

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.

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).

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With best regards,

German Committee Future Earth / DKN

## **News February 2021**

### **DKN**

#### **German Sustainability Science Summit 2021: Deadline for session proposals extended until 15 March**

The DKN invites session proposals for the German Sustainability Science Summit 2021 on topics complementing or detailing the range of topics from normativity, epistemology and attainability of sustainable development over extreme events, resilience, social cohesion and well-being to climate change, biodiversity, diet and health until 15 March 2021. The Summit will take place on 8 & 9 July 2021 as an interactive virtual event. Please find more information on the summit as well as the call for session proposals [here](#).

#### **UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery**

The interdisciplinary commission for pandemic research and the German Committee Future Earth (DKN) of the German Research Foundation (DFG) discussed and expressly welcomed the recently presented "Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery" of the United Nations. From the point of view of the Commission and the DKN, the roadmap is impressive evidence of the UN's commitment to helping to cope with the pandemic. Please find more information on the [statement](#) as well as the [roadmap](#) here.

#### **Science Platform Sustainability 2030 (wpn2030)**

#### **New co-chair of wpn2030**

Since 1 February 2021, Prof. Mark Lawrence is new co-chair of wpn2030. He took over from Prof. Patricia Nanz, who stepped down to take up new challenges as vice president of the German Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Management. Prof. Mark Lawrence, as co-director of the Institute for Advanced System Studies, is chairing the wpn2030 together with the co-chairs Prof. Daniela Jacob (DKN) and Prof. Christa Liedtke (SDSN Germany). Please find more information [here](#).

### **wpn2030 in dialogue with Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development**

As central actors in the architecture of the German Sustainability Strategy, experts from the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development and the co-chairs of Science Platform Sustainability 2030 Prof. Christa Liedtke and Prof. Mark Lawrence met in an online dialogue to share knowledge and experience. Focus of the discussion were collaboration and coordinated actions across politic, science and society as vital tools to enhance sustainable development and deliver on the goals of the German Sustainable Development Strategy. Please find more information on the dialogue [here](#).

### **The role of local authorities in sustainable development**

Together with the German Institute of Urban Affairs, the wpn2030 published a discussion paper calling to strengthen the role of local authorities in sustainable development. Please find more information as well as the full paper [here](#).

## **Future Earth**

### **Future Earth in transition: Call for expressions of interest for Global Secretariat Hubs and Global Coordination Hub**

A call for expressions of interest to host a Global Secretariat Hub is now open to institutions from any country or region that work to promote global sustainability science and that seek to support Future Earth's global mission (deadline 1 May 2021). Concurrently, a call for Future Earth's Global Coordination Hub is also open now, which will house the Future Earth Executive Director, oversee and coordinate the main activities of the Future Earth Secretariat, conducted by the Global Secretariat Hubs, and manage the Future Earth common resources (rolling deadline). Please find more information [here](#).

### **10 New Insights in Climate Science**

The 10 New Insights in Climate Science series, produced by Future Earth, the Earth League and WCRP, highlights the most recent advances over the last year on drivers, effects and impacts of climate change, aiming to ensure visibility and accessibility of scientific results for policy work. After the "[10 New Insights in Climate Science 2020](#)" were launched on 27 January 2021 and presented to Patricia Espinosa, the Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, the production of the 2021 report has started.

All active researchers, across all disciplines, working with issues related to climate change are invited to provide inputs on the latest scientific advances within climate change research until 7 March 2021. Please find more information as well as the survey [here](#).

### **Pathways for zero net biodiversity loss in France**

As part of Future Earth's initiative Science-Based Pathways for Sustainability, a cross-disciplinary group of researchers and practitioners, worked out pathways toward achieving zero net biodiversity loss in metropolitan France. Their conclusions are presented in the report ["Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda: What pathways for zero net loss of biodiversity in metropolitan France?"](#).

### **Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress 2021: Registration now open**

Early-bird registration for SRI2021 is now open. SRI2021 will be a hybrid event, with a diverse online program alongside onsite participation. It will take place June 12-15, 2021 with activities, networking, training and more. Please find more information [here](#).

### **Further News**

#### **Launch of Sustainable Development Solutions Network Europe**

To contribute to the work on sustainable development across the continent, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) has launched SDSN Europe. Under the leadership of the three co-chairs Adolf Klobe-Lesch (SDSN Germany), Angelo Riccaboni (SDSN Mediterranean) and Phoebe Koundouri (SDSN Greece), SDSN Europe will act as a coordination instrument for the networks and members to catalyse actions on issues related to European policy. Please find more information [here](#).

#### **Open position: Executive Director sustainable Development Solutions Network Germany**

For the leadership of the secretariat of SDSN Germany, the German Development Institute (DIE) is looking for a new Executive Director, available as soon as possible. Please find more information [here](#).

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

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

- [Bioeconomy as social transformation](#) (early career research groups), deadline for proposal drafts is 15 July 2021
- [Bioeconomy](#) (with focus on natural, information and technical sciences, research projects / early career research groups), deadline for proposal drafts is 15 July 2021

- [Socio-ecological research](#) (research projects / early career research groups), deadline for proposal drafts is 29 April 2021
- [Circular economy](#) (transnational projects), deadline for pre-proposals is 1 April 2021
- [Green Hydrogen](#) (Future Labs), deadline for proposal drafts is 27 April 2021

## **Events**

**8 April 2021**

**[3rd World Symposium on Sustainability Science and Research](#)**

**31 May – 4 June 2021**

**[2021 World Conference on Natural Resource Modeling](#)**

**12 – 15 June 2021**

**[Sustainability Research & Innovation Congress 2021](#)**

**14 -15 June 2021**

**[Online EcoSummit 2021](#)**

**14 – 24 June 2021**

**[IPBES-8 Plenary](#)**

**17 -18 June 2021**

**[Transformations 2021: Enabling positive tipping points in an uncertain world](#), abstract deadline 1 March 2021**

**8 – 9 July 2021**

**[German Sustainability Science Summit](#)**

**13 – 15 July 2021**

**[27<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the International Sustainable Development Research Society](#)**

Please also note the following upcoming events in German language:

**15 March 2021**

**[12. Deutsche Klimatagung](#)**

**18 March 2021**

**[tF-Symposium 2021: Vom Experiment zum Mainstream](#)**

**23 March 2021**

**[5. Symposium "Nachhaltigkeit in der Wissenschaft – Sustainability in Science Initiative" \(SISI\)](#)**

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