



Auswärtiges Amt



Diplomacy for Sustainability

European Sustainable Development
Week in Berlin

May 30th to June 5th 2018

#ESDW18

The European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) is a European-wide initiative to stimulate and make visible activities, projects and events that promote sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It takes place every year from 30 May until 5 June.

The ESDW contributes to the ambitious, universal and transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs by promoting the organization of bottom-up activities that have a thematic link to and support the SDGs. As such, the ESDW aims to raise awareness for the 2030 Agenda in Europe and calls upon local stakeholders to actively engage with sustainable development, in general, and the SDGs, in particular.

Information taken from: <https://www.esdw.eu>

Diplomacy for Sustainability

As part of the ESDW18, the Federal Foreign Office and ten Berlin-based European Embassies present the “Diplomacy for Sustainability” series of Events. Every weekday, events will be held at the participating embassies revolving around the topics of the 2030 Agenda’s SDGs. From the Sustainable Development Geek Game, to urban development and film screenings – various events are informing about the countries’ actions for sustainability and give a chance to learn more about individual SDGs in a country-specific context while visiting the embassies.

Opening Event

At this Kick-Off event we will introduce the ideas behind the project “Diplomacy for Sustainability” and the ESDW and bring together important figures from civil society, government, academia and economy. Our guests will be welcomed by the Coordinator for Sustainability in the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Christophe Eick. Furthermore as representatives of the participating embassies, the ambassador of Denmark, Friis Arne Petersen and the ambassador of Hungary, Péter Györkös will address speeches to the visitors.

Wednesday, 30. May, 2 - 4 pm
Club International – Federal Foreign Office

Registration: agenda2030-s@zentrale.auswaertiges-amt.de
by 25 May 2018

EMPOWERED: Icelandic energy solutions

Iceland is a pioneer for high tech solutions for multi-utilization of renewable energies, and compelling engineering know-how, and a leading example for energy transition and positive experience in such transformations, with positive economic and environmental benefits for the nation. The conference features a forum for cross-sector discourse on the opportunities for cooperation. Attendees will gain access to the latest intelligence from the field, hear about solutions from industry leaders, and engage in one-on-one dialogue during networking opportunities. Key note speaker is the Icelandic Minister for Economy.

Wednesday, 30. May, 4 - 7 pm
Embassy of Iceland - Nordic Embassies

Registration: infoberlin@mfa.is
by 20 May 2018



Sustainable Urban Development

The seminar Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Urban Development focusses on how cities can contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030. The seminar builds on presentations by the Icelandic Minister of Tourism, Industry and Innovation, a professor of a German research institution and mayors/high-level representatives of four Nordic and one German city. In dialogue with youth representatives from the Nordic countries and Germany answers are sought to the question What must be done in order to achieve the goals set by the United Nations and what role could cities, research and youth play to make this possible.

Thursday, 31. May, 9.30 - 1 am
Felleshuset – Nordic Embassies

Registration: event.berlin@gov.se
by 24 May 2018



Affordable and Clean Energy

With prices on renewable energy dropping significantly, the vision of a world with clean and affordable energy for everyone is becoming less unrealistic. As the prices go down, however, the challenge of integrating large shares of fluctuating energy in to our power systems go up. Germany and Denmark are internationally among the frontrunners in terms of transforming the power system with regard to sustainability and affordability. Both countries, however, face considerable challenges, as renewable energy becomes the dominating part of our energy mixes. In order to ensure success regarding SDG7 the political system, the private sector and civil society actors need to act together.

Thursday, 31. May, 3 - 6.30 pm
Embassy of Denmark – Nordic Embassies

Registration: linorg@um.dk
by 24 May 2018





Lake Balaton - Hungary

Wild Hungary - A Water Wonderland

The Embassy of Hungary in Berlin is glad to announce the screening of the film "Wild Hungary- A Water Wonderland" directed by Zoltán Török. The film features the life of a white-tailed eagle family and a young otter's adventures somewhere in the depths of the Hungarian marshes. It is an amazing documentary about the Hungarian landscape, wild-life and the beauty of nature. After the film, there will be a discussion on topics such as the environment and sustainable development in the water sector, water management and the challenges of biodiversity in natural waters. The event is open to both a professional and a non-professional audience.

Thursday, 31. May, 6 - 9 pm
Embassy of Hungary

Registration: veranstaltung@mfa.gov.hu
by 25 May 2018



Germany's next Sustainable Development Geek

Do you have what it takes to be a Sustainable Development Geek? Prove it with your knowledge, persuasiveness and wit. This card game is inspired by the SDGs and was produced by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It challenges preconceived ideas and shows new ways of looking at development issues in an entertaining way. This event will offer inputs from Swiss and German government representatives and academia as well as a sustainable lunch buffet. Come and play with us, may the geekiest win the SDG trophy!

Friday, 01. June, 11.30 - 2 pm
Embassy of Switzerland

Registration: ber.presse@eda.admin.ch
by 25 May 2018



Sea Environment

The oceans and seas are perhaps most impressive and diverse places on Earth. The oceanic ecosystem is in so many ways extremely important for the wellbeing of our planet. Therefore we must intensify the efforts to tackle the challenges posed by the pollution. Among many different sources of pollution, we have to concentrate also on marine litter. These efforts fall under SDG 14 – Life Below Water commits the global community to conserve the oceanic ecosystems.

In cooperation with the Estonian Ministry of Environment, the Estonian Embassy in Berlin joins the „Let's do it! World cleanup campaign“ and highlights the importance of fighting marine litter. The situation in the Baltic Sea will be followed as an example. How full of plastic is actually Baltic Sea today and what we all can do against it?

Friday, 01. June, 4 - 7 pm
Embassy of Estonia

Registration: embassy.berlin@mfa.ee
by 29 May 2018



Sustainable Development in Selected Polish Companies

Poland pays considerable attention to sustainable development. It is reflected in our economic structure and business development of Polish companies. The best example may be the company Solaris Bus & Coach, the European leader in the production of modern public transport vehicles, as well as a leading manufacturer in Europe in the design and construction of electric buses. A representative of Solaris is to be confirmed. Another member of panel is Dr. Christian Schnell, Legal Business Advisor and one of the leading experts in energy law. He will have a presentation which will serve as an introduction to fruitful discussion.

Monday, 04. June, 3 - 5 pm
Embassy of Poland

Registration: berlin.amb.we@msz.gov.pl
by 25 May 2018





Blue Whale - Indian Ocean

Combating illegal wildlife trade

Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) is one of the most lucrative transnational crimes, financing conflict and insecurity, with a devastating effect on iconic species and sustainable development. SDG 15 (Life on Land) commits countries to take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species. This joint event run by the British Embassy Berlin and WWF Germany will highlight the challenges and discuss solutions around tackling IWT and share perspectives from both countries.

Tuesday, 05. June, 3.30 - 5.30 pm
British Embassy

Registration: <https://event-combating-illegal-wildlife-trade.eventbrite.de> by 30. May 2018



Blue Planet II Screening and Closing Event

The BBC ocean documentary Blue Planet II was the most watched series in the UK in 2017, with the highest ratings ever recorded for a nature show. The British Embassy Berlin will be showing the final episode of the series, which takes an unflinching look at the impact of human activity on marine life, and delivers a powerful message to do more to protect the precious ocean ecosystem. Following the screening, the Embassy will host a reception marking the end of an inspiring ESDW 2018.

Tuesday, 05. June, 6 - 8 pm
British Embassy

Registration: <https://film-screening-blueplanet2.eventbrite.de> by 30. May 2018



LOCATIONS & ADDRESSES



Federal Foreign Office

Werderscher Markt 1
10117 Berlin

Embassy of Denmark and Embassy of Iceland at Nordic Embassies

Rauchstraße 1
10787 Berlin

Embassy of Estonia

Hildebrandstraße 5
10785 Berlin

Embassy of Poland

Lassenstr. 19-21
14193 Berlin

British Embassy

Wilhelmstraße 70/71
10117 Berlin

Embassy of Hungary

Unter den Linden 76
10117 Berlin

Embassy of Switzerland

Otto-von-Bismarck-Allee 4A
10557 Berlin

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