

Programme of events for the 18th annual conference of the German Council for Sustainable Development on 4 June 2018 at the Tempodrom in Berlin

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Many key developments in relation to sustainability are proceeding globally in the wrong direction – even in our country – or are not (yet) creating breakthroughs towards transformation. This year, the future of sustainability policy forms the focus of our annual conference. Renowned international experts will take a critical look at German sustainability policy. With the varied contributions of dedicated individuals and institutions and the ideas put forward by international experts as our basis, we want to examine which transformative signals towards implementation of the German Sustainable Development Strategy are present and what is still needed.

Through a diverse programme of events, you will have the opportunity to participate in topically oriented discussions and expand your understanding of relevant issues. In particular, the possibility for intensive discourse across many sections of society is a special highlight of the sustainability summit.

We cordially invite you to join us and look forward to your contributions!

Yours sincerely,

Marlehn Thieme
Chairwoman of the German Council for Sustainable Development

Ideas and actions for transformation!

From 8.00 a.m.	Registration
9.30–9.40 a.m.	Welcome from the Chairwoman of the German Council for Sustainable Development Marlehn Thieme
Ideas -- peer review	
9.40–10.15 a.m.	<p>What Now, Germany? Reviewing Germany's Sustainability Strategy Helen Clark: <i>Chair of international experts' group who conducted a peer review assessment of German sustainability policy.</i> <i>She is the former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Head of the UN Development Programme (UNDP)</i></p> <p><i>In English with interpreting</i></p> <p>Moderation by Günther Bachmann, <i>Secretary General of the German Council for Sustainable Development</i></p>
10.15–10.45 a.m.	Coffee break
10.45 a.m. –12.00 p.m.	<p>Topical forum discussions, in parallel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New partnerships: a discussion with representatives of civil society, the Hub for Sustainable Finance and sustainable business • New perspectives: a discussion among peers • New communication: a discussion with representatives of the German Science Platform
12.00–1.15 p.m.	Lunch break
Actions -- embedded in society	
	Moderation by Günther Bachmann
1.15–1.30 p.m.	Embedded in society - Projects of the German Council for Sustainable Development A talk with Sarah Wiener
1.30–2.30 p.m.	Introduction of Federal Chancellor by Marlehn Thieme Speech by Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel
2.30–3.15 p.m.	Coffee break

3.15–4.15 p.m.	<p>The sports Dr. Karin Fehres, <i>Director of Sport Development at the German Olympic Sports Confederation</i></p> <p>The media Dr. Thomas Bellut, <i>Director of ZDF</i></p> <p>The city Ullrich Sierau, <i>Lord Mayor of the city of Dortmund</i></p> <p>The world Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, <i>former federal minister and member of the German Council for Sustainable Development</i></p>
Transformation	
4.15–4.45 p.m.	<p>Songs of the coal age The Schauspielbrigade Leipzig present songs by Gerhard Gundermann</p>
4.45–4.55 p.m.	<p>The UN perspective on implementing the 2030 Agenda Video message Amina J. Mohammed, <i>Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations</i></p> <p><i>In English with interpreting</i></p>
4.55–5.55 p.m.	<p>Podium discussion on the future agenda and its implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Krautzberger, <i>President of Germany’s Federal Environment Agency (UBA)</i> • Tanja Gönner, <i>Speaker of the Board of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)</i> • Ursula Heinen-Esser, <i>Chairwoman of the Federal Company for radioactive Waste Disposal (BGE)</i> • Prof. Dr. Folkhard Isermeyer, <i>President of the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute</i> • Dr. Jürgen Friedrich, <i>Managing Director of Germany Trade and Invest (GTAI)</i> <p>Moderation by Stephan Karkowsky, <i>journalist and radio host</i></p>
Closing reception	

Forum 1:

New partnerships: a discussion with representatives of civil society, the Hub for Sustainable Finance and sustainable business

All over the world, sustainable business is making inroads, sustainable finance initiatives have sprung up in several countries, a CSR reporting obligation has been implemented and the trend is towards sustainable consumption. What is still lacking to achieve transformation? That is what we want to discuss with you.

Participants:

[Sabine Pex](#), *ISS-oekom*

[Kai Falk](#), *Trade Association Germany (HDE)*

[Thies Grothe](#), *German Property Federation (ZIA)*

Moderation:

[Prof. Dr. Lucia A. Reisch](#), *professor of intercultural consumption research and European consumer policy and member of the German Council for Sustainable Development*

[Prof. Dr. Alexander Bassen](#), *professor of business studies and member of the Council for Sustainable Development*

Forum 2:

New perspectives: a discussion among peers

Following approval of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the German federal government fundamentally revised its sustainability strategy and commissioned it to be reviewed by a panel of experts under the aegis of Helen Clark, former Head of the United Nations Development Programme and former Prime Minister of New Zealand; subsequent to its review, the panel will make recommendations.

These recommendations are to be presented publicly at the RNE annual conference. This forum offers participants of the annual conference the opportunity to pose questions directly to certain members of the international panel of experts about their work and their conclusions and to comment on these.

Participating peers:

[Helen Clark](#), *former Prime Minister of New Zealand, former Head of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Chair peer group*

[Adolfo Ayuso](#), *Director General of Agenda 2030, Presidential Office of Republic of Mexico*

[Karl Falkenberg](#), *former EU Director General*

[Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso](#), *Director of African Monitor*

[Joost Orthuizen](#), *Executive Director of IDH – the Sustainable Trade Initiative*

[Teresa Ribera](#), *Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)*

[Jan-Gustav Strandenaes](#), *co-founder of PURE Consultancy*

[Farooq Ullah](#), *independent expert, former senior staff member of UK Sustainable Development Commission (SDC)*

Moderation:

[Dr. Imme Scholz](#), *Deputy Director of the German Development Institute (DIE) and member of the Council for Sustainable Development*
[Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso](#), *Director of African Monitor and member of the peer group*

In English with interpreting

Forum 3:

New communication: discussing with the Science Platform

What contribution can the sciences make to processes for economic and societal change? Where are the hurdles; where is there resistance? What is the task of the *Science Platform Sustainability 2030* and what service does it provide?

How does the Science Platform make knowledge transparent and accessible to society?

In this forum, the goals, topics and communication tools of the Science Platform Sustainability 2030 will be presented and their contribution towards implementation of 2030 Agenda and the German Sustainable Development Strategy discussed.

Participants:

[Prof. Dr. Patrizia Nanz](#), *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam*
[Wilfried Kraus](#), *Federal Ministry of Education and Research*
[Ulla Burchardt](#), *strategy consultant and lecturer, member of the German Council for Sustainable Development*

Moderation:

[Stephan Karkowsky](#), *journalist and radio host*