



Registrations open until 30 March 2025

Fourth Circular and Programme

20 March 2025



DNC Website



Registration

1. Preface

To improve readability, several sections covered in previous circulars have been removed; this information (on the conference scope, the call for abstracts, invitation and visa support letters and accommodation) remains accessible via the [Third Circular](#).

Please check for updates of this fourth conference circular and programme via the [DNC 2025 website](#). This version is a preliminary draft, and a few updates on sessions and side events are expected in the next few days.

2. 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!

3. Ahead of DNC 2025: Nexus Community Survey

Please support us by completing the [Nexus Community Survey](#) – it will take you less than 10 minutes. The results will be discussed in **Session A2 - A robust definition of the Nexus – Learning from Resource Nexus and Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus applications** and shared after the conference. With 7 short questions, we would like to find out a) which Nexus approaches you use; b) how you define the Nexus; c) which challenges you have encountered with the Nexus in research and/or practice; and d) how you consider inter- and trans-disciplinary approaches in your Nexus projects.



[Take the survey](#)

4. Registration

Registration to DNC 2025 remains open until 30 March 2025 via the [electronic registration system CONVERIA](#).

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.



Registration

Conference fees	General Participant	Discount: participants from Global South and students	Members of GlobalABC	Discount: GlobalABC members from Global South
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 the conference reception on 9 April 2025.

5. Keynotes

We are happy to offer an extensive range of keynotes, including several in-session keynotes, and three plenary keynotes that consider the interconnections of research, education, science and policy on the Resource Nexus.

- Plenary Keynote 1: From Science to Policy**
 H.E. Prof. Dr. Dr. mult. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria
- Plenary Keynote 2: From Science to Education**
 Prof. Dr. Shin-Ichiro Takahashi, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
- Plenary Keynote 3: From Science to Practice**
 Mr. Torsten Safarik, CEO, Lusatian and Central German Mining Administration Company, Senftenberg, Germany

6. Conference 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

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. 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].

Side Events: 7 April 2025 and 11 April 2025

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Time	Tuesday, 8 April 2025			
	Großer Saal	Kleiner Saal	Hörsaal	Seminarraum
Room	Plenary Hall	Future Hall	Resources Hall	Nexus Hall
08:00	<i>Registration (Early registration possible on 7 April afternoon)</i>			
08:30	<p align="center">Session S1 - Plenary Hall: Conference Opening: The Future of Resources - Resources for the Future Opening Addresses Keynote - Prof. Dr. Dr. mult. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director General, IIASA Calls to Action MoU signing: UNU and IIASA; UNU and LMBV; UNU and TU Dresden</p>			
09:45	<i>Group picture 1</i>			
10:00	<i>Time for changing rooms</i>			
10:05	<i>Slot TU1 : Combined Session A2/A4/C7/C8</i> - WEF & Resource Nexus: Advancing concept and application	<i>Slot TU2 : Session F8</i> - Nexus Smart Water Governance	<i>Slot TU3 : Session A6</i> - WEF Nexus and Planetary Health	<i>Slot TU4 : Session A1</i> - Earth System Science Data
11:35	<i>Time for changing rooms</i>			
11:45	<i>Slot TU5 : Session F5</i> - Arctic and subartic rivers under CC (60 min) Session C1 - Groundwater in Central Asia (30 min)	<i>Slot TU6 : Session G2</i> - Fertilizers in the Nexus	<i>Slot TU7 : Session B3.1</i> - Citizen Science	<i>Slot TU8 : Session C6.1</i> - WEF Modelling
13:15	<i>Lunch</i>			
14:10	Session S 13 - PRISMA Award Ceremony		Session S2 (Part 1) Poster Session	
14:40	Signing of MoUs			
15:10	<i>Time for changing rooms</i>			
15:20	<i>Slot TU9 : Session E4/S3</i> - United Nations' Green Peacekeeping	<i>Slot TU10 : Session B3.2</i> - Citizen Science	<i>Slot TU11 : Session D6</i> - Sustainability inside out	<i>Slot TU12 : Session C6.2</i> - WEF Modelling
16:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
17:05	Session S2 (Part 2): Poster session until 18:00.			
18:10	<p align="center"><i>Departure for Signature Event at Frauenkirche. Guided groups depart from conference venue DHMD at 18:10, 18:15, 18:20 and 18:25.</i></p>			

Frauenkirche (Church of our Lady)	
17:15 to 18:45	Session B7/S4 - Resource Nexus Policy Dialogue
19:15 to 20:45	Session S5 /Signature Event - From Conflicts to Cooperation: The Resource Nexus as a Pathway to Peace and Prosperity in Africa

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Wednesday, 9 April 2025						
Time	Marta Fraenkel Saal	Kleiner Saal	Hörsaal	Seminarraum	Seminarraum 2	Exhibition
Room	Marta Fraenkel Hall	Future Hall	Resources Hall	Nexus Hall	Seminar Hall	
08:00	<i>Registration</i>					
08:15	<i>Slot WE1 : Session S6</i> - Connecting Sustainable Construction initiatives to the Resource Nexus community	<i>Slot WE2 : Session G1.1</i> - Agroecological Futures	<i>Slot WE3 : Session E1</i> - Nexus approaches to landslides and land subsidence [AID]	<i>Slot WE4 : Session B1</i> - Resource Nexus with maps	<i>Slot WEX4 : Session C5</i> - Theory of Change in WEF+ projects	Business Meets Science and other exhibitors
09:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>					
10:00	<i>Slot WE5 : Session H4</i> - Sustainable Buildings and Construction	<i>Slot WE6 : Session G1.2</i> - Agroecological Futures	<i>Slot WE7 : Session D2.1</i> - Resource Nexus for Post-Mining	<i>Slot WE8 : Session B5</i> - KARE Launch	<i>Slot WEX2 : Session A3</i> - Demonstration of NEXOGENESIS - NEPAT)	
11:30	<i>Lunch</i>					
12:50	<i>Slot WE9 : Combined Session A2/A4/C7/C8</i> - WEF & Resource Nexus: Advancing concept and application	<i>Slot WE10 : Session G1.3</i> - Agroecological Futures	<i>Slot WE11 : Session D2.2</i> - Resource Nexus for Post-Mining	<i>Slot WE12 : Session B4</i> - Resource Nexus Curriculum	<i>Slot WEX3 : Session F3</i> - Nexus approaches for water and ecosystems	
14:20	<i>Time for changing rooms</i>					
14:30	Session S7: EU Research Collaboration (ZEUSS and REA)	Session S8: Presentation "Digital Twins" by GEOSN	Session S9: GlobalABC Materials Hub	Session F7 - Water-sensitive cities in Colombia		
15:20	<i>Time for changing rooms</i>					
15:30	<i>Slot WE13 : Session D5.1</i> - WEF trajectories to support policy and decision-marking	<i>Slot WE14 : Session D8.1</i> - Industry, business and finance perspectives	<i>Slot WE15 : Session D2.3</i> - Resource Nexus for Post-Mining	<i>Slot WE16 : Session B6</i> - Navigating uncertainty	<i>Slot WEX4 : Session C9</i> - Building Nexus Resilience	
17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>					
17:15	<i>Slot WE17 : Session D5.2</i> - WEF trajectories to support policy and decision-marking	<i>Slot WE18 : Session D8.2</i> - Industry, business and finance perspectives	<i>Slot WE19 : Session H3</i> - Soil in the Nexus	<i>Slot WE20 : Session C10</i> - Best WEF+ practices	<i>Slot WEX5 : Session E3</i> - DRR & the Nexus Energy-Food-Mobility	
19:00 to 22:00	<i>Group Picture 2</i> Conference Reception					

Time/Date	Thursday, 10 April 2025			
	Großer Saal	Kleiner Saal	Hörsaal	Seminarraum
Room	Plenary Hall	Future Hall	Resources Hall	Nexus Hall
08:30	<i>Registration</i>			
08:45	8:45 - 9:45 Session S10 - Keynote Session 2 Prof. Dr. Shin-Ichiro Takahashi, University of Tokyo, Japan Torsten Safarik, CEO, Lusatian and Central German Mining Administration Company, Senftenberg, Germany			
09:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
10:00	<i>Slot TH1 : Session F6.1 -</i> Water in the Nexus	<i>Slot TH2 : Session E2 -</i> Environmental Risks and Sustainable Urban Transformation	<i>Slot TH3 : Session D7 -</i> Economic prospects of Saxon postmining regions	<i>Slot TH4 : Side Event SE4</i> - Resource Nexus in International Standards
11:30	<i>Lunch</i>			
12:30	<i>Slot TH5 : Session F6.2 -</i> Water in the Nexus	<i>Slot TH6: Session F9 -</i> Governing the Groundwater Nexus	<i>Slot TH7 : Session D2.4 -</i> Resource Nexus for Post-Mining	<i>Slot TH8 : Session C11 -</i> Energy in the Nexus
14:00	Session S11 - World Café			
15:00	Session S12: From DNC 2025 to the Dresden Nexus Declaration Call for commitments: H.E. Anaclaudía Rosbach, Prof. Peter Saling, Dr. Johannes Cullmann Key messages by scientific committee members The way ahead: From DNC to the Dresden Nexus Declaration			
16:00		Possibility to visit the DHMD Special Exhibition "The Air We Share"		
17:15	18:00 - 21:00 Reden wir über Luft			
19:00	[Event outside DNC, offered by DHMD and Dresden-concept]			
20:00				

Legend:

Regular session slots
Keynote and special session slots
Coffee breaks, lunch, reception
Special formats
Events co-organized by DNC

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7. Side Events

There will be a few pre- and post-conference side events on 7 April and 11 April 2025.

SE 1 - Doctoral Researchers Workshop

A pre-conference morning event for networking and exchange among doctoral researchers who work on the Resource Nexus, the WEF Nexus, or related approaches.

Date and Time: 7 April 2025, 10:00 to 13:00

Registration: Please complete [this registration form](#) if you would like to attend the workshop.

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Serena Coetzee, Ms. Dinara Dikhanbaeva

Venue: UNU-FLORES, Ammonstr. 74, 01067 Dresden, Room 9.2

SE 2 – Measuring Urban Water Security

Under the title **Measuring Urban Water Security**, this hands-on workshop introduces participants to the **Water Security Assessment Tool (WATSAT)**. This workshop is organized on behalf of the [Global Water and Climate Adaptation Centre – ABCD](#).

Date and Time: 7 April 2025, 13:30 to 17:30

Registration: Please complete [this registration form](#) if you would like to attend the workshop.

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Mukand Babel, Dr. Kaushal Chapagain.

Programme: See [announcement](#) on the UNU-FLORES website.

Venue: UNU-FLORES, Ammonstr. 74, 01067 Dresden, Room 9.2

SE 3 - KARE Community Workshop

Under the title **Driving the Nexus together - A community of Nexus Experts for KARE** experts who contribute or are interested in contributing to the Knowledge Academy for the Resource Nexus (KARE) are invited for this workshop to join.

Date and Time: 11 April 2025, 11:30 to 13:30

Registration: Please complete this registration form: <https://go.unu.edu/tqRkZ>

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Serena Coetzee, Dr. Inéz Labucay, Ms. Asha Verma

Venue: UNU-FLORES, Ammonstr. 74, 01067 Dresden, Room 9.2

SE 4 – Resource Nexus in International Standards

This side event aims to establish a working group that aims at integrating the Resource Nexus into one or more international (ISO) standards, particularly ISO 14040 to 14075.

Date and Time: 11 April 2025, 09:00 to 11:00

Registration: Please complete this registration form: <https://go.unu.edu/JkG0V>

Facilitators: Prof. Dr. Peter Saling (Chair of ISO TC 207/SC5), Prof. Dr. Edeltraud Günther,
Dr. Saroj Chapagain

Venue: UNU-FLORES, Ammonstr. 74, 01067 Dresden, Room 9.2

SE 5 – Guided Tour – Dresden Old City

Date and Time: 11 April 2025

Registration: Registration will open soon

Facilitators: Doctoral researchers and staff of UNU-FLORES

8. High-level contributors

Our high-level speakers for keynotes and opening addresses, panelists of Dresden International Forum, and members of the DNC 2025 Scientific Committee include (in alphabetical order):

- H.E. Dr. Seleshi Bekele, former Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy of Ethiopia, and former Ambassador of Ethiopia to the United States of America; UN Regional and Inter-Regional Advisor (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- Mr. Lars Bergmann, CEO, Viaduct Technologies GmbH, Wechselburg, Germany (Panelist, Dresden International Forum)
- H.E. Georg-Ludwig von Breitenbuch, Saxon State Minister for Environment and Agriculture (Guest of Honor and Distinguished Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Floor Brouwer, Adjunct Professor, UNU-FLORES, Dresden, Germany (Member of Scientific Committee and session chair)
- H.R.H. Princess Dr. h.c. Abze Djigma, H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation, Kerkdriel, The Netherlands (Panelist, Dresden International Forum and Guest of Honor, DNC 2025)
- Prof. Dr. Edeltraud Günther, Director, United Nations University – Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources, Dresden, Germany (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Mohsin Hafeez, Director of Water, Food and Ecosystems, International Water Management Institute, Lahore, Pakistan (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Chrysi Laspidou, Vice-Rector of Innovation, University of Thessaly, Greece (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- 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 (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Lead Scientist, WEF Nexus Research Group, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA (Member of Scientific Committee)
- Prof. Dr. Kaveh Madani, Director, United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), Richmond Hill, ON, Canada (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)

- H.E. UN Under-Secretary-General Prof. Dr. Tshilidzi Marwala (Rector, United Nations University, Tokyo; Guest of Honor and Distinguished Speaker)
- H.E. Ambassador Stephen Mubiru, Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Uganda, Berlin (Guest of Honor and Distinguished Speaker at Dresden International Forum)
- Prof. Dr. Golam Rasul, Director, Department of Economics, International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Dhaka, Bangladesh (Member of Scientific Committee)
- Dr. Claudia Ringler, Director, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research - International Food Policy Research Institute (CGIAR-IFPRI), Washington, DC, USA (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Shail Rupakheti, Head of Mission, Embassy of Nepal, Berlin (
- Mr. Torsten Safarik, CEO, Lusatian and Central German Mining Administration Company, Senftenberg, Germany (Keynote Speaker)
- 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 (Member of Scientific Committee)
- H.E. Prof. Dr. Dr. mult. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria (Keynote Speaker)
- H.E. Prof. Dr. Staudinger, Rector, Dresden University of Technology, Dresden, Germany (Guest of Honor and Distinguished Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Dominik Steiger (Academic Director, Centre for International Studies, Dresden University of Technology, Dresden, Germany (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Shin-Ichiro Takahashi, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan (Keynote Speaker)
- Prof. Dr. Marc Wolfram, Director, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, Germany (Member of Scientific Committee and Distinguished Speaker)

9. Travel Information

Dresden is well connected by air and rail to major hubs in Germany and Europe. The nearest airports are Dresden, Berlin, Leipzig/Halle and Prague. The nearest railway stations are Dresden and Dresden-Neustadt.

Conference venue

The conferences venues are located close to the city centre of Dresden and served by frequent public transport connections.

Conference Venue

German Museum of Hygiene, Dresden
Lingnerplatz 1
01069 Dresden

→ [Google Maps](#)

Nearest tram stops:
Deutsches Hygienemuseum
(Lines 1, 2, 4, 10, 12)

Georg-Arnhold Bad
(Lines 8, 9, 10, 13)

Venue for Dresden International Forum

Frauenkirche (Church of our Lady)
Neumarkt
01067 Dresden

→ [Google Maps](#)

Nearest tram stops:
Altmarkt
(Lines 1, 2, 4)

Theaterplatz
(Lines 3, 4, 7, 9)

Venue for side events

Pre- and post-conference side events will take place at the premises of UNU-FLORES at World Trade Centre Dresden.

Side Events Venue

United Nations University – Institute for
Integrated Management of Material Fluxes
and of Resources (UNU-FLORES)
Ammonstr. 74
01067 Dresden

→ [Google Maps](#)

Nearest tram stops:
S-Bf. Freiburger Straße
(Lines 7, 10)

Freiburger Straße
(Line 12)

10. 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

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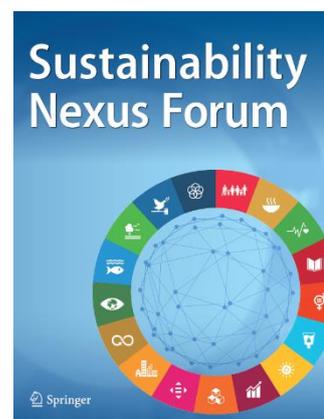
Dr. Claudia Ringler, Director, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research - International Food Policy Research Institute (CGIAR-IFPRI), Washington, DC, USA

11. Partner Journal and Publishing Opportunities



**Sustainability
Nexus Forum**

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 a thematic collection based on the conference. Please refer to the journal website or contact the managing editor at snf@unu.edu if you would like to find out more.



12. Signature Event – Dresden International Forum

Reliable access to environmental resources is fundamental for our lives. Just south of Europe, Africa is exceptionally rich in resources, holding immense potential for economic development and prosperity. Yet, the continent faces various challenges in harnessing these resources, with resource-related conflicts among the most pressing. The continent's history has shown that competition over minerals, water and land has often resulted in violence and war.

However, efforts are underway – both within Africa and internationally – to address resource-related conflicts. Integrated resource management and nexus approaches, fair trade, or sustainable supply chains are among the most promising strategies. At the same time, we must examine the responsibility of states, industries, and individual consumers.

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. An updated programme can be found under the QR code and link to the right.

8 April 2025, 19:15 – 20:45



[More information](#)

At the **Dresden International Forum**, a panel of high-level guests including H.E. Stephen Mubiru (Ambassador of Uganda to Germany), State Secretary Barbara Meyer (Saxon State Ministry of Regional Development), H.E. Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala (Rector of United Nations University and UN Under-Secretary-General), H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma (Co-Chair of the UNFCCC Paris Committee on Capacity-Building), Lars Bergmann (CEO and Founder, VIADUCT Technologies GmbH) will discuss challenges as solutions: How can the global community contribute to long-term solutions? How can we defuse or prevent conflicts through integrated and sustainable resource management? And how do we ensure that the local communities are the primary

beneficiaries of these efforts? The event will be moderated by United Nations University Executive and Liaison Officer Sonja Hahn-Tomer.

13. 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](#)

14. 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)

If you have time to venture deeper into Saxony or even visit our European neighbors, the websites of [Upper Lusatia Tourism](#), [Ore Mountains Tourism](#), [Visit Czechia](#) and [Poland Travel](#) can provide more inspirations.

For guided city tours of Dresden offered by UNU-FLORES, please see side event SE 5 in chapter 5 of the circular.