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Prof. Dr. Günther Bachmann
General Secretary, German Council for Sustainable Development

Günther Bachmann studied landscape planning and was awarded his PhD from the Technische Universität Berlin in 1985 for his thesis on soil functions. He has held leading positions on soil and land regulation at the Federal Environmental Agency. Prof. Bachmann was a Jean Monnet fellow at the European University Institute and received a research grant from the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

In 2001, the Federal Chancellery appointed him Director of the German Council for Sustainable Development, a multi-stakeholder body that advises the Federal Government. He has been Secretary-General of the Council since 2007. Prof. Bachmann is responsible for the Council's agenda as well as for drafting and negotiating statements. He also interacts with the private sector and academia as well as stakeholders from all cross-sections of society. With the assistance of funding provided by the Federal Parliament, he has been engaging stakeholders in four regional network hubs since 2016.

In February 2014, the University of Lüneburg made Dr. Bachmann an honorary professor. He publishes papers on sustainable development issues as well as environmental and energy policies. He is a member of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC). Prof. Bachmann has recently addressed the global perspective of sustainability on several occasions. He has headed the jury of the German Sustainability Award since 2008 and serves as a trustee on the board of the Allianz Environmental Foundation. In 2016, he also chaired a board of experts advising on federal research projects related to sustainable business.

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