for professional careers in international relations and global development cooperation took place on 28 January, 2017 in Berlin. With an impressive number of exhibitors and 1.800 pre-ordered visitor tickets the fair was completely sold out. The booth of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) provided information on the **Postgraduate Training Programme**. The availability of detailed information was well



Alumnus Timo Rinke at the DIE-booth

received by a great number of postgraduates and current master students. The focus of many content-related conversations were

time and again the country working groups, so called LAGs, as a characteristic feature of the programme. This instrument is highly appreciated by potential employers, because of its outstanding content-related as well as character-forming nature. Employers often emphasize that this "training on the job" suits much better for the purpose of career preparation than any long-term internship. **Regine Mehl**, head of the Postgraduate Programme, was actively supported by two authentic colleagues, namely by programme alumni Timo Rinke (50th course) and Claudia Ehing (51st course).

Reports of the country working groups in Kenya, Mosambique and South Africa

News from Kenya: Report from the Country Working Group

As the Country Working Group Kenya, we explore how the national climate policy is incorporated into the water and energy sector. Kenya has played an active role in both, the negotiation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement. We are now excited to see, how these agendas are implemented in the cities of Eldoret, Kisumu and Nakuru. During the first four weeks, we have been able

to speak to a variety of different actors, including the national and county governments, municipalities, water and energy service providers and the civil society. Our interview partners were greatly interested in our work, as the current droughts in East Africa are clearly felt in Kenya. We are looking forward to presenting our findings in Nairo-



Country Working Group Kenya together with their Kenyan partner institute ACTS (African Centre for Technology Studies)

bi in April before we will return to Bonn.

Country Working Group Mozambique: Local Revenue Mobilisation

The field work in Mozambique started mid February with a kick-off workshop at our partner institute Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Económicos (IESE) in Maputo. The interviews with ministers and donors, which we conducted together with Salvador Forquilha, Director of the IESE, revealed the great interest in our research on local revenue mobilisation.



Country Working Group Mozambique together with Salvador Forquilha of the partner organisation IESE

In a conversation with the EU-Ambassador (Alumnus of 23rd Postgraduate Training Course), the role of fiscal decentralisation in the peace negotiations was underlined. Since the second week of March, we have been conducting interviews in two teams with political, administrative and civil society actors in eleven municipalities to identify the determinants of local revenue mobilisation in Mozambique.

Country Working Group South Africa Living the science-policy interface

Right at the beginning of our time here in beautiful South Africa we had the opportunity to witness our topic “live and in colour”: We were able to participate in the **T20 conference in Johannesburg** and in the Managing Global Governance (MGG) alumni conference of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) in Pretoria. There, we met researchers and policy makers and were able to observe their interaction “in the making”, which is the topic of our country working group.

A special treat on a personal level was the reunion with the participants of last year’s **MGG Programme**. What started with the MGG “buddy programme” in Bonn turned into proper friendships in “Mzansi” (South Africa’s nickname). We explored Johannesburg together and got to see it from a widely unknown side during our tour through Fietas, a historical part of town.

Due to our numerous interviews with representatives from ministries, think tanks and universities, we are now better able to understand the science-policy interface with its underlying incentive structures. After five weeks in Gauteng, we have now arrived in the sunny Western Cape. Here, we will dedicate our time to the analysis and derivation of preliminary results. We will also prepare our final workshop, which will take place in early April. During this workshop, the preliminary results will be presented and we hope for an engaging discussion. At our final presentation at the DIE in Bonn at the end of May we will report in full detail what we have experienced here in South Africa.

Staff News

DIE Senior Researcher Burchi receives Patrick J. Welch Award

In January 2017 the DIE Senior Researcher **Francesco Burchi**, together with Pasquale De Muro (Roma Tre University) was awarded the “Patrick J. Welch Award” for the best paper published in the scientific journal “Forum for Social Economics” in 2016. The paper is entitled “**Measuring Human Development in a High-Income Country: A Conceptual Framework for Well-Being Indicators**” and is available open access.

The Patrick J. Welch Award for the best paper published in the Forum for Social Economics was established by the Executive Council in 2012



Francesco Burchi

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and named for Patrick J. Welch, editor of the journal from May, 1995 – January, 2006. The award recipients receive a plaque and a 500 dollar prize.

Forthcoming Events

Research meets Development: Drought resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa

Event Series from 4 April to 13 July 2017

Drought is one of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. It often has large-scale and serious consequences particularly in poor countries. It has accompanied humankind ever since, but is projected to increase with climate change. Yet, in our present time drought no longer needs to be a disaster, its consequences can be managed, though it is not easy in contexts where poverty, conflict and migration exacerbate the challenges of drought. In addition, new challenges arise due to new sectors being affected by drought in modernizing societies.

The event series will shed light on four interconnected topics around drought. For further information on the events please refer to the event website:

<http://www.die-gdi.de/en/events/drought-resilience-in-sub-saharan-africa/>

Events of the Klimalog-Project:

Interconnections

12 to 13 May 2017, Bonn, Conference

Sustainable development cannot be achieved without addressing climate change whose impacts have the potential to halt or even reverse development achievements. Conversely, actions to address climate change mitigation and adaptation should also deliver on core issues of sustainable development, including poverty alleviation, food security, gender equality and human rights. The Interconnections Conference will address the interconnections between the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and the Paris Climate Agreement, especially regarding the role of state, non-state and

subnational actors.

www.die-gdi.de/en/events/interconnections/

Long-term strategies for climate resilient development

15 May 2017, Bonn, UNFCCC SB46 Side Event

The Paris Agreement recognizes the linkage between the level of mitigation and needed adaptation efforts. But how can we foster long-term planning given challenges such as short-term horizons and different emissions, impacts and development scenarios? What should the role of adaptation be? What is the potential of scenario development? How to ensure a just transition?

UN Climate Change Conference 2017 (COP23)

6 to 17 November 2017, Bonn, Side Events

The 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP23) to the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be organized by Fiji and hosted at the headquarters of the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn. Being located close to the venue, Klimalog will host several side events and workshops at the DIE. Meet us to discuss how a climate-smart and just transformation can be achieved!

Recent Events

SDSN Germany discusses sustainable development in the EU

On 17 January 2017, German and European experts from different policy fields, scientists as well as civil society and business representatives gathered at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin for the 5th meeting of the Extended Leadership Council of the **Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Germany**. Over the past two years, SDSN has been promoting the EU's domestic and external implementation of the **2030 Agenda** with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Just recently, on 22 November 2016, the

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Research Meets Development: Drought Resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa
Event series in the context of the "One World – No Hunger" (SEWOH) initiative of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

6 April 18:00 - 20:00 h	Kick-off event Drought resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa and its relevance for food security, conflict and migration Location: Diakon-Haus (DIW), Gernerweg, Karl-Schumacher-Strasse 3, Bonn
24 April 18:00 - 20:00 h	Enhancing drought resilience through comprehensive Early Warning systems Location: Georg-August-Strasse, Mackenheimer Allee 166, University Bonn
11 May 18:00 - 20:00 h	Drought resilience crops: unapt techno-mix or key indeed? Location: Center of Development Research (ZDF), Conference room, Walter-Flex-Strasse 3, Bonn
31 May 17:30 - 20:00 h	Social protection – A main pillar in drought resilience? Practical experiences and evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa Location: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Lecture Hall, Lippertfeld 6, Bonn
27 June 17:30 - 20:00 h	Improving drought resilience of Sub-Saharan agriculture: opportunities and challenges in irrigation and water governance Location: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Lecture Hall, Lippertfeld 6, Bonn
6 July 18:00 - 20:00 h	Interventions in rural dynamics – research and development work in the context of pastoral societies in Afar/Ethiopia Location: Georg-August-Strasse, Mackenheimer Allee 166, University Bonn
13 July 18:00 - 20:00 h	Closing event Drought resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa- Lessons learned for cooperative action Location: DIE, Lecture Hall, Lippertfeld 6, Bonn

Info and registration
www.die-gdi.de/veranstaltungen/drought-resilience-in-sub-saharan-africa/



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Research and dialogue for a climate-smart and just transformation

European Commission (2016): **Proposal for a new European Consensus on Development: Our World, our Dignity, our Future**

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Communication on the next steps for a sustainable European Future

European Commission issued two Communications on the topic. Members of the Extended Leadership Council described the substance of the communications as “disappointing” in view of domestic implementation. The EU’s credibility was considered at stake and the European Commission should avoid giving a wrong impression (“outsourcing of the implementation to development cooperation”). In the subsequent debate, participants described the populist and nationalist tendencies in Europe and beyond as “counter-transformative” and underlined the crucial importance both of political leadership at the highest level and of reaching out to the citizens instead of the usual policy circles. Discussants called for an overarching strategy on the 2030 Agenda at EU level and deemed notions of solidarity and justice as crucial. “Selfishness is not sustainable.”, one panelist concluded. The meeting closed with a proposal to prepare for a meeting of European think tanks in early 2018 - in order to reassess the state of sustainable development affairs in the EU after the Brexit trigger, the two European presidencies of G7 and G20, and the upcoming elections in several EU member states.

DIE at the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture

From 19 to 21 January 2017, the Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL) organized the “Global Forum for Food and Agriculture” (GFFA), themed “Agriculture and Water – Key to World Nutrition” in Berlin. The international conference focused on questions regarding the future of global agriculture and nutrition science and took place for the ninth time during the International Green Week from 20 to 29 January 2017. **Waltina Scheumann** of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) participated in the panel debate on “Innovative and national approaches to efficient water use in agriculture in Africa”, organized by the German-African Business Association. She argued for the implementation of effective regulation for the purpose of balancing interests and limiting damages.

An evening for freedom of press and science

On 25 January 2017, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Deutsche Welle organized a panel debate themed “**Under Threat: International Academia And Press Freedom**”. The sad occasion for this debate was the first anniversary of the disappearance of Giulio Regeni, former guest researcher at the DIE. Regeni had been kidnapped during a research visit in Cairo in 2016 and was found dead ten days later with traces of severe torture.



from left to right: Enno Aufderheide, Wafaa El-Badry, Christopher Springate, Christine Meissler, Mehmet Ugur

The evening event focused on the threat against science and journalism in a number of countries around the world. In a personal introduction, **Tilman Altenburg**, head of department “**Sustainable Economic and Social Development**” at the DIE recalled Regeni’s scientific curiosity as well as his personality. **Georgeta Auktor**, associate researcher at the DIE, presented the findings of the study “The Developmental State in the 21st Century”, a joint project of her and Regeni up until his disappearance. Only recently, she had finished the work alone after Regeni’s death and had it published in the DIE-series “Discussion Paper”. The panel included Enno Aufderheide, Secretary General at the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation, Christine Meissler, advisor for “Protection of Civil Society”, Brot für die Welt, Wafaa El-Badry, journalist for Deutsche Welle, DW Arabic and Mehmet Ugur, University of

Greenwich. Christopher Springate, journalist at Deutsche Welle, moderated the panel debate. El-Badry addressed her own experience of personal threats in Egypt and explained how she tried to protect herself; Ugur pointed out several resemblances to the situation in Turkey. The suppression of freedom of opinion and research had increased since the turn of the millennium, according to Christine Meissler, Brot für die Welt. The panelists agreed that a general boycott of international cooperation was likely to fail in its objective. Especially in times like this, dialogue, research networks and partnerships with actors from countries like Egypt or Turkey were of vital importance, even though this required some diplomacy and patience.

Think Tank Exchange on the “Future of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation”

2 February 2017, Johannesburg

Alongside the “T20 Africa Conference” conference, the department “Bilateral and Multilateral Development Cooperation” of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organized an exchange among think tank representatives from the group of emerging economies about the “future of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)”. Participants came from think tanks, universities and other institutions in Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa and Zimbabwe. The purpose of the meeting was an informal and open exchange of views under “Chatham House” rules. Participants were asked to identify commonalities and differences, and then jointly assess the current state of affairs and potential future trajectories of the GPEDC. In terms of results, participants unanimously viewed the current global context as not amenable for convergence on common narratives and principles for development cooperation. GPEDC was partly perceived as an arena for “great power politics”. The emergence of China in Africa was considered a challenge to the Western monopoly on development aid. In this con-

text, the absence of any tangible incentives for emerging economies to join GPEDC was seen as the major obstacle for them to take a more active role in global development cooperation fora. At the same time, participants appreciated the traditional aid effectiveness agenda as a tool for holding traditional development partners accountable. The exploration of new types of partnership and engagement of emerging economies beyond conventional forms of participation, an emphasis on mutuality and learning and the exchange of good practices in a non-confrontational atmosphere, were all seen as positive steps forward.

Overall the exchange was greatly appreciated by all participants for stimulating an open exchange and creating a joint understanding of challenges and opportunities for emerging economies to engage in the GPEDC and other global platforms for development.

Public Panel Discussion on “Do we need a global platform for SDG17? The role of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation”

3 February 2017, Johannesburg

During the “T20 Africa Conference”, the department “Bilateral and Multilateral Development Cooperation” of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organized a public panel discussion on the topic of “Do we need a global platform for SDG17? The role of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation”. Panelists were Li Xiaoyun, Professor for, College of Humanities and Development at China Agricultural University, and Chairperson of the Network for Southern Think Tanks (NeST); Azani Tschabo, Division for ‘Effectiveness, transparency and quality standards’ for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ);

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Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive for the 'South African Institute of International Affairs' (SAIIA); Tang Lixia, Associate Professor for the Department of Development Studies at China Agricultural University; Paulo Esteves, Director-General at BRICS Policy Center, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, and Gerardo Bracho, Senior Expert at 'Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research in Duisburg. **Stephan Klingebiel** (DIE) hosted the panel debate.

systems and the need for capacity building in partner countries.

Panel discussion: The role of the G20 in fostering multilateralism

The G20 should play a prominent role in strengthening multilateral institutions. This view was recently expressed at a joint **high-level panel discussion** for the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting on 16 February 2017 in Bonn.

Follow-up 13th UN Biodiversity Conference

„Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Well-Being“ was the central motto of the 13th Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP-13) that took place in Cancún last December. One result of the conference was a call for more integration of biodiversity aspects into other sectors (i.e. agriculture, fisheries, and tourism) in order to secure intact ecosystems as a foundation of sustainable development. In February, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) invited policymakers, researchers, practitioners and civil society representatives to **review the results of the conference** and



from left to right: Reinhard Limbach, Mayor of the City of Bonn; Céline Charveriat, Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP); Miguel Berger, Head of the department for economy and sustainable development at the Foreign Ministry; Patricia Espinosa, General Secretary of UNFCCC; Dirk Messner, Director of the German Development Institute / Deutschen Instituts für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE); Paola Subacchi, Research Director, Chatham House

The panel discussion was organized by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), the global Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the United Nations City of Bonn, and supported by the Foundation for International Dialogue of the Sparkasse in Bonn. More than 150 policy makers and officials from Bonn-based UN-bodies and various government departments, as well as representatives from think tanks and civil society attended the panel debate.



from left to right: Jan Kleine-Büning (GIZ), Ulrike Tröger (GIZ), Suhel AlJanabi (GIZ), Marianne Alker (GIZ), Kirsten Probst (GIZ), Günter Mitlacher (WWF)

draw conclusions for international cooperation. More than 50 participants agreed in their debates that international cooperation should aim at stronger cross-sectoral cooperation. Among other topics, participants also discussed the role of biodiversity in “nature-based-solutions” when restoring eco-

Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), argued that the G20 needed to be viewed not as an exclusive club but as a forum to facilitate multilateralism. Paola Subacchi, Research Director at Chatham House, welcomed the broad agenda of the German G20 presiden-

cy which according to her helped to increase legitimacy and accountability of G20 action. Céline Charveriat, Executive Director of the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), highlighted the importance of dialogue processes such as the T20 to better inform policy making. Miguel Berger, Director General at the Federal Foreign Office, underlined the importance of informal discussions among G20 countries.

The Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the first international meeting following the political administration change in the USA, was an important first step towards re-building trust and cooperative relations among G20 countries.

Global Festival of Ideas for Sustainable Development

First playable conference on the Sustainable Development Goals in Bonn

On 1-3 March 2017, the "Global Festival of Ideas for Sustainable Development" took place at the World Conference Center in Bonn, organized by the United Nations SDG Action Campaign, the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and a number of partner organizations, such as the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). The first global meeting of this kind, set in the UN city of Bonn, brought together international policy makers, political stakeholders, game developers and members of the civil society in order to debate the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The festival was broadcast via live stream and covered in the international press. During the conference, delegates could take part in the collaborative online-game 2030 Hive Mind and make a communal effort based on individual decisions towards the (simulated) implementation of selected SDGs.

Each of the three conference days centered on one key question of global sustainable development. How can we challenge inequality and exclusion in a rapidly globalising world? How can we promote economic growth and prosperity with environmental sustainability? How can we protect individ-



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uals and communities caught up in shocks and disruptors? These questions were discussed in a number of panel debates, workshops and interactive simulations. A live-stage and the "Knowledge and Innovation Fair" provided additional platforms for networking and exchange. Addressing the question "How can we communicate the SDGs in Germany and across Europe", Engagement Global, the Service for Development Initiatives, organized additional panel debates with representatives from the media, Public Relations and corporate communications. Several staff members of the DIE-Communications Office attended these sessions.

In an empathic speech, Kumi Naidoo, Launch Director for „Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity" argued that overcoming global injustices was key for the implementation of all other SDGs. In the course of a "Knowledge Sharing Session", scientists and stakeholders presented their ideas and insights, asking how to achieve progress in tandem with globalization. The panel included Mario Negre, researcher at the department "Sustainable Economic and Social Development", for the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE).

Mitchell Thoomey, Global Director for the UN SDG Action Campaign and Ishbel Metheson, Director of Public Affairs and Communications at the ODI, concluded that working partnerships and the engage-

ment of young people were key aspects for the collaborative implementation of the SDGs. Networking events like this showed that many international stakeholders were already participating in this task, thus giving good ground for optimism.

DIE at dialogue event with Federal Minister Müller

On 26 March 2017, Claudia Lücking-Michel, CDU member of the Bundestag and member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development, had invited the citizens of Bonn for a civil dialogue with Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), at the Deutsche Welle in Bonn. Following the motto "One world – our responsibility", Federal Minister Müller discussed current challenges in the field of development policy. He illustrated some of the cornerstones of the so-called "Marshall-Plan mit Afrika / Marshall plan with Africa", a new partnership for development, peace and future on the African continent. During his keynote speech, Müller also shared some of his personal experiences from his time as Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In a "Market of Possibilities", located in the foyer of the Deutsche Welle, a number of local development institutions from Bonn could display information on current projects. At its own booth, the German Development



from left to right: Clara Brandi (DIE), Gerd Müller (BMZ), Jakob Schwab (DIE), Claudia Lücking-Michel (CDU)

ment Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) presented its contributions to the G20 process, the research and dialogue project "Klimalog" and DIE's

work in the fields of food security and agriculture. Staff members also presented the **Postgraduate Training Programme**, which prepares university graduates for the challenging tasks and responsibilities of international development cooperation.

Roundtable on Trade and Environment: New Potentials, New Pitfalls

On 16 March 2017, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organized a **Roundtable Debate on Trade and Environment** with Aik Hoe Lim, the Director of the Trade and Environment Division at the World Trade Organization (WTO). The Roundtable also featured presentations by **Axel Berger** and **Clara Brandi** (both DIE) on environmental provisions in trade agreements as well as the linkages between trade and climate under the Paris Agreement.

The Roundtable, comprising participants from institutions such as the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development



from left to right: Axel Berger (DIE), Kusum Lata (UNFCCC), Clara Brandi (DIE), Daniel Ramos (WTO), Aik Hoe Lim (WTO), Andreas Schaumayer (BMZ), Susanne Dröge (SWP), Sebastian Beck (NRW), Mamadou Diarrassouba (African Union)

opment (BMZ), the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI); the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the government of North Rhine-Westphalia, explored how trade rules and environmental protection, and sustainable development in a broader sense, can be made mutually supportive in light of recent changes both in the trade and in the climate regime. Participants also

discussed the promises and pitfalls of this endeavor.

Do we need a shared impact and evaluation agenda?

On 21 March 2017 the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), VENRO – the umbrella organization of development and humanitarian aid non-governmental organizations and the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organized a panel debate as part of the event series “Bonner Impulse” on focal points of European Development Policy. The debate, set in the Old Town Hall of Bonn, focused on the question “Do we need a shared impact and evaluation agenda? European development policies and aid effectiveness in the light of the SDGs”. Richard Limbach, Deputy Mayor of the federal city of Bonn, gave an opening speech, followed by the debate on both the status quo and planned improvements for measuring aid effectiveness in European Development Policy. The panelists included Jörg Faust, German



from left to right: James Mackie (ECDPM), Mark Furness (DIE), Mikaela Gavas (ODI), Isa Baud (EADI), Jörg Faust (DEval)

Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), Mikaela Gavas, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), and James Mackie, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). They also addressed the challenge of overcoming the gap between expectations and the practical implementation of collective measures in European Development Policy. The debate was hosted by Mark Furness, researcher at the department “Bi- and Multilateral Development Cooperation” at the DIE.

World in Turmoil

How to address global challenges in times of nationalism

On 22 May 2017 the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Global Challenges Foundation invited participants to join a Roundtable Discussion at the DIE, focusing on the issue “World in Turmoil: How to address global challenges in times of nationalism”. Looking at strategies to deal with global challenges such as climate change or the fight against extreme poverty in times of nationalism, the panel included DIE-Director Dirk Messner, Carl Lindgren, Senior Advisor of the Global Challenges Foundation, Ottmar Edenhofer, Deputy Director at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Susanne Salz, United Actors, and Nicola Bramkam, Director of the Theatre Bonn. From different angles, participants looked at potential consequences of current political developments

for global governance as well as potential reforms and models in order to confront global challenges in a joint effort. They also addressed the question, whether multilateralism and international institutions are currently facing a loss of legitimacy. Ulrike Lange hosted the Round Table Discussion.



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Collective Action in Times of Global Transformation and Domestic Crisis

On 23 March 2017 the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Government of North Rhine-Westphalia organized a Special Issue Launch and panel debate entitled “EU Development Policy: Collective Action in Times of Global Transformation and Domestic Crisis” at the North Rhine-Westphalia federal state representation in Brussels.

A series of shocks such as the Brexit-vote and the financial crisis have started to weak-

Links

en European solidarity. Additionally, the growing influence of rising economic powers such as China, India or Brazil are putting pressure on European Development Policy. The implications of these challenges for European development cooperation and strategies of collective action are explored in a new **Special Issue** of Development Policy Review, which was presented to a wider audience in Brussels. The launch provided an opportunity to discuss the issues of European Development Policy with contributing researchers to the Special Issue. At the subsequent Round Table Debate several experts and policy makers added their views and discussed some of the topics in more detail. Panelists included Nils Behrndt, Head of Cabinet, European Development Commissioner, Judith Sargentini, Member of the European Parliament, **Imme Scholz**, Deputy Director, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and Jörg Faust, Director, German In-

stitute for Development Evaluation. Simon Maxwell, head of the European Think Tanks Group, hosted the event.

The entire publication is available for download for one month, following 23 March 2017 at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.12189/full>



from left to right: Simon Maxwell, Imme Scholz, Jörg Faust, Mark Furness, Nils Behrndt, Judith Sargentini, Christine Hackenesch, Maurizio Carbone

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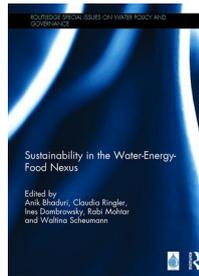
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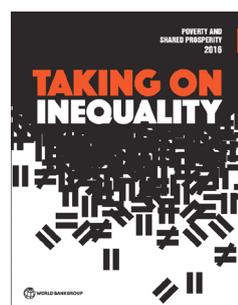


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