



PRESS INVITATION

Managing the World's Resources Sustainably – The Dresden Nexus Conference Focuses on Global Challenges

From 17 to 19 May, the United Nations University (UNU-FLORES), the Technische Universität Dresden and the Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development will be hosting the Dresden Nexus Conference (DNC2017) in the Deutsches Hygiene Museum Dresden. The approximately 400 participants from all over the world will discuss how environmental resources such as water, soil, or waste can be managed sustainably and present numerous solutions.

Dresden, 11 May 2017. – The challenges for the sustainable use of environmental resources are diverse and as common as they are unique around the world: in Germany and Europe, the question arises of how shrinking cities can develop sustainably. In countries in Africa, and Latin and South America, climate change causes natural catastrophes, threatens harvests, and thus the food security of a still growing world population. In Asia, the booming urban development is devouring raw materials such as sand and gravel and destroying nature and landscapes.

All of these challenges are closely interwoven with life-critical resources. Sustained use of them requires a linked approach. Borders between individual work areas and scientific disciplines must be overcome and cross-sectoral strategies developed. The second Dresden Nexus Conference supports these developments by providing a platform for around 400 experts from over 50 countries, representatives from science and politics, governments and non-governmental organisations, as well as from numerous UN institutions, to meet in Dresden to exchange experiences and share knowledge in mid-May, presenting research results and practical examples.

We cordially invite media representatives to report on the conference.

Dresden Nexus Conference 2017: SDGs & Nexus Approach – Monitoring & Implementation

Time:	17 to 19 May 2017, each day from 9:00
Location:	Deutsches Hygiene Museum Dresden, Lingnerplatz 1, 01069 Dresden
Attachment:	Press Release Programme at a Glance: http://bit.ly/2pOZMQs

Please note: Due to strict safety regulations, registration is recommended in advance of the event.

Please use the following e-mail address: dnc@unu.edu



Potential interviewees at the conference will be, among others, the [Speakers](#), who will give lectures on the main topics across the three days:

17 MAY 2017:

Theme “Resource Management in Resilient Cities”:

Jerome Delli Priscoli, Global Water Partnership (GWP), Chair of Technical Committee.

Theme “Multifunctional Land-Use Systems”:

Nicola Fohrer, Institut für Natur- und Ressourcenschutz, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel.

18 MAY 2017:

Theme “Resource Management in Resilient Cities”:

Eugénie Birch, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania.

Theme “Multifunctional Land-Use Systems”:

Luca Montanarella, European Commission, responsible for European Soil Data Centre (ESDAC).

19 MAY 2017:

Theme “Synthesis with the Sustainable Development Goals”:

Ambassador Csaba Kőrösi - Head of Directorate for Environmental Sustainability, Office of the President of the Republic of Hungary and Co-Chair of UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

Stefan Uhlenbrook, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme, Director.

Stefan Bringezu, Center for Environmental Systems Research (CESR), Universität Kassel.

Further Information:

<http://www.dresden-nexus-conference.org>

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

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An Overview of the Organisers

United Nations University Institute on the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources

United Nations University aims to develop sustainable solutions for pressing global problems of human survival and development. The Institute for the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) was established in Dresden, Germany in December 2012. The institute engages in research, capacity development, advanced teaching and training. UNU-FLORES develops strategies to resolve pressing issues in the area of sustainable use and integrated management of environmental resources such as soil, water, and waste. <https://flores.unu.edu/>

Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER)

The Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) is an establishment of the Leibniz Association for research in the spatial sciences. The IOER develops the scientific basis for the sustainable development of cities and regions in the national and international context. Research addresses ecological issues of sustainable development. <https://www.ioer.de>

Technische Universität Dresden

The Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden) is one of Germany's eleven universities of excellence: strong in research and considered first-class with respect to the range and quality of the study programmes it offers, it is also closely interconnected with culture, business, and society. A strategic partnership between the Faculty of Environmental Sciences at TU Dresden and UNU-FLORES has been established, which has led to joint research projects and a doctoral degree programme in "Integrated Management of Water, Soil and Waste". <https://tu-dresden.de/en>

