

Dear Reader,

Millions of people marched on the street in support of better climate protection and more sustainable ways of living and doing business this year. Many others still do not believe in the need of a fundamental transformation. Persuading people and organisations, then, is still a key task for realising the sustainable development goals (SDGs). At the **Bonn Symposium 2019**, participants will focus on 'best practices' for maximising public and institutional support for the SDGs.

Read more about this and our other projects and publications in our sef/INEF News.

We wish you an interesting read!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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: Bridging the gap – How to reconcile the EU with a UN treaty on business and human rights

Policy Lunch

19 November in Brussels

Next week, another round of UN negotiations on a legally binding instrument on business and human rights will take place in Geneva. Support has been running strong from developing and emerging economies. However, the European Union has shown scepticism throughout the negotiations. The **Policy Lunch** on 19 November 2019 will provide first-hand insights into the negotiations and will discuss the role of the European Union in light of the newly elected Parliament and incoming European Commission.

[Register now and join our debate!](#)



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: Making the Case for Sustainability in Municipalities and Regions Worldwide

Bonn Symposium

27-28 November in Bonn

People want to have a say in decisions that have a long-term effect on their way of living. Nowhere is this more obvious than at the local level. How can sustainability projects and initiatives maximise the support of local citizens? What kind of new democratic procedures are needed in this regard? And what is the right way of partnering with business actors to bring about change? We are looking forward to discuss these questions with representatives of municipalities and regions and with many international guests at this year's **Bonn Symposium**.

Participation is possible by invitation only. If you are interested please write an email to hansel@sef-bonn.org.

PAST EVENTS



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: The Essential World Organisation. Reinventing the UN at 75

International sef: Expert Workshop

3-4 September in Duisburg

In 2020, the United Nations will celebrate its 75th anniversary. In light of the current transition to a new world order, sef: and INEF invited international experts to a **Workshop** to discuss the effects on the UN. What role will the organisation have in the future? What new strategies and alliances could help the UN to live up to its Charter requirements?

Conference presentations and position papers can be found on the [sef: homepage](#). A conference report will follow soon.

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Digital Public Goods. A Precondition for Realising the SDGs

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Progress towards every single one of the 17 goals and six targets of Agenda 2030 hinges on the effective deployment of digital technologies. In the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Experts Report, the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Experts Report has flagged in its 2019 report, this cannot be restricted to the idea of promoting access to connectivity technologies. In the age of digital interdependence, a transformative vision in relation to Agenda 2030 requires building digital ecosystems, including elements such as public data pools and public platforms. Only by overcoming crucial weaknesses in the current data economy will such ecosystems be able to catalyse and sustain progressive socio-economic change. A binding international treaty on data – enabling states to develop national policy frameworks for the governance of their data resources – is necessary for the realisation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

Digital public goods matter

Public provisioning of digital infrastructure – that is, treating these resources as a public good that anyone can use without charge (non-excludable) and without preventing others from using it (non-rivalrous) – will revolutionise progress towards Agenda 2030. Just to mention a few examples:

India's digital citizen identification system and X-road federated data exchange infrastructure, founded on privacy-by-design principles has enabled the creation of an inclusive public service delivery system in the country where over 2000 services can be accessed online. In India, the Ministry of Commerce's proposal for re-tooling the Government's Marketplace (GoM) platform for online government procurement into a publicly-owned business to customer (B2C) marketplace can provide a filip to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The common database of health images (annotated and based on voluntarily donations by patients of their personal health data) proposed by the IIT could be a valuable resource for public health research. The global platform for Big Data in Agriculture set up by the Consultative Group

Foundational digital infrastructure: Constituent elements

(1) **Connectivity architecture**

(2) **Software and application programming interfaces (APIs), open web technologies, standards and protocols for platform and data interoperability that are essential to maintain a cross-cutting applications layer that supports digital interactions**

(3) **Factories that facilitate everyday social and economic transactions and perform the role of essential modern day public utilities**

(4) **Privacy-centric personal data architectures that generate public value**

(5) **Non-personal data pools that are publicly owned, rich in data about natural resources, infrastructure and effects that are valuable for economic and social development territories**

(6) **Algorithms that are building blocks for future innovations in artificial intelligence (AI)**

⚡ Digital Public Goods. A Precondition for Realising the SDGs

Global Governance Spotlight 4|2019

Progress towards every single Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of Agenda 2030 also hinges on the effective deployment of digital technologies. In **Global Governance Spotlight 4|2019**, Anita Gurumurthy and Nandini Chami from IT for Change explain the importance of so-called digital ecosystems to catalyse inclusive sustainable development. In order to be able to use the opportunities offered by digitization for the common good, the authors call for, inter alia, a binding international treaty on data and better development financing for digital public goods.

Before and Beyond Al-Shabaab
National Islamic Councils, Contentious Politics and the Rise of Jihadism in East Africa

Jannis Saalfeld

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⚡ Study on genesis and evolution of Jihadism in East Africa

INEF-Report 113

This **report** looks at the regional advent of Jihadism(s). Jannis Saalfeld (INEF) traces the historical patterns of politico-religious mobilisation in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique. He argues that East Africa's religiously heterogeneous societies share crucial similarities regarding the failure of largely non-Muslim post-colonial ruling elites to effectively regulate the Islamic sphere and the following disintegration of Muslim contestation movements. Timing and escalatory dynamics of Jihadist violence and radicalization, however, have depended on specific domestic context conditions, the report concludes.

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Jana Herold

Improving Smallholders' Food Security and Resilience to Climate Change in Burkina Faso
The Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters Programme (BRACED)

AVE-Study 19/2019

⚡ Improving climate resilience in Burkina Faso

AVE study 19/2019

The Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) programme in Burkina Faso aims at improving the resilience of vulnerable people against climate extremes and disasters. In the context of the BMZ funded project "Ways out of extreme poverty, vulnerability and food insecurity", INEF researcher Jana Herold analyses the beneficiaries' perceptions of the programme's impacts on food security and poverty reduction in the **AVE study 19**.



: Dr Johannes Vüllers joins INEF as senior researcher

On 1 October, **Dr Johannes Vüllers** joined the INEF team as Senior Researcher. In 2012, he completed his PhD at the University of Tübingen, with a thesis on “Religious Peace Initiatives in Civil Wars”. After working at GIGA (Hamburg) and the University of Konstanz, Johannes Vüllers has held the position of Assistant Professor at the University of Leiden. His research interests include social movements and protest strategies, the role of religion in violent conflicts as well as power-sharing agreements and mediation in civil war. At INEF, Johannes Vüllers follows Dr Jochen Hippler, who now heads the country office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) in Pakistan.

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