



Registrations open until 30 March 2025
Abstract submissions extended until 3 March 2025

Third Circular

20 February 2025



DNC Website



**Registration
Abstract submission**

1. DNC 2025

In April 2025, the global Resource Nexus community will come together in Dresden, Germany, to discuss the future of resource management. With a focus on integrated (“nexus”) approaches, DNC 2025 brings together experts from research, education/capacity building, policy/governance, and the community of practice.

[DNC 2025](#) marks the 10th anniversary of the [Dresden Nexus Conference](#). This makes it the perfect time not only to look at lessons learned in the past but also at the role that nexus approaches can, will, or should play in driving sustainable development in the future and how they relate to UN strategies such as the post-2030 agenda and the [Pact for the Future](#).



DNC 2025 will form a part of the 50th-anniversary celebrations of [United Nations University](#), with UNU Rector and UN Under-Secretary-General [Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala](#) among our guests of honor.

For the city of [Dresden](#), 2025 also marks the commemoration of 80 years of peace following World War II, 35 years as the capital of [Saxony](#) in a re-unified Germany, and 15 years of

[DRESDEN-concept](#), a research alliance of 40 prominent institutions in the Dresden region. All this makes 2025 the right moment to have the World as our guests!

PRISMA Award

One highlight of this year’s Dresden Nexus Conference is the award ceremony for the PRISMA - Sustainability Assessment and Policy Award (see [announcement on UNU-FLORES website](#)). This award recognizes exceptional publications in sustainability assessment and policy, with a particular focus on Resource Nexus.

The award includes a €2,000 grant, a certificate of excellence, and the opportunity to present at the award ceremony during the conference on 8 April 2025, either in person or virtually. Applications are invited via the [PRISMA Award website](#) by 14 March 2025.



PRISMA Award

2. Conference Scope and Topics



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The conference will, on the one hand, look back to highlight significant developments, accomplishments, and best-practice experiences of the recent past, particularly since environmental Nexus approaches have been popularized through conferences like the 2011 Bonn Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus conference or the DNC series of conferences. A global, inter-, and transdisciplinary perspective will be taken on this, showcasing how Nexus has contributed to advancing sustainability and discussing the hindrances to implementing Nexus approaches in research and practice. **Looking forward**, the conference encourages the exchange between scientists,

policymakers, the community of practice, and the young generation about ways to advance the Resource Nexus and related approaches, both conceptually and in their implementation. Furthermore, DNC 2025 aims to develop strategies for overcoming barriers to Nexus approaches and initiate Nexus guidelines and an ISO standard for the Resource Nexus.

3. Registration

We invite you to register via the [electronic registration and submission system CONVERIA](#).

Early Bird Registration: until 28 February 2025

Regular Registration: until 30 March 2025

DNC 2025 will primarily be an in-person conference; there will be limited functionality for online participants. If you are a presenter and unable to attend DNC in person, please connect to your session chair(s) and to the conference secretariate at dnc@unu.edu to arrange a pre-recorded / online presentation.



Conference fees	General Participant	Discount: participants from Global South and students	Members of GlobalABC	Discount: GlobalABC members from Global South
Early Bird Price (registration by 28 February 2025)	300 €	150 €	200 €	100 €
Regular Price (1 March to 30 March 2025)	375 €	200 €	250 €	125 €

The conference fee covers coffee breaks and lunches on 8 to 10 April 2025, admission to the signature event, “From Conflicts to Cooperation” at the Church of Our Lady on 8 April 2025, and reception on 9 April 2025.

On **7 and 8 April 2025**, the [General Assembly of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction](#) (GlobalABC) under UNEP will take place at the same venue. Please note that:

- Participants of the GlobalABC General Assembly may register for DNC 2025 at a discounted rate.
- DNC 2025 participants interested in connecting to the Global Alliance for Building and Construction, please get in touch with dnc2025@unu.edu.

4. Call for abstracts; list of themes and sessions

We invite you to submit abstracts for posters and presentations via the [electronic registration and submission system CONVERIA](#). Abstracts can have a length of up to 350 words, including a maximum of 3 key references. Please see details in section 4 / Tentative list of sessions.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 20 February 2025

Submission of abstracts

When submitting abstracts through [CONVERIA](#), please select the theme that best reflects your abstract (under “Paper Topic” in the electronic submission system). If you wish to submit to a **specific session**, please mention the session number and title in your abstract.

Sessions with the symbol “⊗” after the session name do not accept submissions for presentations except for invited speakers or panelists, but posters can be accepted for all session topics.



Abstract submission

The conference will cover all of the themes below, but sessions may be slightly altered or combined depending on the content and number of abstract submissions.

Theme A: Advancing the Resource Nexus

- **Session A1:** Integrated Earth System Science Data for Integrated Management of Resources (Convenors: Dr. Jörg Seegert, TU Dresden; Prof. Serena Coetzee, UNU-FLORES)
- **Session A2:** A robust definition of the Nexus – Learning from Resource Nexus and Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus applications (Convenors: Dr. Ali Rhouma, PRIMA Foundation; Prof. Floor Brouwer, UNU-FLORES)
- **Session A3⊗:** Hands-on demonstration of the NEXOGENESIS Nexus Policy Assessment Tool (NEPAT) (Convenors: Prof. Lluís Echeverria, Eurecat; Prof. Janez Susnik, IHE Delft) **[Workshop]**
- **Session A4⊗:** The Next 100 Questions for the Water-Energy-Food Nexus Research and Policy (Convenors: Zeeshan Tahir Virk, University of Oulu; Dr. Annette Huber-Lee, Stockholm Environment Institute; and others) **[Workshop]**
- **Session A5:** Navigating the Nexus: Climate Change, Migration, and Health for a Resilient Future (Convenors: Dr. Nidhi Naghabatla, UNU-CRIS; Dr. Sanae Okamoto, UNU-MERIT) **[Workshop]**
- **Session A6:** Broadening the dimensions of the WEF nexus: a focus on planetary health (Convenors: Prof. Tafadzwanashe Mabhaudhi, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Prof. Graham Jewitt, IHE Delft)

Theme B: Communicating and Engaging for the Nexus

- **Session B1⊗:** Telling the Resource Nexus story with maps (Convenors: Prof. Britta Ricker, Utrecht University; Prof. Petr Kubiček, Masaryk University) **[Workshop]**
- **Session B2:** Stakeholder Engagement in Post-Mining Land Restoration and Land Use (Convenors: Vera Braun, TU Dresden & Ghada Amin, UNU-FLORES) **[Presentations & Workshop]**

- **Session B3:** Nexus Thinking in Action: How Citizen Science Shape Sustainability (Convenors: Taha Loghmani, UNU-FLORES; Mohammad Gharesifard, University of Groningen; and others)
- **Session B4:** Advancing a Curriculum of the Resource Nexus (Convenor: Dr. Inéz Labucay & Prof. Floor Brouwer, UNU-FLORES)
- **Session B5**⊗: Launch: Knowledge Academy of the Resource Nexus (Convenors: Prof. Serena Coetzee & Asha Verma, UNU-FLORES; and others) [Special event]
- **Session B6**⊗: Navigating Uncertainty: Catalyzing the implementation of Nexus approaches in research and practice through inclusive dialogue and collaboration (Convenors: Ralph Wollmann, UBA; Dr. Anna Görner, TU Dresden - CIPSEM) [Dialogue/Workshop]
- **Session B7**⊗ (=S4⊗): Resource Nexus Policy Dialogue (Convenors: Prof. Serena Coetzee & Thato Masire, UNU-FLORES) [Interactive Policy Briefing]

Theme C: The Water-Energy-Food Nexus

- **Session C1:** Water–energy–food nexus approaches in the context of groundwater management in Central Asia (Convenors: Dr. Ulan Kasymov, TU Dresden; Dr. Ahmad Hamidov, ZALF)
- **Session C2:** Open Source and Access for equal and sustainable Energy-Food-Water nexus (Convenors: Vivien Barnier & Clara Donadello, EnAccess Foundation)
- **Session C3:** African Lens on Water-Energy-Food Nexus: Tackling Urban Complexities (Convenors: Dr. Jafaru Egieya, Texas A&M University; Dr. Afaf Zaza, Green Energy Park)
- **Session C4:** Round Table Discussion on Grassroots Development Initiatives and Challenges on Energy, Water, and Food Security: A Multi-Sectoral Approach Cases Of The Philippines (Convenors: Prof. Vison P. Serrano & Prof. Noel Cruz, University of Santo Tomas; and others)
- **Session C5**⊗: Using a Theory of Change to foster impact of WEF+ Nexus projects: practical insights (Convenors: Dr. Stefania Munaretto, KWR Water Research Institute; Caro Mooren, Utrecht University) [Workshop]
- **Session C6:** Water-energy-food nexus and systems modelling to secure sustainability and maximize resource self-sufficiency at the local scale (Convenor: Luís Miguel Pereira Dias, NOVA University)
- **Combined session C7/C8:** Leveraging Innovative WEF Nexus technologies and approaches for Climate Action (Convenor: Dr. Emmanuel Cheo, UNU-EHS)
- **Session C9:** Building Nexus Resilience: Addressing Migration and Conflicts in Water-Energy-Food Systems (Convenors: Dr. Bassel Daher, Texas A&M University; Prof. Floor Brouwer, UNU-FLORES) [Panel Discussion]
- **Session C10**⊗: Best practices in WEF+ Nexus: Showcasing impactful projects (Prof. Mirela Sertić Perić, University of Zagreb; Prof. Edyta Hewelke, Warsaw University of Life Sciences) [Panel Discussion and Workshop]

Theme D: Financing and Operationalizing Nexus Approaches

- **Session D1:** Operationalizing evidence-based Water-Energy-Food Nexus Solutions projects (Convenors: Dr. Annette Huber-Lee, Stockholm Environment Institute; Dr. Bassel Daher, Texas A&M University) [Panel Discussion]
- **Session D2:** Sustainable Futures after Mining: Leveraging the Resource Nexus for Transition (Convenors: Dr. Alexey Alekseenko, UNU-FLORES; Dr. Gareth Simpson, WSP Australia)

- **Session D3:** Unlocking Synergies in the Niger Basin: The Nexus Approach to Sustainable Investment Planning (Convenors: Aichatou Maigari & Bamidelé Olatunji, Autorité du Bassin du Niger)
- **Session D4:** Organizational and Institutional Change in Business to support transformations to Nexus thinking (Convenors: Dr. Jon Morris, IOER; Lisa Junge, TU Dresden)
- **Session D5:** Exploring trajectories in the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus to support policy and decision-making (Convenors: Prof. Janez Susnik, IHE Delft; Dr. Chrysaída-Alíki Papadopoulou, TU Athens)
- **Session D6:** Sustainability inside out – challenges and best practice (Convenors: Prof. Rune Bjerke & Prof. Arne Nygaard, Kritiana University College)
- **Session D7**⊗: Economic prospects in Post-Mining Regions of Saxony (Convenor: Dr. Matthias Walz, UNU-FLORES)

Theme E: Resource Nexus, Environmental Risk, and Global Crises

- **[AID] Session E1:** Leveraging New Technologies and the Nexus Approach for Landslides and Land Subsidence Risk Mitigation: Challenges, Opportunities, and Integrated Solutions (Convenors: Dr. Fatma Canaslan Çomut, AFAD Disaster & Emergency Authority of Türkiye; Prof. Alok Bhardwaj, IIT Roorkee)
- **Session E2:** Nexus Between Environmental Risks and Resources for Sustainable Urban Transformation (Convenors: Dr. Regine Ortlepp & Dr. Georg Schiller, IOER; and others)
- **Session E3**⊗: A Systems Approach for Disaster Risk Reduction: Exploring the Nexus of Energy, Food, and Human Mobility (Convenors: Dr. Konstantinos Pappas & Prof. Silva Hamie, Texas A&M University) **[Panel discussion]**
- **Session E4**⊗ (=S3⊗): United Nations' Green Peacekeeping: Energy Revolution amidst Safeguarding Global Peace and Security (Convenor: Prof. Dominik Steiger, TU Dresden - ZIS) **[Panel discussion]**

Theme F: Nexus Perspectives on Climate and Water Resilience

- **[AID] Session F1:** Nexus Approach for Coastal Climate Resilience Building Against Sea Level Rise (Prof. Saiful Islam, BUET)
- **[AID] Session F2**⊗: ~~Global drought Policy Issues- Where are we heading to?~~ (Session cancelled)
- **[AID] Session F3:** Environmental Resource Nexus Approaches for Sustainable Water and Ecosystem Management (Convenors: Prof. Timothy Dube, University of the Western Cape; Prof. Mukand Singh Babel, AIT)
- **[AID] Session F4:** Water & Energy Resources in MENA Area Under Rising Climatic and Geopolitical Uncertainties (Convenor: Dr. Essam Heggy, University of Southern California)
- **Session F5:** Arctic and subarctic rivers under climate change (Convenors: Prof. Sergey Chalov, Moscow State University; Prof. Michal Habel, Uniwersytet Kazimierza Wielkiego)
- **Session F6:** Managing Water at the Core of the Resource Nexus (Convenors: Taha Loghmani, UNU-FLORES; Dr. Taher Kahil, IIASA; Prof. Andreas Hartmann, TU Dresden)
- **Session F7:** Water sensitive cities in Colombia: Adaptation of public spaces to climate change with NBS (Convenors: Prof. Raul Marino, University of El Rosario; Alejandra Riveros, Urban Mapping Agency of Colombia)
- **Session F8:** Monitoring Framework for the Quantification of Nexus-Smart Water Governance (Dr. Maria Vracholi & Juan Pablo Henao, TU Munich; and others) **[Workshop]**

- **Session F9:** Governing the Groundwater Nexus: Knowledge, Motivation and Agency (Convenors: Dr. Claudia Ringler, IFPRI; Ramon Brentführer, BGR)
- **Session F10:** UNU Dialogue on ‘Circularity in the Water Sector’ and ‘Cross-sectoral Nexus Learning’ to steer Agenda 2030 (in particular SDG 6) (Convenors: Dr. Nidhi Naghabatla, UNU-CRIS; Dr. Sanae Okamoto, UNU-MERIT)

Theme G: Nexus Perspectives on Agri-Food Systems

- **Session G1:** Agroecological Futures: Insights from nexus assessments and approaches (Convenors: Ryan Nehring, CGIAR; Dr. Vartika Singh, CGIAR)
- **Session G2:** Fertilizers at the center of a nexus perspective: food, energy, climate, environment and security (Convenors: Prof. Rainer Quitzow, TU Berlin; Prof. Andreas Goldthau, University of Erfurt)

Theme H: Nexus Perspectives Beyond Water-Energy-Food

- **[AID] Session H1:** Biological invasions in an era of global environmental change (Convenors: Prof. Mohsen Mesgaran, UC Davis; Prof. Mark van Kleunen, University of Konstanz)
- **Session H2:** Living in Harmony with Nature: Engaging with Stakeholders for Corporate Biodiversity Stewardship (Convenors: Vera Braun & Lisa Junge, TU Dresden; Ghada Amin, UNU-FLORES)
- **[AID] Session H3:** Soil Health and Resource Nexus (Convenor: Prof. Nima Shokri, Hamburg)

Special Session Track – Sustainability Nexus AID

Several of the above-mentioned sessions, marked by **[AID]** ahead of the session name, are organized by the [Sustainability Nexus Analytics, Informatics and Data \(AID\)](#) programme of United Nations University.

Special Request for Panelists and Workshop Co-Facilitators

Panelists and workshop co-facilitators who have been invited by the organizers of specific sessions are requested to provide a short profile describing their expertise instead of an abstract. Please upload this document in the “Abstract” tab of the submission system. Title: your name; Subtitle: “Panelist in session XY” (where XY denotes the session number).

Special sessions

DNC will include several “special sessions”, including:

- **Session S1**⊗: Conference opening and Opening messages; Keynote 1 – Prof. Dr. John Schellnhuber
- **Session S2**⊗: Poster session (across all topics)
- **Session S3**⊗ (=E4⊗): United Nations' Green Peacekeeping: Energy Revolution amidst Safeguarding Global Peace and Security [**Panel discussion**]
- **Session S4**⊗ (=B7⊗): Resource Nexus Policy Dialogue [**Interactive Policy Briefing**]
- **Session S5**⊗: Signature Event - From Conflicts to Cooperation: The Resource Nexus as a Pathway to Peace and Prosperity in Africa
- **Session S6**⊗: Breakthroughs in sustainable construction: Connecting the Global Alliance for Building and Construction (Global ABC) under UNEP, Living Art of Building (LAB) and Climate- and Resource Neutral Civil Engineering (CARE) initiatives to the Resource Nexus Community
- **Session S7**⊗: EU Research collaboration: information exchange with ZEUSS EU Service Saxony and the European Research Executive Agency (REA)
- **Session S8**⊗: Digital Twin Saxony [Presentation and Q&A with State Office for Geoinformation Saxony (GeoSN)]
- **Session S9**⊗: Launch event – Global ABC Reports
- **Session S10**⊗: Keynote session 2. Keynote speakers: Prof. Shin-Ichiro Takahashi, The University of Tokyo, Japan and speaker of the “One Earth Guardians” Programme; Mr. Torsten Safarik, CEO, Lusatian and Central German Mining Administration Company (LMBV)
- **Session S11**⊗: DNC World Café
- **Session S12**⊗: Conclusions and outlook: wrapping up DNC 2025 and defining the agenda beyond

5. Draft programme

8 April 2025: Opening of DNC 2025

Expected programme highlights: Opening and keynote session; PRISMA Sustainability Award; Signing of MoUs; Signature Event at Church of Our Lady: *From Conflicts to Cooperation: The Resource Nexus as a Pathway to Peace and Prosperity in Africa* (high-level panel discussion).

9 April 2025: Second DNC 2025 conference day

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Expected programme highlights: 5 slots with approx. 20 sessions covering different facets of the Nexus. Information event on research collaboration with Saxony and the European Union. Business meets science. Meet the scientific committee. Conference reception

10 April 2025: Third DNC 2025 conference day

Expected programme highlights: Second keynote session. World Café to facilitate exchange across sessions and disciplines. Conclusions and Outlook. Opportunity to visit the special exhibition “[The Air We Share](#)” at the German Museum of Hygiene or to participate in the special event “Let’s Talk about Air” organized by the German Hygiene Museum in cooperation with DRESDEN-concept [in German].

7 and 11 April 2025: Side Events (optional) for specific groups. Information will be shared on the website soon.

Time/Date	8 Apr 2025				
	Großer Saal (590 pers)	Kleiner Saal (100 pers)	Hörsaal (110 pers)	Seminarraum (80 pers)	Frauenkirche
Room	Nexus	Water	Energy	Soil	Church of our Lady
08:00	<i>Registration (Early registration possible on 7 April afternoon)</i>				
08:30	Session S1 - Großer Saal: Conference Opening, Opening Addresses; Keynote 1 (MoU signing: UNU and IIASA)				
09:45	<i>Group picture</i>				
10:00	Slot TU1	Slot TU2	Slot TU3: Session B3 - Citizen Science (Part 1)	Slot TU4	
11:40	Slot TU5	Slot TU6: Session G2 - Fertilizers	Slot TU7: Session B3 - Citizen Science (Part 2)	Slot TU8	
13:10	<i>Lunch</i>				
14:15	PRISMA Award Ceremony		Session S2 (Part 1) Poster Session		
14:45	Signing of MoUs				
15:15	Slot TU9: Session E4/S3 - United Nations' Green Peacekeeping	[Slot TU10]: Session B3 - Citizen Science (Part 3)	[Slot TU11]	[Slot TU12]	
16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>				
16:45	Session S2 (Part 2): Poster session				Session B7/S4: Resource Nexus Policy Dialogue
19:00	Signature Event →				Session S5: Signature Event From Conflicts to Cooperation: The Resource Nexus as a Pathway to Peace and Prosperity in Africa
20:00					

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Time/Date	9 Apr 2025					
	Großer Saal (590 pers)	Kleiner Saal (100 pers)	Hörsaal (110 pers)	Seminarraum (80 pers)	Wandelhalle	
Room	Nexus	Water	Energy	Soil	Space	
08:00	<i>Registration</i>					
08:15	Slot WE1 / Session S6: Connecting Sustainable Construction initiatives to the Resource Nexus community	Slot WE2	Slot WE3	Slot WE4	Exhibition (e.g., Saxon ministries, international networks, EU collaboration, businesses)	
09:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>					
10:00	Slot WE5	Slot WE6	Slot WE7	Slot WE8		
11:30	<i>Lunch</i>					
13:00	Slot WE9	Slot WE10	Slot WE11	Slot WE12		
14:30	Session S7: EU Research Collaboration: Information by ZEUSS and REA	Session S8: Presentation "Digital Twins" by GEOSN	Session S9: Launch Event: Global ABC Reports			
15:30	Slot WE13	Slot WE14	Slot WE15	Slot WE16		
17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>					
17:15	Slot WE17	Slot WE18	Slot WE19	Slot WE20		
19:00	<i>Group Photo Conference Reception</i>					
20:00						

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Time/Date	10 Apr 2025			
	Großer Saal (590 pers)	Kleiner Saal (100 pers)	Hörsaal (110 pers)	Seminarraum (80 pers)
Room	Nexus	Water	Energy	Soil
08:30	<i>Registration</i>			
08:45	8:45 - 9:45 Session S10 - Keynote Session 2			
09:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
10:00	Slot TH1	Slot TH2: Session D7 - Economic prospects of Saxon postmining regions	Slot TH3	Slot TH4
11:30	<i>Lunch</i>			
13:00	Slot TH5	Slot TH6	Slot TH7	Slot TH8
14:30	Session S11 - World Café, with coffee and light snacks			
15:30	15:30 - 16:00 Session S12 - Conclusions and Outlook			
17:00	Possibility to visit the DHMD Special Exhibition "The Air We Share"			
17:15				
19:00				
20:00				

Legend:

Regular session slots
Keynote and special session slots
Coffee breaks, lunch, reception
Special formats
Events outside DNC

6. Travel Information

Conference Venue

Dresden is well connected by air and rail to major hubs in Germany and Europe. A wide range of accommodation is available in the city, and special hotel rates can be found below:

The conference will take place at the German Museum of Hygiene and the Church of Our Lady, both centrally located and easily accessible by public transport.

Invitation and visa support letters

If you require a preliminary confirmation (e.g., for applying for a travel grant or approval) prior to the abstract selection and/or conference registration processes, please reach out to us via dnc2025@unu.edu at any time. Registration certificates can also be downloaded from the electronic registration portal.

Accommodation

Dresden offers a wide range of accommodation, from youth hostels to premium hotels. Contingents have been pre-reserved for the following hotels.

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Steigenberger Hotel de Saxe, Neumarkt 9, 01067 Dresden, [Website](#), [Email](#). Booking code: DNC 2025. Superior room: 135 €/night, including breakfast. Bookings until 25 February 2025 (unless sold out before).

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Dorint Hotel, Grunaer Str. 14, 01069 Dresden. [Website](#), [Email](#). Booking code: DNC 2025. Standard room/single occupancy: 100 €/night, including breakfast. Applies to: Bookings up to 24 February 2025 (unless sold out before).

NH Collection Altmarkt, An der Kreuzkirche 2, 01067 Dresden, [Website](#), [Email](#). Booking code: DNC 2025. Standard room/single occupancy: 143 €/night, including breakfast. Applies to: Bookings until 24 March 2025 (unless sold out before).

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Ibis Zentrum, Prager Str. 5, 01069 Dresden. [Website](#), [Email](#). Booking code: DNC 2025. Standard room/single occupancy: 71 €/night, including breakfast, double room 91€/night, including breakfast. Applies to: Bookings until 13 March 2025 (unless sold out before).

Premier Inn Dresden City, Ferdinandstr. 14, 01069 Dresden. [Website](#), [Email](#). Booking code: DNC 2025. Standard room/single occupancy: 71 €/night, breakfast 16,90 € (optional). Applies to: Bookings until 21 February 2025 (unless sold out before).

It is recommended to check the rates on booking websites as they may be more favorable depending on the time of booking.

7. Scientific Committee

The scientific committee consists of a local organizing committee and an international expert panel. Note that this list is preliminary.

Coordinator of the scientific committee:

Prof. Dr. Daniel Karthe, UNU-FLORES, Dresden, Germany

Local experts

Prof. Dr. Floor Brouwer, Adjunct Professor, UNU-FLORES, Dresden, Germany

Prof. Dr. Edeltraud Günther, Director, UNU-FLORES, Dresden, Germany

Prof. Dr. Jochen Schanze, Head of Knowledge Integration Hub, Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) and Chair of Environmental Development and Risk Management, TU Dresden, Germany

Prof. Dr. Dominik Steiger, Academic Director, Centre for International Studies, TU Dresden, Germany

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Marc Wolfram, Director, Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) and Chair of Spatial Development and Transformation, TU Dresden, Germany

International expert panel

H.E. Dr. Seleshi Bekele, Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Washington, D.C., United States of America

Prof. Dr. Mohsin Hafeez, Director of Water, Food and Ecosystems, International Water Management Institute, Lahore, Pakistan

Prof. Dr. Chrysi Laspidou, Vice-Rector of Innovation, University of Thessaly, Greece

Prof. Dr. Kaveh Madani, Director, United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), Richmond Hill, ON, Canada

Prof. Dr. Tafadzwanashe Mabhaudi, Professor of Climate Change, Food Systems and Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK; Lead, Water – Energy – Food Environment Nexus, United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), Richmond Hill, ON, Canada; and Honorary Research Fellow, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Prof. Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Lead Scientist, WEF Nexus Research Group, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA

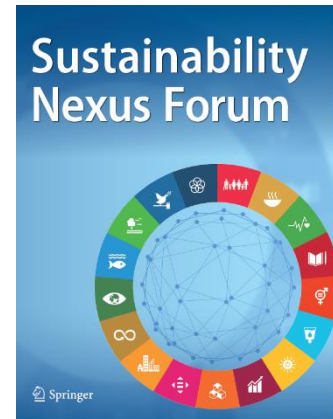
Prof. Dr. Golam Rasul, Director, Department of Economics, International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dr. Claudia Ringler, Director, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research - International Food Policy Research Institute (CGIAR-IFPRI), Washington, DC, USA

8. Partner Journal and Publishing Opportunities

Sustainability Nexus Forum (Springer Nature) will be the principal partner journal of DNC2025. Presenters, panelists and participants of the conference are invited to contribute to SNF in the following ways:

- Submission of articles to the journal, including submissions to the active [thematic collections](#);
- Guest editing thematic collections that complement the currently active thematic collections; for enquiries, please email the journal’s managing editor at snf@unu.edu.



If you are interested in organizing / offering thematic collections in other relevant scientific journals or books, please email the DNC Organizing Team at dnc2025@unu.edu.



9. Signature Event – Dresden International Forum

From Conflicts to Cooperation: The Resource Nexus as a Pathway to Peace and Prosperity in Africa

All participants of DNC 2025 are cordially invited to this signature event held at the Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), Dresden, in which a high-profile panel will discuss interconnections between environmental resources, socioeconomic development, and peace.

8 April 2025, 19:15 – 20:45



10. Special exhibition at the German Museum of Hygiene

The Air We Share



Our conference venue, the German Museum of Hygiene in Dresden, hosts the special exhibition “[The Air We Share](#)”, which is open daily except Monday from 10:00 until 18:00. Different exhibition rooms present an “air archive” and focus on a wide range of aspects such as the invisible nature of air, measurements of air quality, the right to clean air, and the role of air in arts.



[More information](#)

11. Beyond the conference

For international visitors who would like to explore Dresden and Saxony beyond the conference, we recommend that you have a look at the websites of [Dresden Tourism](#) and [Visit Saxony](#). From the world-famous Semper Opera and the Zwinger Palace in Dresden’s Old Town to the lively neighborhoods of Dresden Neustadt (“new town”), and from the sandstone mountains of Saxon Switzerland to the vineyards along the Elbe River, from historical steam trains to the European Capital of Culture in Chemnitz, there is a lot to explore in and around Dresden.



Pillnitz Castle, Dresden



Terra Mineralia, one of the largest mineral collections in the world, Freiberg (Ore Mountains)