

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.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to interested colleagues. 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. You can subscribe or unsubscribe from this newsletter via these links: [subscribe](#) | [unsubscribe](#).

With best regards,

German Committee Future Earth / DKN

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Call for new DKN working groups

The DKN is setting up new working groups to strengthen sustainability research in Germany and to support scientists in the development of relevant research activities within sustainability science.

Please send your proposal for setting up a working group to the DKN secretariat by 12 July 2024. Successfully established working groups receive funding to finance working group meetings and a round table meeting; alternatively or additionally, publications and support by student or research assistants can be funded. The maximum duration of a working group is two years. An extension of one additional year is possible in justified cases.

Please find details on the call for proposals [here](#).

Save the date: DKN Summit 2025

The German Committee Future Earth (DKN) cordially invites you to the **DKN Summit 2025** on **19 - 21 February 2025**. On these days, we would like to develop and explore new research directions of sustainability science. The Summit will take place in Kassel, Germany.

More information about the summit, the program and the possibility to register will be available on [our website](#). If you have any questions, please contact us.

Future Earth

SRI2024

The next [Sustainability Research and Innovation \(SRI\) Congress](#) will be held for the first time in Europe, taking place in Helsinki and Espoo, **Finland**, and online on **10 - 14 June, 2024**. The SRI Congress is the world's largest inclusive global event for co-produced research and innovation action to advance sustainability. The 2024 Congress builds on a growing knowledge to action movement fostered in previous SRI Congresses held in Australia, South Africa and Panama. More than 2000 international sustainability experts and practitioners are expected to come together in Finland and online from around the world.

The DKN will be part of the open-access session *How Can We Design Effective Science-Policy Interface? Learning from the Best Practices and Experiences from Future Earth's National Committees*.

Future Earth Pathways Autumn School 2024

The 3rd edition of the [Future Earth Pathways Autumn School](#) will take place on **25 - 29 November 2024** in Aussois in the **French Alps**. It will gather 50 young researchers and senior researchers to share and reflect around the theme "Transformative Research for a Just World and a Habitable Planet". The **call for applications closes on 22 May 2024**. This year, the DKN is once again involved as a partner in the Pathways Autumn School, which is organized by the French Future Earth Hub. The school aims to foster exchange of knowledge and learning through critical dialogue between early career scientists and senior researchers from the natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.

Future Earth Pathways Forum

The Future Earth Pathways Forum is an open webinar series aimed at developing critical reflections on sustainability science.

The Pathways Initiative convenes an international and diverse community of researchers for discussions and mutual learning on a variety of sustainability science concepts, methods, and concrete cases.

More information can be found [here](#).

Future Earth announces Earth Commission Second Assessment with a New Cohort of Experts

A [new cohort of experts](#) embark on the [Earth Commissions](#) second scientific assessment. Focus areas include quantifying safe and just boundaries for Novel Entities and the Ocean, a novel tipping points modelling intercomparison project and advancing analysis on transformation and governance pathways.

Further News

10 Must-Knows from Biodiversity Research 2024

In the *10 Must-Knows from Biodiversity Research 2024*, 64 scientists have further developed their well-founded and diverse findings and recommendations from the 10MustKnows22. With the 10MustKnows24, they want to make an active contribution to accelerating the socio-ecological transformation in the crucial six years up to 2030 through scientifically sound recommendations for politics and society. You can find more information about the 10MustKnows24 [here](#) and join the webinar with an interactive discussion on **22 May 2024** (2:00-3:00 pm CEST): ["An Intl. Day for Biodiversity Webinar: Biodiversity science synthesized for good living and sustainable development"](#)

German Advisory Council on Global Change - WBGU

In April 2024, the WBGU presented the policy paper "[Biodiversity: Act Now for Nature and Humanity](#)" to Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke and Ms. von Messling, Head of Department at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The key messages of the paper deal with the successful protection of climate and biodiversity as a prerequisite for healthy living.

German Advisory Council on the Environment - SRU

- The SRU has recently [updated its work on a national CO2 budget for Germany](#). It shows that rapid emission reductions are crucial. The current paper updates the SRU's CO2 budget calculations on the basis of the latest scientific knowledge. It also answers a number of questions that came up in public discussion.
- The SRU presented a paper on the topic of "[Suifficiency as a 'strategy of enough'](#)" with 16 theses that are intended to invite politicians, civil society, science and business to discuss the issue.

- Jointly with two federal advisory councils ([WBBGR](#) and [WBW](#)), the SRU has developed [recommendations for a renaturation policy](#) for the federal and state governments. The report "[Renaturation: Strengthening biodiversity, managing land sustainably](#)" (in German only) was submitted to the Federal Environment Ministry in April. The core recommendations of the report will be presented and discussed in an [online event](#) on **23 May 2024**.

German Sustainable Development Strategy

The federal cabinet adopted the "[Energy transition and climate action - challenges and paths of transformation](#)" report (in German only). The report is a building block in the development of the German Sustainable Development Strategy, and focuses in particular on the international dimension of climate action.

Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change - IPCC

The IPCC is calling on its member governments and observer organizations to nominate experts who will draft the outline of the Working Group contributions to the Seventh Assessment Report. Nominations should be submitted by 7 June 2024. Nominations from Germany are handled by the German focal point and need to be communicated by **24 May 2024**. More information can be found [here](#).

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - IPBES

- **Registration open:** [Eleventh session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services \(IPBES\)](#), 10 to 16 December 2024, Windhoek, Namibia. IPBES 11 will be preceded by regional consultations and a Stakeholder Day on 9 December 2024. [Registration](#) is open **until 10 November 2024**.
- **External review of the concept note on the future role of the policy support function is open:** IPBES members and other interested stakeholders are invited to contribute to the external review of the concept note on the future role of the policy support function. If you would like to participate as a reviewer, please follow the steps given [here](#) no later than **31 May 2024**.
- A **learning tool** featuring interactive graphical elements, animations and case studies from the **IPBES Invasive Alien Species Assessment Report** has been launched. You can access this tool [here](#).

- **Save the date: Review of the draft scoping report for the second global assessment:** The external review of the draft scoping report for the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services will be open for review **from 27 May to 30 June 2024**.
- **Save the date: External review of the IPBES business and biodiversity assessment:** The external review of the IPBES methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people (business and biodiversity assessment) will be made available for review **from 24 July to 17 September 2024**.

Events

10 – 14 June 2024

[Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress 2024](#)

12 – 13 June 2024

[Natural Hazards and Risks in a Changing World](#)

16 – 21 June 2024

[3rd World Biodiversity Forum](#)

17 – 18 June 2024

[SDSN Conference 'Paving the Way to the Pact of the Future'](#)

18 – 24 September 2024

[27th DeGEval Annual Conference](#)

22 – 23 September 2024

[Summit of the Future](#)

7 – 8 October 2024

[Hamburg Sustainability Conference](#)

9 – 11 October 2024

[FONA Forum 2024](#)

6 November 2024

[11. Nationales IPBES Forum](#)

11 – 22 November 2024

[UN Climate Change Conference \(COP29\)](#)

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