Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research – Innovation Campus Bonn (ICB)
Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research

Bonn’s institutional landscape encompasses a wide range of top expertise in sustainability research.

The Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research consists of BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion), the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, University of Applied Sciences (H-BRS), the Institute for Environment and Human Security of the United Nations University (UNU-EHS) and the University of Bonn including the Center for Development Research (ZEF). These institutions join forces and pool their knowledge, expertise and experience to tackle questions arising in the complex field of sustainable development.

The Bonn Alliance stands for a transdisciplinary approach to sustainability research. Sustainability research should take place in a direct exchange and dialogue with policy makers and stakeholders from economy and civil society on local and global levels. As a platform for macrosocial work on a sustainable future, the Bonn Alliance establishes the Innovation Campus Bonn (ICB). Actors with diverse backgrounds are invited to introduce their ideas, their expert knowledge and perspectives and work together on sustainability topics of mutual interest and relevance.
The Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research focuses on three initial research priorities to approach overarching questions of sustainable development:

**Digitalization and artificial intelligence (AI)** will fundamentally change the world economy and international division of labor as well as society, politics, orders, people’s thinking as well as the working world in the coming decades. The speed of this development is mirrored by the fact that it has hardly been anticipated in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

Contemporary society is characterized by increasing mobility and migration which encompass geographical movement and the social dimensions of mobility. These diverse interactions between different dimensions of mobility have rarely been the subject of sustainability research. Both dimensions of mobility and migration are important prerequisites for the creation of sustainability in direct correspondence with almost all SDG objectives.

The future of humankind will depend to a large extent on reliable and secure access to food and the sustainable use of energy, water and raw materials. The 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement with the aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will only be achievable by overcoming the current use of resources. **Bioeconomy** is searching for solutions to these challenges and conflicting goals.
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