Call for Contributions

Shaping Liveable Futures: Sustainability Science Summit 2027

6–8 July 2027 | Bonn, Germany

German Committee Future Earth

About the Summit

The Sustainability Science Summit 2027 will take place from 6 to 8 July 2027 in Bonn, Germany. The summit continues the series of German Future Earth Summits organized by the German Committee Future Earth (Deutsches Komitee für Nachhaltigkeitsforschung in Future Earth, DKN). It offers a forum for national and international sustainability science, including, but not limited to, activities within Future Earth and the World Climate Research Programme. The summit will allow for exchange on the latest scientific findings and trends in sustainability science and its context.

We invite proposals for the following topics, suggestions for other topics not being excluded:

1. Rethinking sustainability: Challenges and futures

- Liveability and habitability in a changing world:
  What makes a planet liveable, for whom, and under what conditions?
- Critical perspectives on sustainability, its promises, contradictions, and limitations under non-ideal conditions
- Coping with loss and damage: Adaptation, repair, and reparation
- Conceptualizations and visions of the future beyond sustainability

2. Societal transformations and their dynamics

- Understanding the social, political, economic, and cultural dynamics of sustainability transformations
- Drivers, barriers, conflicts, and power relations shaping societal change
- The future of political sustainability agendas including the SDGs beyond 2030

3. Science, society, policy, and impact

- Organizing the interface between science, policy, and practice
- Pathways to impact: The transfer of research insights to society and business
- The relationship between scientific research and advocacy

4. Knowledge production and research approaches

- Innovative approaches to inter- and transdisciplinary research and knowledge co-production, including diverse forms of knowledge

- Methodologies for sustainability science as well as for sustainable research
- Emerging quality criteria and concepts of excellence in sustainability science

Summit topics will be covered within and across disciplines, in scientific sessions, panel discussions, interactive roundtables, and other formats, such as, for instance, poster sessions and games-based sessions.

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We invite session proposals on the summit topics as described above. Sessions will have a duration of 90 minutes and can host talks or include workshop or discussion formats. It is also possible to submit individual contributions, but space in mixed sessions is limited. The deadline for submission of contributions is **20 January 2027**.

Session proposals must indicate a topic from the list provided above, and include a session title, a description of the session content and format, expected outcome, and basic personal information (name, affiliation and position) of the potential session chair and any potential co-chairs. Submitters will be informed about the acceptance of their proposal by the end of March 2027.

Please submit your contribution as one PDF-document (1-2 pages) to info@dkn-future-earth.de.

If you have any questions, please contact info@dkn-future-earth.de.