

Dear DKN Community,

with this newsletter, we would like to keep you up to date about activities of the German Committee Future Earth (Deutsches Komitee für Nachhaltigkeitsforschung, DKN) and its partners as well as about interesting initiatives, events and calls within the German and international sustainability science community.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to interested colleagues. In case you have any questions, inquiries, or news that might be interesting for our community, please contact us via [info@dkn-future-earth.de](mailto:info@dkn-future-earth.de). You can subscribe or unsubscribe from this newsletter via these links: [subscribe](#) | [unsubscribe](#).

With best regards,

German Committee Future Earth / DKN

## **News October 2023**

### **WPN2030 - Science Platform Sustainability 2030**

#### **Report on the Advisory Board Dialogue 2022 II**

How can scientific policy advice support the federal government to shape the transformation, and what lessons can we learn from the current strategies and measures? These questions were discussed by representatives of the scientific advisory boards of the federal government and federal ministries at the advisory board dialogue on 25 October 2022. The [wpn2030](#) (Science Platform Sustainability 2030) regularly hosts the advisory board dialogue on sustainability topics to strengthen the scientific basis for strategy implementation. The latest published report entitled "Shaping the Future: Strategic Foresight for Transformation" is available [here](#) (in German).

### **Future Earth**

#### **Future Earth's 2022-23 Annual Report**

In 2022-23, Future Earth ramped up participation at the science-policy interface to help incorporate the latest science into global decision-making, expanded the capacity building especially among early career researchers, initiated work on a new member portal to better connect and inform the community and beyond, and much more. This year's annual report highlights the potential of harnessing the collective power of

scientists. Read and explore all of Future Earth's achievements in the [2022-23 Annual Report](#).

### **2023 Future Earth Assembly Report**

The [2023 Future Earth Assembly](#) took place in Panama and online from 29-30 June 2023. The annual Assembly is an inclusive body representing the full scope of the Future Earth community. It provides a platform for broad consultation and enables the full community to participate in the development of Future Earth core agenda, strategies, activities and structures through an annual gathering. It also elects the [Governing Council](#), which prioritizes ideas and activities and enables the Global Secretariat to serve the community and carry out actions to help Future Earth reach its goals and fulfill its mission. The Future Earth Assembly has been established in 2021 and meets once a year. More details can be found in the [2023 Future Earth Assembly Report and Documentation](#).

### **SRI2023**

The Sustainability Research & Innovation 2023 ([SRI2023](#)) Congress was held with the main event in Panama and online from 26-30 June 2023, an Africa satellite event in South Africa and an Asia spotlight event online. The Sustainability Research & Innovation (SRI) Congress is the world's largest transdisciplinary gathering for the global sustainability community. The third edition of the SRI Congress, SRI2023, was hosted by the National Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Panama ([SENACYT](#)) and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research ([IAI](#)), bringing this global event to the Latin American and Caribbean Region. The Congress program included a dialogue session on lighthouse programmes by the Swiss Sustainability Research Initiative with DKN Chair Daniela Jacob on the panel. The session recordings can be found on the [SRI2023 congress platform](#). More information on SRI2023 can be found in the [SRI2023 Report](#).

### **SRI2024 Call for Contributions**

The Sustainability Research & Innovation 2024 ([SRI2024](#)) Congress will be held 10-14 June 2024 in Helsinki and Espoo, Finland, in collaboration with Sustainability Science Days ([SSD](#)) - the largest sustainability science conference in the country. The [call for contributions](#) (Interactive Roundtables, Workshops and Tutorials, and Networking Activities) is now open - deadline for submissions is **30 November 2023**.

### **Call for Proposals: Pathways Communication Grants 2023**

The Pathways Communication Grants aim to support the dissemination of place-based research on pathways for sustainability to non-academic audiences via innovative formats and practices. Researchers, including PhD students, are invited to submit proposals for the creation of products that disseminate scientific outcomes of inter-/transdisciplinary place-based research projects contributing to the development of pathways for sustainability in practice (not limited to knowledge on the state of the

problem). Proposals must be submitted at the latest on **31 October 2023**. Please find details [here](#).

## **Further News**

### **Global Sustainable Development Report 2023**

The Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) 2023, prepared by the [Independent Group of Scientists](#), was launched in September 2023. The report builds on the 2019 report providing evidence that can help decision-makers to accelerate action and overcome impediments that stand in the way of progress on sustainable development. The focus is on accelerating transformation through important entry points and enabling science to support this acceleration. The GSDR is a United Nations publication aiming to strengthen the science-policy interface at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development ([HLPF](#)), the main United Nations platform providing political leadership and guidance on sustainable development issues at the international level. It is one of the only two mandated reports to inform the decision-making process at the HLPF. The Independent Group of Scientists 2023 is co-chaired by former DKN member Imme Scholz. Please find the full GSDR 2023 [here](#) and additional material [here](#).

### **SRU report on environment and health**

The German Advisory Council on the Environment (Sachverständigenrat für Umweltfragen, [SRU](#)) has published an English-language summary of its comprehensive report "For a Systematic Integration of Environment and Health", which was published in June 2023. Please find the English-language summary [here](#) and the full German-language report [here](#).

### **German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) publishes first own sustainability strategy**

The [BMBF](#) has now published its own sustainability strategy for the first time, which is intended to strengthen the BMBF's interface with the [German Sustainability Strategy](#) and provide innovative impetus for its implementation. Within a systematic framework for action, the BMBF's strategy is intended to increasingly incorporate the global goals for sustainable development into its own work. The strategy formulates five overarching principles and three concrete goals. First and foremost, the aim is to promote systemic innovations that advance several sustainability goals simultaneously. You can find the BMBF's Sustainability Strategy [here](#).

### **IPBES**

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services ([IPBES](#)) has issued several calls for nomination. Please find the links to the German national calls by the German IPBES Coordination Office here:

- [Aufruf zur Nominierung von Expert:innen für das Scoping-Verfahren zur Vorbereitung des zweiten globalen IPBES - Assessments](#) - deadline 27 October 2023
- [Aufruf zur Nominierung von Expert:innen für IPBES Task Forces](#) - deadline 27 October 2023
- [Aufruf zur Nominierung von Expert:innen für das methodische IPBES-Assessment zum Monitoring der biologischen Vielfalt und der Beiträge der Natur für die Menschen](#) - deadline 29 November 2023
- [Aufruf zur Nominierung von Fellows für die IPBES Task Force zu Szenarien und Modellen](#) - deadline 29 November 2023
- [Aufruf zur Nominierung von Fellows für das IPBES Monitoring-Assessment](#) - deadline 29 November 2023

### **Living Planet Fellowship: Call for Proposals 2023**

These fellowships aim to support the new generation of scientists in European Space Agency ([ESA](#)) Member States to undertake cutting-edge research in Earth Observation (EO) and Earth System Science, maximize the scientific impact of ESA missions and European EO capacity, and respond to the main challenges of the ESA science strategy. With this call, ESA plans to support a new set of research post-doctoral positions to be co-funded by ESA with a maximum overall price of 150KEuro. Proposals can be submitted until **27 October 2023**. More information can be found [here](#).

### **3rd World Biodiversity Forum - From Science to Action**

Contributions from all fields of biodiversity and ecosystem science are accepted. They should speak to the theme of the conference and should fit within the [thematic sessions](#). The [World Biodiversity Forum 2024](#) is an in-person event in Davos, Switzerland held from 16-21 June 2024, without the possibility to participate online. [Abstract submission](#) deadline is on **19 November 2023**.

### **Call for proposals by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)**

The Ministry announced several calls, e.g. on the following topics

- [Driving Urban Transitions Partnership: DUT-Call 2023 - 15-minutes City Transition Pathway \(15mC\)](#) - deadline for pre-proposals is **21 November 2023**
- [Ressourceneffiziente Kreislaufwirtschaft - Zirkuläre nachhaltige Textilien: Entwicklung ganzheitlicher, praxisreifer Lösungen zur Kreislaufschließung in der Textilbranche \(FONA\)](#) - deadline for proposal drafts is **8 January 2024**

## **Events**

### **23-27 October 2023**

[WCRP Open Science Conference 2023: Advancing climate science for a sustainable future](#)

**8-10 November 2023**

[AIMES Workshop on Climate Neutrality and the Role of Nature-Based Solutions](#)

**14 November 2023**

[Policy and science: joining forces for a sustainable future - Dialog 2030 meets Sustainability Science Forum](#)

**14 November 2023**

[Tag der Nachhaltigkeit: "Zukunftsbildung - bereit für die Herausforderungen unserer Zeit" an der Hochschule Darmstadt](#)

**22-24 November 2023**

[EC-ESA Joint Earth System Science Initiative - Science for a Green and Sustainable Society](#)

**23 November 2023**

[UBA/BMUV: 4th Sustainability Transformation Conference](#)

**23-25 November 2023** *(Deadline for Registration 16 November 2023)*

[COPERNICUS Alliance Higher Education Summit - Student Takeover](#)

**15-19 April 2024**

[Darmstädter Tage der Transformation 2024](#)

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