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Newsletter

Dear Reader,

The past weeks have been both eventful and successful for the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE). The 23rd UN Climate Change Conference (COP23) has drawn nearly 22,000 participants in direct vicinity to our institute in Bonn. Within the scope of the “**Klimalog - Research and dialogue for a climate-smart and just transformation**” project, supported by the BMZ, the DIE was present in the “Bonn Zone” of COP23. At its booth DIE presented the data visualising tools “**NDC Explorer**” and “**NDC-SDG Connections**”. In twelve official UNFCCC side events the institute was visible to many delegates and observers of the Conference.

More than 1,700 high-level delegates, representatives of NGOs, think tanks, researchers, and private sector actors visited the “**Interconnections Zone**” at DIE parallel to COP23. The unique, transdisciplinary sphere for dialogue, discussion, and mutual exchange, close to the negotiation zone, was jointly organised by 106 partner institutions in close cooperation with DIE.

On the weekend before the official start of the negotiations, DIE and IIASA – International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis issued a strong call for the joint and consistent implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustaina-

ble Development. During the Conference “**Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?**” 270 guests from politics, economics, civil society, academia, media and the arts gathered to discuss the transformation towards sustainability in Bonn on 4 and 5 November 2017. The takeaways of the conference summarised in a **Memorandum** names ten cornerstones of the transformation towards sustainability and calls for more courage, action, and social justice.

Furthermore, DIE was a first-time co-organiser of the “**Development & Climate Days**” with more than 450 participants at the Kameha Grand Hotel on 11 and 12 November.

The density of events has been extremely high – not only in the weeks past. Therefore, my special thanks go to the staff of DIE for their commitment which has contributed to a successful year.

I am already looking forward to a productive year 2018 with all of you.

Dirk Messner

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Activities during COP23

The UN Climate Change Conference at our doorstep

The 23rd Climate Change Conference COP23 has been shaped by three challenges: committing to the Paris Agreement of 2015 despite the US' pullout, connecting climate policies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and developing binding guidelines for a coherent implementation of the Paris Agreement. The Talanoa dialogue established in Bonn during the Fiji presidency could further enhance the negotiations and could indicate the beginning of ambitious climate actions.



The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) has been involved before, during and in immediate vicinity to the COP23 with its **Klimalog project**, numerous events and a successful booth at the "Bonn Zone" of the conference. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has enabled these activities through its financial support for the DIE during COP23.

Crossroads Bonn Conference

International sustainability pioneers met back-to-back with COP23 to strengthen climate action and sustainable development

Back to back with COP23, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) in cooperation with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) invited 270 national and international key figures from politics, economy, research, media, arts and civil society to the conference "**Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads: Historical Transformation or Backlash?**" to discuss strategies to accelerate the transformation towards sustainability and to overcome challenges on this way.

High-level experts with various backgrounds exchanged views on multiple challenges, ranging from financing the transformation, the agricultural sector, diverging world order concepts and urbanisation, mobility and poverty to the potential leverage effect of the creative arts for sustainable development. Among others, we were delighted to welcome Ottmar Edenhofer (Director of the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change), Leilani Farha (UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing), Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development), Carlos Lopes (University of Cape Town, former Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa), John E. Morton (Leipzig Graduate School of Management, former White House senior director for energy and climate change at the National Security Council), Stefan Rahmstorf (Head of Earth System Analysis at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Potsdam University), Johan Rockström (Di-



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COP23: Not great, but good enough

Steffen Bauer, The Current Column of 23 November 2017

rector at Stockholm Resilience Centre) and Olai Uludong (Permanent Representative of Palau to the UN).

Beyond traditional formats, the conference hosts provided a stage for the political activist duo "The Yes Men" in the context of the "Save the World" programme organised by Theatre Bonn. In portraying officials from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the duo developed a disturbing vision on how Europe could link the integration of refugees and the fight against the climate crisis. Their satirical intervention clearly showed that a serious solution of central global challenges only works based on broad cooperation and mutual respect. In addition, Producer Dirk Wilutzky showed a series of interviews on furthering sustainability. An adjoin performance of visual artist Tone Bjordam and Professor Marten Scheffer addressed climate change with a video installation supported by a musical performance, providing further inspirational input.



Video-Interviews during the Crossroads Bonn Conference

The most significant outcomes of the event, the **conference memorandum** by **Dirk Messner** and Nebojsa Nakicenovic, directors of DIE and IIASA, elaborates on ten cornerstones essential for the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Agenda 2030, all guided by strengthening multilateralism and global cooperation. Thus, the conference sent a strong signal towards the world and the COP23 negotiators, portraying the widespread support for effective global cooperation and the responsibility to transforming the world towards sustainability. The Crossroads Bonn Conference was generously supported by Stiftung Mercator, the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Build-

ing and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research and the Stiftung Internationale Begegnung der Sparkasse in Bonn.

Interconnections Zone

Parallel to COP 23, DIE hosted the **Interconnections Zone** from 6 to 17 November 2017. The Zone's objective was to continue the **dialogue of trade-offs and synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development, which kicked off earlier this year at the Interconnections Conference. Conveniently located between the "Bula" and "Bonn Zones", DIE offered a space for discussions, which was easily accessible to politicians, scientists, practitioners and members of the civil society.

In addition to DIE, 106 partner organisations made lively use of the opportunity to shape a total of 44 side events. The wide range of topics covered included "**Loss and Damage**", the role and situation of small islands states and their climate policy, climate financing, the special situation of non-state



Watch [this video](#) for a summary of the events at Interconnections Zone

and subnational actors as catalysts or gap fillers of national climate targets up to the energy revolution, energy transition, carbon pricing, climate justice, geoengineering, and the presentation of new science-based tools to measure and compare national climate strategies and their interfaces to the SDGs. Around 1,700 guests visited the Interconnections Zone, including high-level delegation- and state representatives, such as the State Environment Minister Kare Chawicha Debessa of Ethiopia, the Prime Minister of

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Storify COP23

Week 1 & Week 2



Memorandum

10 Cornerstones of the great transformation towards sustainability



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Climate Action and Human Wellbeing at a Crossroads

Climate protection and investing in social cohesion: Charting the course for the UN climate conference!

Dirk Messner, The Current Column of 30 October 2017

Takeaways of DIE director Dirk Messner from the conference:



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COP23: events and perspectives

The First Yearbook of Climate Action: What businesses, cities and regions do, and which next steps are needed?

Chan, Sander / Thomas Hale / Angel Hsu / Friederike Eichhorn / Ann Gardiner / Brendan Guy, The Current Column of 16 November 2017

Key messages of the Development & Climate Days

From super typhoons to sea level rise: fighting the creeping catastrophe of climate change

Tibig, Lourdes / Denise Margaret Matias, The Current Column, 8 November 2017

Tuvalu, Enele Sopoaga, the former President of Kiribati, Anote Tong, as well as the German negotiator Karsten Sach.

With the organisation of the Interconnections Zone, the Klimalog team succeeded in making the climate negotiations accessible to a broader audience, encouraging dialogue between the multitudes of stakeholders involved, and emphasizing the [direct link to the 2030 Agenda](#).

We would like to thank the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) for the financial support of the Interconnections Zone, as well as the numerous partners for the organisation of exciting side events and the presence of high-level speakers.

DIE side events at COP23

DIE has played an active role in twelve side events at the “Bonn Zone” together with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), the German Research Foundation (DFG), the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), the World Resources Institute (WRI), Bread for the World, Germanwatch, the WWF, and the NDC Partnership (NDCP).

Besides debates about the world in 2050 and a coherent implementation of the 2030 Agenda jointly with the Paris Agreement, the side events also focused on a sustainable and climate-just transformation in the agricultural sector and cities. The role of private sector actors and trade as well as dealing with Loss and Damage, which primarily affects impoverished and small island states as a consequence of climate change, were further points of the debate during the side events.

During a high-level side event, the first [Yearbook of the Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action](#) was presented to the participants, among them UN Secretary General António Guterres. Researchers of

the [Klimalog project](#) carried out the underlying data handling and the analysis of the Yearbook in cooperation with „Galvanizing the Groundswell for Climate Action“ network.

The Klimalog project further supported the school programme at the Climate Planet, organised by the BMZ and the City of Bonn in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Engagement Global, and Global Citizen. After watching a movie dealing with climate change, researchers of the DIE answered questions of the pupils and explained the content in depth. DIE has raised the awareness of 2,400 pupils on climate change on four separate events.

Development & Climate Days

DIE co-organised the 15th [Development and Climate Days](#) (D&C Days) which are traditionally held during the UN Climate Change Conference. Researchers of the Klimalog pro-



Imme Scholz

ject shaped the debates of the D&C Days on 11 and 12 November 2017 under the motto „Global ambition. Local action. Climate resilience for all“ together with international partners. More than 450 policymakers, researchers and development practitioners attended the two-day event, and focused on resilience, empowerment, local knowledge, transparency, and constitutionality in several workshops. DIE's deputy director [Imme Scholz](#) gave the opening speech.

News from the research departments

NDC-SDG Connections: Spotting the social dimension in climate policies

A joint research initiative by DIE and the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) examines references and synergies between Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The first version of the jointly developed online tool **NDC-SDG Connections** was launched on 7 November 2017 and is freely accessible online.

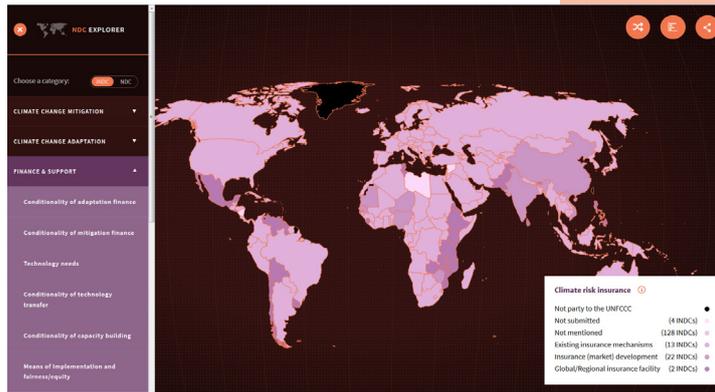


Hannah Janetschek (DIE) and Adis Dzebo (SEI)

The tool was presented during several events, e.g. at the **Interconnections Zone** and the Fiji Pavilion, by both institutes during the COP23. An extension of the tool, launched on November 30th, allows the user to view the most frequently formulated climate activities concerning the individual SDGs as well as a summary site collecting all SDGs relevant activities in the NDCs. By using a filter function, it is also possible to separately view the outcomes for countries, groups of countries, such as regions, developing countries, or small island states

NDC Explorer: New data explaining climate risk insurances

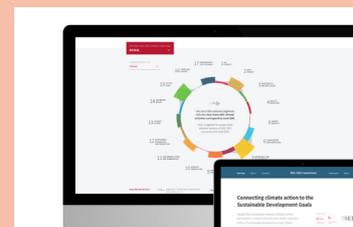
The **NDC Explorer**, an online tool, which was developed to compare the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) from 2015 with the actual NDCs, successfully added to the visibility of the new knowledge platform **ClimateWatch** of the **NDC Partnership** launched during COP23.



Further, an expansion of the NDC Explorer was launched during the negotiations in Bonn: The **Munich Climate Insurance Initiative** (MCII) and DIE jointly examined, which countries refer to climate risk insurances in their NDCs under the Paris Agreement. The data was merged into a new category of the NDC Explorer, which is a common project of DIE, SEI and the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS). Climate Risk Insurances can work to protect and prepare countries and their citizens for the risks that climate change poses.

Constitutional meeting of Kharaa River Basin Council and Transfer Conference in Mongolia

Participation is essential for integrated water sources management and a key strategy to avoid conflicts arising from diverging interests. Taking a big step towards this goal, researchers of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) supported the constitutional meeting of the River Basin Council (RBC) for the Kharaa river basin in Mongolia in October. The council comprises stakeholders from civil society, local administration, and specific interest groups and operates as an



The case for connecting the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Brandi, Clara / Adis Dzebo / Hannah Janetschek

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Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia – Model Region Mongolia (MoMo III)

advisory body to the authority in charge of river basin planning. The meeting was part of the **MoMoIII project** (Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia – Model Region Mongolia) in which DIE researchers support the river basin organisation in developing an integrated management plan. The RBC will also be a key cooperation partner for the STEER project (Increasing Good Governance to Achieve the Objectives of Integrated Water Resource Management) which works jointly with local stakeholders to identify and overcome coordination issues in water management.

In September, the MoMo project also hosted a high-level transfer conference in Ulaanbaatar with representatives of the Mongolian government and private sector as well as international researchers and donors and a delegation of the German Ministry of Education and Research. During the two-day event, research results regarding water institutions, protection of water resources, drinking water supply and wastewater treatment were shared with Mongolian stakeholders. Smaller breakout workshops then debated conclusions and amended policy recommendations to reflect scientific insights as well as local knowledge and priorities.

EU-Iran dialogue on the environment

On 23 and 24 November, **Annabelle Houdret** participated in the meeting of the EU's Directorate General for Environment and the Iranian Department of Environment. Against the background of Iran's massive environmental problems and the EU's intention to improve its bilateral relations with the country through technical dialogues, the High Representative of the European Union, Federica Mogherini, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mohammad Javad Zarif, had agreed on engaging in a dialogue on environmental issues in 2016. Annabelle Houdret took part in a working group on water problems, in which experts from different EU countries and the Iranian partners identified potential areas of cooperation:

European experiences with the implementation of the EU water framework directive and the related stakeholder involvement for example could help addressing the explicit wish of the Iranian partners to strengthen citizen's participation in water management and improve cross-sectoral coordination in water use. Furthermore, instruments such as the EU's plans for drought management, data management practices, and experiences with the control of illegal groundwater abstraction (including the private sector) could help developing local solutions. Par-



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ticipants also intensively discussed the potential for improving transboundary cooperation on environmental issues. While this is in many cases highly sensitive, it can – as EU experiences show – help to jointly address water pollution and reaching agreements on the common use of transboundary rivers and thereby improve conflict prevention and confidence building between riparian states. EU member states will agree on measures to be supported in the coming months.

SDSN Germany

This year's annual **SDSN Germany** assembly took place on 26 October and focused on the results of the German parliamentary election. Around 80 representatives of more than 30 member and partner organisations came together for the fourth German SDSN assembly at the premises of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD). Gesine Schwan (Humboldt-Viadrina Governance Platform) and **Dirk Messner** (DIE) discussed with the



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MGG 10 year anniversary: impressions from the alumni conference

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MGG Alumni & Partner Conference 2017

Members of the German Parliament, Matthias Miersch (SPD) and Frithjof Schmidt (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) as well as with Sabine Nallinger (2° Foundation) about how to strengthen sustainable development in the upcoming legislation period.

Another panel discussion with Herman Lotze-Campen (PIK), Bettina Schmalzbauer (DKN Future Earth), Imme Scholz (DIE) and Claudia Schwegmann (Open Knowledge Foundation) focused on instruments to make global responsibility more feasible.

A report of the assembly is available [here](#) (German only).

Science Platform Sustainability 2030

The Science Platform Sustainability 2030 just published a first paper depicting its aims to create, transfer and use knowledge for sustainable development. An English version of the paper will be available soon.

The members of the platform's steering committee, who gathered in Berlin on 13 December, have defined four thematic foci for the upcoming year 2018. Thematic working groups will center responsible con-



Steering committee of the Science Platform Sustainability 2030

sumption, future of work, global commons, as well as mobility and transport. The working groups will be open to external participation in the near future.

News from the Training Department

#MGGat10

The **Managing Global Governance (MGG)** programme celebrated its 10th anniversary with a four-day **alumni and partner conference** in Bonn. More than 100 alumni, 15 partners, friends, current and former employees gathered in Bonn from 19 to 23 November to look back on the past ten years and shape the future of the **#MGGNetwork**. In various workshops the alumni gathered ideas for the intensification of the network and its external impact. This special collaboration in the workshops reflects the unique character of the MGG family.



Participants of the Alumni and Partner Conference on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Managing Global Governance Programme

As part of the ceremony on 21 November 2017 in the Kunstmuseum Bonn, the management of the DIE honored **Thomas Fues**, the long-standing director of the network, shortly before his retirement, for his achievements. They also thanked their partners for their long-term commitment. With high-ranking international guests they discussed the topic of the conference: "**Global Justice and Social Cohesion: Key Challenges of the 2030 Agenda**".

The MGG alumni conference

Why social cohesion as theme for this conference?

In [several videos](#) on DIE's YouTube channel you may track excerpts and interviews of the conference. A series of images can be found on the [flickr account of the DIE](#). The anniversary brochure is available on request from the MGG Secretariat and will be available on the website in January 2018.

MGG Academy 2017 comes to a close!

The 23 participants of the [MGG Academy](#) completed this year's course on 8 December 2017 with the [handing over of the certificates](#) in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Equality, participation, diversity and openness are the values that were particularly important for the self-understanding of this year's course. The inspirational ideas, concepts and concrete products of the five project groups, which deal with topics such as behavioral change and implementation of the SDGs, networking and MGG alumni work, integration of refugees, climate cooperation, as well as internationalization and knowledge cooperation, are the expression of the courses' strong interest in change and practical action.

This year's participants return to their home countries with an expanded view of global challenges, a deeper understanding of different perspectives and full of motivation: "This is just the beginning!"

The new application cycle for the MGG Academy 2018 will begin in early 2018.

DIE mourns the death of Annegret Altpeter

We mourn the sudden death of Annegret Altpeter, alumna of our 47th Postgraduate Course, who unexpectedly died at the age of 34. Our memories go to a happy person always facing all our colleagues openly and warmly. Our thoughts are with her family and her friends.

Publication Highlights

Green Industrial Policy

Humanity is confronted with mounting man-made environmental crises, including global warming, depletion of soils and freshwater resources, and loss of biodiversity – mainly because the incentives that guide the way people produce and consume are not accounting for environmental costs. Incentive systems need to change profoundly to ensure that pollution is kept to a minimum, material consumption is reduced, and inputs are reused or recycled to the greatest possible extent. This change needs to happen very soon if catastrophic consequences for this planet and its people are to be avoided.

At the same time, there are social and economic challenges and aspirations. Poverty is still widespread in many countries, and even in rich nations many problems of human development remain unsolved. Thus, we need to pursue economic development and wealth creation while keeping resource consumption and pollution in accordance with Earth's bio-capacity. This is what Green Industrial Policy is about. It builds on decades of experiences with policies for making the structure of economies more productive and inclusive, but overhauls the set of instruments to systematically redirect them towards environmental sustainability.

A new report "[Green Industrial Policy – Concept, Policies, Country Experiences](#)" edited by [Tilman Altenburg](#) and Claudia Assmann (UN Environment) was launched on December 5, 2017. The report aims to show policymakers how Green Industrial Policy can work in practice. It resulted from a joint effort of DIE and the Partnership for Action on Green Economy, an alliance of five UN Agencies: UNDP, UN Environment, UNIDO, ILO and UNITAR. 26 authors contributed to the report, including various chapters by DIE (co-)authors: on the conceptual foundations ([Altenburg/Rodrik](#)), on environmental fiscal reform ([Schlegelmilch/ Eichel/ Pegels](#)), on the use of standards ([Never/Kemp](#)) and on country experiences in Morocco ([Vidican](#)



Auktor), Germany (Pegels) and China (Altenburg/ Feng/ Shen).

Future Scenarios of Global Cooperation – Practices and Challenges

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research brought together scenario experts, integrated assessment scholars and science fiction authors with global cooperation researchers. All of them agreed that shaping the future, organizing transformation processes towards sustainability and investing in global cooperation to make globalization work for all means building on new narratives about potential futures. Narratives are about imagination, creativity, innovation, and diversity. Without transformative narratives, we cannot go beyond incremental changes. The Global Dialogues publication “**Future Scenarios of Global Cooperation – Practices and Challenges**” builds important bridges between scholars from very different disciplines, which can help us to merge the knowledge of future scenario thinkers and pioneers of global cooperation research.

World Bank report on inequality breaks all-time record

The World Bank report “**Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2016: Taking On Inequality**” by **Mario Negre** and his co-authors broke the all-time record of the World Bank publications with of over 200.000 downloads since it was published in October 2016. This report deals with the “twin goals” of the bank to “end poverty and share prosperity”. The edition takes a close look at the role that inequality reduction plays in ending extreme poverty and improving the livelihoods of the poorest in every country. The report delivers estimations concerning extreme poverty, the development of the lower 40% of income recipients and their share of the collective incomes on global and regional levels. During the first two weeks, the report has already been downloaded nearly 10,000 times.

NBER publishes paper by Esther Gehrke

The largest economics research organisation in the United States, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), has published a paper of **Esther Gehrke**'s doctoral thesis. She is associated researcher of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and her paper “**Consumption risk and human capital accumulation in India**” has been publishes in the NBER Working Paper Series

Events Review

Exploring Perspectives for a Renewed EU-MENA partnership

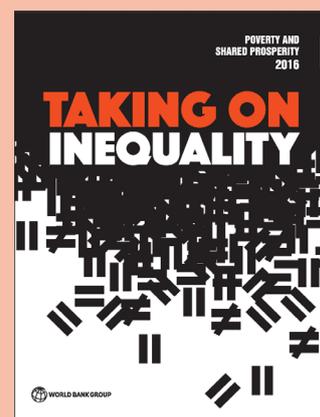
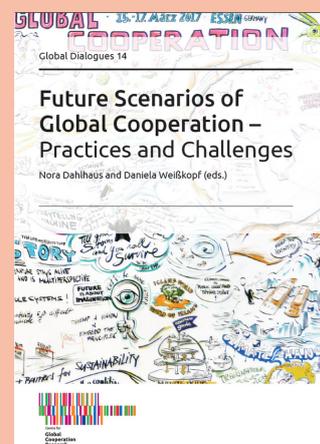
Since the 2011 Arab uprisings, the list of political, social, and economic challenges that the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region faces have grown continually. European institutions increasingly feel the pressure from member states to help address these challenges, because they want to stabilize the region and dissuade likely migrants from



leaving their countries. To discuss this complex situation with policy practitioners, experts and the interested public, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organized a **public round table discussion in Berlin** on 10 October 2017. It was hosted by and at the Representation of the European Commission (EC) in Germany, situated right in the political heart of the German capital.

The discussion, which was opened by EC's Patrick Lobis, focused on the past and future of the EU-MENA relationship. The panel featured the Jasmin Foundation's co-founder

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Intissar Kherigi, Gilbert Achcar, Professor of Development Studies at SOAS and Christiane Bögemann-Hagedorn, Deputy Director General for MENA, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe and Latin America at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The round table was moderated by DIE's Markus Loewe and included a contribution by our colleague Mark Furness, who emphasized the need for long-term thinking. He stressed that beyond short-term stabilization measures and migration management, the new European Neighborhood Policy should foster sustainable development in accordance with the principles of the 2030 Agenda.

Dirk Messner at the conference „Futures of Global Cooperation“

With the conference “Futures of Global Cooperation” from 8 to 10 November (Museum DKM, Duisburg), the **Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)** summarized its first funding period. Likewise, the ‘bridging conference’



from left to right: Prof. Jan Aart Scholte, Prof. Dr. Sigrid Quack, Prof. Dr. Mirjam Künkler, Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner

led over to another six-year funding period, gathering more than one hundred national and international experts on the four topics that will guide future research: Pathways and Mechanisms, Polycentric Governance, Legitimacy, and Concepts of World Order in Global Cooperation. The concept of creating a ‘free room for thoughts’ for global cooperation researchers from all over the world has proven itself for the still young field of research: The research contributions of visiting scholars have contributed to a better understanding of factors and mechanisms that promote or prevent global cooperation. In the face of new political challenges

and rapidly changing framework conditions, further questions arise that the Centre will address over the next six years with its proven international network strategy.

“Johannes-Rau-Foundation vor Ort” at the UN Climate Change Conference COP23

The event entitled „Potentials of Renewable Energies for Sustainable Development“ was jointly organised by the member institute of the Johannes-Rau-Foundation (JRF) DIE, Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), and the Wuppertal Institute on 15 November 2017. As part of the **Interconnections Zone**, the event was hosted by the DIE and part of the “JRF vor Ort” series.



Dieter Bathen, Chairperson of the Johannes-Rau-Foundation

JRF chairperson Dieter Bathen welcomed all participants and Shahrazad Far (BICC) and Ole Soukup (Wuppertal Institute) as well as Rafat Assi (Royal Scientific Society) presented their recent research projects.

Bonner Impulse

As part of the event series Bonner Impulse a panel discussion held on 21 November, was devoted to the challenges that the African Union - European Union Summit from 29 to 30 November 2017 in Abijan, Ivory Coast, has to face. DIE, the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), and the umbrella organization of Development and Humanitarian Aid Non-Governmental Organisations (VENRO) invited panelists to discuss core themes and expectations concerning the summit's outcomes. They explored how the partnerships between African States and the EU is perceived from the perspectives of politics, civil society, research, and the private sector. The panelists, Ambassador Georg Schmidt from of the German Federal Foreign Office, Anna Knoll, The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM),



from left to right: Veye Tatah, Georg Schmidt, Jule Reimer, Boniface Mabanza, Anna Knoll

Boniface Mabanza, Kirchliche Arbeitsstelle Südliches Afrika (KASA), Veye Tatah, Africa Positive e.V. / Magazine, and Moderator Jule Reimer from Deutschlandfunk radio, discussed the divergent priorities of the summit's scope. Furthermore, the panelists addressed the *Compact with Africa*, the perspectives of legal migration within Africa and to Europe, options to provide access to work especially for young people, and encompassed the common security and trade policy.

Workshop on „Regional Migration Governance“

Migrants and refugees from Africa to Europe are currently at the centre of political and media debate. However, migration within the African continent and its regions is much more prevalent. As a result, organisations such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have formulated migration policies for decades, a fact hardly recognized in international policy and research. Against this background, researchers of the BMZ-funded project **“Reducing root causes of flight and managing migration”** of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organized a workshop on the topic of **“„Regional Migration Governance in Africa:**

Concepts, trends and policies“ on 11 and 12 December 2017 at DIE in Bonn.

At a public roundtable moderated by **Benjamin Schraven** experts from African regional organisations and researchers discussed about both achievements and limitations of these organisations to manage migration. On 12 December, focal migration themes and the role of regional organisations in the context of multilevel migration governance were discussed in a mix of presentations, panel discussions and small working groups. The workshop made clear, that regional policy approaches are becoming increasingly relevant from a global policy perspective. Moreover, in order to effectively promote the efforts of regional organisations, their diversity related to regional challenges and policy dynamics must be taken into account.

New Publications

DIE-Publication Update

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Digitalisation and flight: how can donors leverage digital technologies to support refugees?

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Thematic aid allocation: what are the benefits and risks?

Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

Briefing Paper 19/2017

Martin-Shields, Charles / Benjamin Schraven / Steffen Angenendt

More development - more migration? The „migration hump“ and its significance for development policy co-operation with sub-Saharan Africa

Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

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The case for connecting the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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