



UN Summer Academy

“Localizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”



21—25 August 2017 (5 Days)
Bonn, Germany



The Academy, which has been organized by the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) every year since 2012, prides itself on offering executive education, learning and knowledge exchange.

The UN Summer Academy is intended for practitioners, policy makers and researchers working on furthering the core notions of sustainable development, as well as those actively engaged with the UN system in their daily lives.

The 2017 edition of the Summer Academy will focus on ways to implement the 2030 Agenda at national, regional and local level, examining the particular role of cities and local authorities in the process. The academy will introduce the concept of sustainable development and the cross-cutting programmatic approaches it requires, provide

conceptual background knowledge about the Sustainable Development Goals, along with the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and foster an exchange about good practices in the field.

The academy combines academic rigour with cutting edge thinking, builds on a renowned faculty and is open to UN staff, representatives of local authorities and governments, civil society and private sector representatives alike, as well as a select number of post-graduate students and young professionals, interested in further pursuing opportunities in the field of sustainable development.



OVERVIEW

The UN Summer Academy offers an engaging five-day programme, ensuring rich interaction between peers and faculty, participation in solution-oriented App Labs, and discussions on issues of relevance to the work of the United Nations and its partners in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

Harnessing the presence of 19 UN entities in Bonn, as well as numerous leading institutions in international development, the academy will also provide an exclusive opportunity for dialogue with professionals working towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement on a daily basis and highlight opportunities for action at different levels.

As part of the Summer Academy, a Share Fair is envisaged, which will bring together different German and regional actors and initiatives across different sectors, to showcase the diversity of programmatic approaches and practices and foster networking. As a special feature in 2017, the City of Bonn will present its unique project partnerships with cities around the world, strengthening local implementation of sustainability principles and climate partnerships. During an excursion in the wider region, participants will explore local projects, which combine social, economic and environmental considerations in an exemplary way.

The academy will also cater to the participants' well-being by organizing a rich cultural programme featuring the great opportunities in terms of culture and nature the Bonn area provides.



I was fortunate to attend the UN Summer Academy in Bonn, Germany in August 2016 to learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I went to Bonn to learn about the goals and, in particular, make linkages to management practice.

The UN Summer Academy was action packed and we were fortunate to hear from many speakers covering a vast range of topics. I personally came away with a few other insights that will shape my work in this space. – Jenny Darroch, Dean of the Drucker School of Management



The 2016 UN Summer Academy provided us with an opportunity to explore ideas and learn from each other as well as a chance to meet experts in the field of sustainable development. We go back to our countries inspired and with many new connections, which will help us to make a difference back home.

Education is the first step to change attitudes and behaviors in the long term. – Dwiti Vikramaditya, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), India



TESTIMONIALS

“The UN Summer Academy was well-organized. The visit to Opladen was a really nice idea to actually see how common efforts contribute to SDG implementation. The program is very well balanced between presentations, activities, trips and communication. Thank you!”

“The reasonably long time for social interaction was brilliant.”

“Overall the sessions were very good and very related to my work. Having people from all over the world and working in different walks of life was an amazing experience. The UN Summer Academy added a perspective from developing countries.”

“The UN Summer Academy helped a lot in clarifying, conceptualizing, defining and redefining ideas and concepts that we use in our professional lives without realizing the transformation those ideas had gone through from the last time we studied them.”

RELEVANT LINKS

The UN Summer Academy 2016 was featured on the [HuffPost Blog](#) and the [General Anzeiger](#) newspaper. It also aired on television on WDR (Westdeutscher Rundfunk) and participants were interviewed by ARD Radio to provide practical examples on how to achieve sustainable development.

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REGISTRATION

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