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Interconnections

between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Agreement

Exploring the role of state, non-state and subnational actors

Bonn, 12-13 May 2017

The adoption of the 2030 Agenda (including 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the Financing for Development Process) and the Paris Climate Agreement offers a unique opportunity to move towards more integrated and balanced development. 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.

As the world moves towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, the years 2017-2020 are crucial. To ensure a timely transition towards a sustainable, low-carbon and climate resilient future, national governments need to make ambitious efforts. However, a full transition will also require efforts by other stakeholders, such as businesses and investors, civil society organizations and faith communities, and local and regional authorities. Fortunately, in recent years, we witness an emerging *groundswell* of climate and sustainable development actions by a wide range of state and non-state actors. A growing number of non-state and subnational climate and sustainable development actions are registered at the UN¹. Various platforms have also emerged to support, track, and scale up such actions, for instance the Southern Climate Partnership Incubator (SCPI) seeks to foster partnerships in the Global South; the Financial Innovation Platform (FIP) identifies and pilots finance instruments to scale up SDG interventions; and UNEP's Climate Initiatives Platform collects and tracks information on international cooperative climate initiatives.

The strategic engagement of state and non-state actors and cooperative initiatives can create synergies between multiple political processes that address climate change and sustainable development, for instance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the High Level Political Forum, UNFCCC, the New Urban Agenda, G20, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA). However, such engagements involve stakeholders across developed and developing countries to deliver equitable results. Integrated implementation is especially crucial for sustainable development in developing countries as they are particularly vulnerable. Against this background, the *Interconnections* conference (12-13 May 2017, Bonn) will convene leading scholars, leading experts, and policy makers from relevant fields to exchange ideas and to build bridges between sustainable development and climate change.

¹ Non-state Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) already registered more than 12,000 non-state and subnational initiatives since 2014; while the Partnership for SDGs Platform registered over 2000 partnerships.

The Interconnections Conference will address the following questions:

- ❖ Which linkages between multiple political processes addressing sustainable development and climate change can foster synergies and propel the transition towards a sustainable, low-carbon and climate resilient future?
- ❖ Non-state and subnational actors and cooperative initiatives are relatively underrepresented in developing countries, how can such actions deliver sustainable and climate smart solutions across both developed and developing countries?
- ❖ How to increase national and local capacity, including financing, for actions that deliver on both agendas?

Paper submission

We invite abstracts (max. 250 words) for research papers as well as discussion and briefing papers that address one or more of the above questions. Abstracts can be send to [friederike.eichhorn\[at\]die-gdi.de](mailto:friederike.eichhorn[at]die-gdi.de) by 18 February. Notification of acceptance will be given by 1 March, full research, discussion, and briefing papers are due by 1 May 2017.

In keeping with our commitment to not only engage academia and north-based experts, we hold the conference in parallel with the Bonn Climate Conference (8-18 May); at a short walking distance from the negotiations venue; allowing interaction between practitioners, policy makers, officials and academic and non-academic experts.

We look for contributions from around the world, and provide limited travel and accommodation funding for participants from developing countries. For more information, mail to Ms. Friederike Eichhorn: [friederike.eichhorn\[at\]die-gdi.de](mailto:friederike.eichhorn[at]die-gdi.de).

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of abstracts 18 February 2017
Notification of acceptance 5 March 2017
Submission of papers 1 May 2017
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Conference 12-13 May 2017

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