

Diplomacy for Sustainability

European Sustainable Development Week

Berlin, May 29th to June 6th 2019



"Together with the many participating embassies, we would like to raise the profile of sustainability as an important issue. We all want to contribute to a change of awareness."

Tania von Uslar-Gleichen
Coordinator for
Sustainable Development
at the Federal Foreign Office



#ESDW19

The European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) is a European-wide initiative to stimulate and make visible activities, projects and events that promote sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It takes place every year from 30 May until 5 June.

The ESDW contributes to the ambitious, universal and transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs by promoting the organization of bottom-up activities that have a thematic link to and support the SDGs. As such, the ESDW aims to raise awareness for the 2030 Agenda in Europe and calls upon local stakeholders to actively engage with sustainable development, in general, and the SDGs, in particular.

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As part of the European Sustainable Development Week 2019 (ESDW19), the Federal Foreign Office and 23 Berlin-based embassies join their diplomatic forces to make our societies and countries more sustainable. The event series "Diplomacy for Sustainability" aims at bringing together governments, states and people for the common aim of a good life and a clean environment for everyone.

The events will be held at the participating embassies revolving around the topics of the 2030 Agenda's SDGs. From panel discussions and film screenings to the tasting of sustainable chocolate – various events are informing about the countries' actions for sustainability and give a chance to learn more about individual SDGs in a country-specific context while visiting the embassies.

After our first successful participation in the ESDW with ten embassies in 2018, we are pleased to be part of ESDW19 and of a growing network of embassies for sustainability.

Opening Event

At this event, we will introduce you to the ideas behind the Diplomacy for Sustainability project and will discuss the ways in which diplomacy can contribute to sustainability. Minister of State Niels Annen will deliver the opening address. During the subsequent panel discussion, our panellists will discuss intersections between diplomacy and sustainability as well as the scope for diplomacy to enhance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Guests will include Christoph Bals (Policy Director Germanwatch e.V.), Patrick van Weerelt (Head of Office of the UNSSC Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development in Bonn) and Rebecca Freitag (UN Youth Delegate for Sustainable Development). The event will be chaired by Tania von Uslar-Gleichen, the Coordinator for Sustainable Development at the Federal Foreign Office. Afterwards, the participants of our panel and the audience will have the opportunity to try their hand at the Swiss SDGeek Game and to test their knowledge on sustainable development.

Wednesday, 29 May, 2 - 5 p.m. *German Federal Foreign Office*

Registration: <u>agenda2030-s@zentrale.</u> auswaertiges-amt.de by 25 May



Design for Sustainability

The Italian Embassy will host an international conference on design and sustainability, coupled with an exhibition of Italian design masterpieces curated by Luisa Bocchietto, President of the World Design Organisation. The WDO was founded in 1957 as the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design (ICSID) in order to represent industrial design professionals worldwide and is now a strong campaigner in spearheading the SDGs across the design community. The WDO is aligning its work programme to the SDG targets as a common basis for its community of over 140 member organisations from 40 nations, engaging them in collaborative efforts. The exhibition will present contemporary projects on sustainable design. For further information, please check our website or send an email to: berlino.events@esteri.it

Access only by prior registration and ID.
The conference will be held in English. Entrance by Tiergartenstrasse, 22.

Wednesday, 29 May, 6 - 8 p.m. Embassy of Italy

Registration: Please register on Eventbrite by 27 May, Keywords: Design and Sustainability



Best Practices in Humanitarian Aid - the Case of Syria

In 2019, nearly 132 million people in 42 countries around the world will need humanitarian assistance, including protection. Today, there are more crises affecting a greater number of people and lasting longer than was the case a decade ago. The event organised at the Turkish Embassy in Berlin focuses on best practices in humanitarian aid with an emphasis on the case of Syria. The conceptual framework and content will include the sustainability of peace, the interrelationship between development aid and humanitarian aid, efficient use of resources and capacity building. The event will also be attended by specialists working in the field from Turkey and will feature visual material highlighting the challenges and best practices in humanitarian aid. An "Iftar" dinner at the Embassy will follow, which will be a separate event requiring additional registration.

Saturday, 1 June, 7 - 9 p.m. Embassy of Turkey

Registration: rsvp.botschaft.berlin@mfa.gov.tr by 23 May



The Living City of the Future

Today, half of humanity – 3.5 billion people – lives in cities, a number that is projected to rise to five billion by 2030. Sustainable cities not only have to be clean, have good and functioning transport systems and access to clean water, but they also have a social component. They should be places where their inhabitants feel good and have access to housing, work, schools, health care, recreation, and everything else that makes life worth living. People who live there should be involved in democratic decision-making processes. And they need to know their rights to the city that they live and work in or visit. Together with city planners, researchers, policy-makers and young people, we want to discuss how the cities of the future can become truly living cities.

Monday, 3 June, 10 a.m. - 12.30 noon *Nordic Embassies*

Registration: <u>event.berlin@gov.se</u> by 24 May





Green skyscrapers in Milan, Italy ©istock

Healthy Oceans

Healthy oceans and seas are vital to the well-being of the planet and to the economic and social prosperity of coastal states such as the Nordic countries. The 2030 Agenda and SDG 14, Life Below Water, will form the central theme of a seminar at the Nordic Embassies in Berlin, at which experts from the Nordic countries will discuss the sustainable utilisation of the oceans and seas, international frameworks and cooperation, and the impact of and actions to prevent marine pollution and litter.

Monday, 3 June, 12.30 noon - 4 p.m. Lunch 12.30 noon Nordic Embassies

Registration: eventbrite.de/e/healthy-oceans-tickets-59221863187 by 27 May



Sustainability without Peace, Peace without Democracy?

Peace, good governance, the rule of law and participatory decision-making constitute the essential requirements for sustainable development. Where do we stand, and how can we effectively contribute to achieving these various facets of SDG 16? This event will provide an opportunity to discuss these issues with professionals in this field, including innovators in social and political participation. Prominent guests such as the co-founder of the humanitarian organisation People in Need and former student activist Šimon Pánek as well as Tomáš Rákos, an expert in participatory processes working with alternative voting systems, have confirmed their attendance. Beyond that, the discussions are intended to provide food for thought for the first international review of the implementation of SDG 16, which will take place in New York in July 2019.

Monday, 3 June, 3 - 5.30 p.m. Embassy of the Czech Republic

Registration: veranstaltungen_berlin@embassy.mzv.cz by 29 May



Nordic Plogging in Berlin Tiergarten

By 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans. 80% of all waste polluting our seas comes from land. As a concrete follow-up to the seminar on Healthy Oceans in the Nordic Embassies, we invite you to go on a tour through the Tiergarten district of Berlin. We'll be picking up litter while jogging along the banks of the Landwehr Canal. In this way, we'll not only keep our neighbourhood clean, but also prevent the litter from eventually ending up in our lakes, seas and oceans

Please bring your jogging shoes and comfortable clothes. We will provide you with garbage bags, gloves and tongs.

Monday, 3 June, 4.30 - 5.30 p.m. *Nordic Embassies*

Registration isn't necessary. If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to event.berlin@gov.se by 27 May



Marine Expeditions for Climate

Marine expeditions have always inspired the public imagination with discoveries and technological exploits. Nowadays, they play a crucial role in helping us to understand climate change and its impact on our ecosystems. This conference aims to highlight three major expeditions that are contributing to research on sustainability in different ways: Tara, a polar schooner that has been travelling across the oceans since 2007 and advancing research on the protection of the environment; Energy Observer, the world's first hydrogen vessel, which has been nominated as "French ambassador of the Sustainable Development Goals"; and MOSAIC, the largest-scale Arctic research expedition of all time, which will start in September 2019 with the German research icebreaker Polarstern. All these major research and development projects call for sustainable development and raise awareness of the importance of protecting the oceans and climate. So get on board!

Monday, 3 June, 6 - 8 p.m. *Embassy of France*

Registration: eventbrite.fr/e/billets-conferencemarine-expeditions-for-climate-58437681679 by 31 May



Pacific Islands on the Frontline of Climate Change

The New Zealand Embassy and Brot für die Welt invite you to a screening of the documentary "Subject to Change", followed by a panel discussion about the challenges of climate change in the Pacific. "Subject to Change" tells the personal stories of Pacific communities living on the frontline of climate change. It is a beautifully shot and moving exploration of how climate change is affecting peoples whose lives are based around the ocean, but who are now faced with rising seas, extreme weather and tidal events. After the film, our panellists will discuss approaches to climate change in the Pacific: How can industrialised countries support Pacific communities? And how can we better include Pacific perspectives in our policymaking?

Monday, 3 June, 6 - 9 p.m. Embassy of New Zealand, hosted at Brot für die Welt

Registration: <u>subject-to-change.</u> eventbrite.de by 31 May



The Young Wave

Water and the young generation – two important symbols of the future. How do young people contribute to solving the water-related challenges of the 21st century? Together with experts and UN Youth Delegates from Germany and Hungary, the event will seek to answer this question through interactive World Café discussions. It will showcase youthled innovation to meet the targets of SDG6 and touch on cooperation between Germany and Hungary with respect to water, as well as the Strategy for the Danube Region. The event will focus on highlighting solutions for a bright and "waterproof" future.

Monday, 3 June, 6 - 9 p.m. *Embassy of Hungary*

Registration: veranstaltung@mfa.gov.hu by 23 May





Sea turtle, Pacific Ocean ©istock

Sustainable Forests for Longer Life

It can be said with ample certainty that Latvia is a land of forests, and that timber is the country's green gold. However, beyond economic value, forests ensure clean air, a better environment and thus better health and longer lives. In a podium discussion, we will be looking at sustainable forest industries, using innovative technologies and business cycle models, to ensure that forests cover more than 50% of Latvia's territory also in the long term. We will also examine how these best practices can be transferred to other countries and their forest industries. A small reception will be held following the discussions.

Tuesday, 4 June, 10 a.m. - 12 noon Embassy of Latvia

Registration: <u>RSVP.Germany@mfa.gov.lv</u> by 30 May



Malta's Marine Life: Preserving an Asset

Years after the seabed and the ocean floor were declared to be the "common heritage of mankind" following Malta's initiative in this regard at the UN General Assembly in 1967, the conservation of marine life remains as relevant as ever. The importance of managing and protecting marine ecosystems is, in fact, set out in SDG 14, Life Below Water, of the 2030 Agenda. We would like to invite you to a screening of the recently released documentary "Comino: A Secret Paradise" to discover the underwater realms surrounding one of the islands in the Maltese archipelago and to reflect on the importance of safeguarding marine biodiversity. The keynote speaker will be Professor Alan Deidun, Malta's Ocean Ambassador, executive producer of the documentary and resident marine biologist at the Department of Geosciences at the University of Malta.

Tuesday, 4 June, 4 - 5.30 p.m. *Embassy of Malta*

Registration: maltaembassy.berlin@gov.mt by 31 May



Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

This event focuses on the issue of women's sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR). It starts with the screening of "Jewels of Grief", a documentary by Berlin-based director Mohamed Nabil following the story of two single mothers who have been ostracised by their families and society after having given birth to children out of wedlock. The film also provides a platform for other protagonists such as representatives of human rights groups, religious communities and state authorities to express their views and illustrate the complexity of this phenomenon in a balanced way. After the viewing, a panel comprised of Mr Nabil as well as SRHR experts from Belgium and Germany will discuss similar challenges faced by women and girls across the globe and how this can be addressed by local, national and international initiatives.

Tuesday, 4 June, 4 - 6.30 p.m. *Embassy of Belgium*

Registration: berlin@diplobel.fed.be by 31 May



Small City, Big Ideas Green Leadership and People-Cept

Green Leadership and People-Centered Urban Development in Oslo

A public debate in collaboration between the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Berlin and ANCB The Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory within the framework of OSLO – European Green Capital of the Year 2019. The Norwegian capital has one special benefit, which is that it is small enough to test new solutions, but big enough for new solutions to be scaled up to larger cities. Protagonists from Oslo from the fields of city planning, architecture and academia will share their strategies and insights on low-carbon cities, digital urban living and car-free urban scenarios and discuss what Berlin can learn from the latest strategies behind city planning in Oslo. Keynote by Rasmus Reinvang, Political Advisor to the Vice Mayor for Urban Development in Oslo on Green Urban Leadership and the strategies behind Oslo's city planning.

Tuesday, 4 June, 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Embassy of Norway, hosted at The Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory

Registration: <u>reply@ancb.de</u> by 31 May



Material Matters

Do you hear the wake-up call? It's time to rethink and redesign our society of overexploitation. During Material Matters, we will go on an exciting exploration of our role on Mother Earth. A revolutionary trip that turns the world as we know it upside down. Thomas Rau will explain, step-by-step, a new economic model: a world in which the consumer is no longer the "owner" but the "user", where materials have rights and trash is a thing of the past. A utopia? Apparently not. Material Matters outlines a model that can make this revolution possible. In several cases, Rau shows that a future-proof world may be closer than we think. If you can identify with the motto "Don't own, enjoy!" and are open to challenging and revolutionary ideas, then this is your moment to visit the Embassy of the Netherlands. Keynote by Thomas Rau, Dutch-German entrepreneur, writer of Material Matters and innovative architect. He designs buildings that produce energy instead of consuming it, and he created Europe's first 'circular' building.

Tuesday, 4 June, 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. *Embassy of the Netherlands*

 $Registration: \underline{BLN-IenM@minbuza.nl}\\$

by 31 May



SDGeek 2.0 -The Chocolate Edition

Swiss chocolate stands for a high quality worldwide. This is one of the many reasons why Switzerland is committed to promoting a sustainable cocoa value chain that takes into account social, environmental and economic sustainability. While the challenges in the cocoa sector are numerous, there is one main objective: by 2025, at least 80% of the cocoabased products imported to Switzerland is to be produced-sustainably. If you are eager to learn more about our efforts to achieve this ambitious goal, come and discuss this topic with experts, taste chocolate and play the Sustainable Development Geek game – a card game that was inspired by the SDGs. A trophy awaits the geekiest contestants!

Wednesday, 5 June, 9 - 11.30 am Embassy of Switzerland

Registration: <u>ber.politik@eda.admin.ch</u> by 22 May





Conservation area in Switzerland ©istock

Water Scarcity: Regional and Global Challenges

The scarce supply of fresh water is one of the most pressing issues currently on the global agenda. SDG 6 calls for ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Lack of water is not only a threat to quality of life, but is also an impediment to economic development and a potential source of political instability. The countries of the Middle East and the Mediterranean, which are acutely affected by water shortages, are already taking national as well as regional measures to address the pressing challenges of climate change. At our event, regional experts will provide insights into this multifaceted issue and discuss solutions with a particular emphasis on the regional challenges in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. For more information about the event "Water Scarcity – Tackling a Regional and Global Challenge", please contact: RSVP@berlin.mfa.gov.il

Co-organized by Embassy of Israel and Embassy of Cyprus

Registration: <u>RSVP@berlin.mfa.gov.il</u> by 15 May



Transatlantic Perspectives on Oceans

Transatlantic Perspective on Oceans: a Canadian-Portuguese Dialogue. The Embassies of Canada and Portugal cordially invite you to a transdisciplinary panel discussion on oceans. Please join us for an exchange of perspectives from science and poetry.

Speakers:

Prof. Emanuel Gonçalves, Member of the Board of Directors of the Oceano Azul Foundation; Vice-Director of MARE Keynote title:

"Challenges for Ocean Conservation in the Next Decade"
Gary Geddes, Canadian poet and activist; recipient of the Lt
Governor's Award for Literary Excellence (2008)
Keynote title:

"Urgent, Final Messages: Sustainability in Language and Life" The panel discussion will be followed by a reception.

Wednesday, 5 June, 4 - 6 p.m. Co-organized by Embassy of Canada and Embassy of Portugal, hosted at Embassy of Canada

Registration: marta.neueff@international.gc.ca by 31 May



Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic

Arctic cooperation, issues and challenges are in focus at a seminar organised by the Embassies of Finland and Iceland in Berlin in cooperation with the Federal Foreign Office and the German Arctic Office of the Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research. Iceland will present the priorities of the Icelandic chairmanship of the Arctic Council 2019-2021 and Finland, the outgoing chair, will give an overview of the results of the past chairmanship period. A panel of experts will discuss how to seize opportunities and respond to challenges together in the rapidly changing Arctic.

Wednesday, 5 June, 4.30 - 7 p.m. Embassy of Finland and Iceland

Registration: eventbrite.de/e/healthy-oceanstickets-59221863187 by 27 May



Global Health Security: Antimicrobial Resistance

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a growing challenge both for developed and developing economies, and poses an increasing threat to global health security. Tackling it will require a holistic approach encompassing innovation, such as the development of new antimicrobials, vaccines and diagnostics, governance of the use of antibiotics, awareness-raising, as well as the targeted use of overseas development assistance. This event will look at what UK, German and other actors are already doing in this area and discuss the solutions available (scientific, economic and policy-based).

Thursday, 6 June 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon Embassy of the United Kingdom

Registration: <u>antimicrobial_resistance-</u>sdweek2019.eventbrite.de by 30 May



The Sustainable Future for Plattenbau

Cities are living entities and therefore start showing signs of age and decay over time. It is primarily important to strive for urban regeneration projects that are sustainable as well as economically sensible. The cities in Estonia and parts of Berlin have at least one thing in common – huge modernist-era apartment block boroughs, which are in need of transformation. Therefore, to discuss in a lively and interactive manner the best ways to implement sustainability in architecture, the Estonian Embassy will bring together architects, urbanists and visionaries both from Estonia and Germany. We will focus on what has been done already and what remains to be discovered in order to transform the extensive modernist legacy. Could it be that timber is the most sustainable and flexible solution for the complex problems to be tackled with the regeneration of these areas?

Thursday, 6 June 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Embassy of Estonia

Registration: $\underline{embassy.berlin@mfa.ee}$ by 3 June



Fixing Food

How the Mediterranean Diet Can Improve the Health of the Planet and its People

Together with the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition and the Barilla Group, the Italian Embassy will host an international conference on food and sustainability, with a focus on the Mediterranean diet, whose carbon footprint is up to 40% lower than those of comparable food regimes and is recognised as one of the healthiest nutritional models for people's wellbeing. Paolo Barilla, Vice Chairman of the Barilla Group and Riccardo Valentini, former Member of the IPCC Panel and Member of the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change, will discuss the challenges of feeding the planet within the framework of a more sustainable food system.

Thursday, 6 June 3.30 - 5 p.m. *Embassy of Italy*

Please register on Eventbrite by 4 June Keywords: Mediterranean Diet and Sustainability



Ecological Footprints - Untamed Romania

The closing event will offer two special moments:

1 - The ecological footprint by country

A walk-in infomap presented by its creator, Dr Raimar Heber, Art Director at the dpa.

Different countries have different characteristics: shape, area, topography, population, etc. To visualise this in a way that is easy to understand, the countries are shaded. When a country's size is no longer relevant, then the data is easier to compare. What we see is the ecological footprint, measuring the consumption of all resources that a person needs in everyday life.

2- Documentary film presentation

Untaimed Romania - Secrets to be shared, stories to be told, narrated (in English) by Mark Strong

A 90-minute journey into the fabulous natural life of Romania. Beyond the commotion of the cities, unbeknownst to anyone, millions of plants and animals put on a show filled with splendour, grace, ferocity, candour and humour. Shot in some of the most biodiverse places in Europe, the documentary helps the public gain a different perspective on a continent that we thought we knew everything about.

The evening will be closed by a reception hosted by the Ambassador, H.E. Emil Hurezeanu.

Thursday, 6 June, 7 - 9.30 p.m. Embassy of Romania

Registration: <u>berlin.rsvp@mae.ro</u> by 3 June





Iceberg, Antarctica ©istock

Wednesday, 29 May

2 - 5 p.m.

Opening Event / German Federal Foreign Office Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin

6 - 8 p.m.

Design and Sustainability / Embassy of Italy Tiergartenstraße 22 (Protokolleingang), 10785 Berlin

Saturday, 1 June

7 - 9 p.m.

Best Practices in Humanitarian Aid - the Case of Syria / Embassy of Turkey Tiergartenstraße 1, 10785 Berlin

Monday, 3 June

10 a.m. - 12.30 noon

The Living City of the Future / Nordic Embassies Felleshus Nordic Embassies, Rauchstraße 1, 10787 Berlin

12.30 noon - 4 p.m.

Healthy Oceans / Nordic Embassies Felleshus Nordic Embassies, Rauchstraße 1, 10787 Berlin

3 - 5.30 p.m.

Sustainability without Peace, Peace without Democracy? Embassy of the Czech Republic, Wilhelmstraße 44, 10117 Berlin

4.30 - 5.30 p.m.

Nordic Plogging in Berlin Tiergarten / Nordic Embassies Felleshus Nordic Embassies, Rauchstraße 1, 10787 Berlin

6 - 8 p.m.

Marine Expeditions for Climate / Embassy of France Pariser Platz 5, 10117 Berlin

6 - 9 p.m.

Pacific Islands on the Frontline of Climate Change Brot für die Welt (Embassy of New Zealand) Caroline-Michaelis-Straße 1. 10115 Berlin

6 - 9 p.m.

The Young Wave / Embassy of Hungary Unter den Linden 76. 10117 Berlin

Tuesday, 4 June

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Sustainable Forests for Longer Life / Embassy of Latvia Reinerzstraße 40-41, 14193 Berlin

4 - 5.30 p.m.

Malta's Marine Life: Preserving an Asset / Embassy of Malta Klingelhöferstraße 7, 10785 Berlin

4 - 6.30 p.m.

Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights / Embassy of Belgium Jägerstrasse 52-53, 10117 Berlin

6.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Small City, Big Ideas / (ANCB) The Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory (Embassy of Norway), Christinenstr. 18-19, 10119 Berlin

6.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Material Matters / Embassy of the Netherlands Klosterstraße 50, 10179 Berlin

Wednesday, 5 June

9 - 11.30 a.m.

SDGeek 2.0 - The Chocolate Edition / Embassy of Switzerland Otto-von-Bismarck-Allee 4. 10557 Berlin

4-6 p.m.

Transatlantic Perspectives on Oceans Embassy of Canada, co-organized by Embassy of Canada and Embassy of Portugal, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin

4.30-7 p.m.

Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic / Embassy of Finland and Iceland Felleshus Nordic Embassies, Rauchstraße 1, 10787 Berlin

Thursday, 6 June

9.30 a.m. - 12 noon

Global Health Security: Antimirobial Resistance Embassy of the United Kinkdom, Wilhelmstraße 70-71, 10117 Berlin

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Sustainable Future for Plattenbau / Embassy of Estonia Hildebrandstraße 5, 10785 Berlin

3.30- 5 p.m.

Fixing Food / Embassy of Italy Hiroshimastraße 1, 10785 Berlin

7 - 9.30 p.m.

Ecological Footprints - Untamed Romania / Embassy of Romania Dorotheenstraße 62 - 66, 10117 Berlin















































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Registration is required for each event.



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