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# DWA and UNU-FLORES Sign Cooperation Agreement

The German Association for Water, Wastewater, and Waste (DWA) and the United Nations University Institute for the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) signed a Cooperation Agreement to strengthen collaborative knowledge mobilisation and capacity development activities.

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**Dresden, June 2017.** – At the Dresden Nexus Conference 2017 in May, DWA and UNU-FLORES celebrated the signing of a Cooperation Agreement solidifying the close partnership between the institutes in several areas. The parties aim to strengthen their collaboration with regard to knowledge production, knowledge transfer, capacity development, and training activities.

DWA and UNU-FLORES share, in particular, a common interest in the advancement of research and capacity development concerning the safe use of wastewater in agriculture, sustainable wastewater management systems, and the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of water-related strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Germany and abroad. Collaboration among the parties already spans a variety of contributions to important respective events such as the contribution of DWA to the UNU-FLORES co-organised [scientific and capacity development workshop](#) on the Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture (SUWA) with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

With the signing of this agreement, it is the parties' aim to expand their mutual activities to include new joint research projects. Furthermore, the institutes have agreed to promote the exchange of scientific and technical information and to jointly organise or participate mutually in workshops and conferences. In the first of such activities, UNU-FLORES and DWA will co-convene a session at the upcoming [World Water Week 2017](#) and [IFAT2018](#) in Munich.

The Cooperation Agreement was signed by the Director of UNU-FLORES, Reza Ardakanian, and President Otto Schaaf and Managing Director Johannes Lohaus of DWA. The development of the legal agreement followed a visit from Mr Heidebrecht to UNU-FLORES in September 2016. The Cooperation Agreement entered into force on 16 May and is valid for a period of three years.

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### ***United Nations University Institute for the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources***

*The 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.*

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### ***The German Association for Water, Wastewater, and Waste (DWA)***

*DWA is strongly committed to the development of secure and sustainable water and waste management. As a politically and economically independent organisation it is professionally active in the field of water management, wastewater, waste, and soil protection. In Europe DWA is the association with the largest number of members within this field. Therefore it takes on a unique position in connection with professional competence regarding standardisation, professional training, and information. The approximately 14,000 members represent specialists and executives from municipalities, universities, engineering offices, authorities, and companies.*

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