



Municipalities for Global Sustainability

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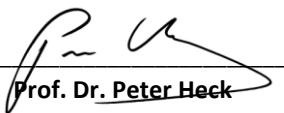
The Institute for Applied Material Flow Management (IfaS) of the Environmental Campus Birkenfeld (University of Applied Sciences Trier) in cooperation with the Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) of Engagement Global invites guests from all over the world to the networking event "Municipalities for Global Sustainability".

- ✓ **When:** Thursday, October 29, 2020
- ✓ **Where:** Environmental Campus Birkenfeld and Online

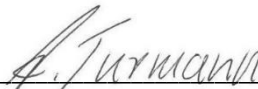
The focus of the event is to share experiences made from the development of international city cooperations and to present the development and implementation of concrete projects to implement/advance towards the SDGs.

In addition, a global dialogue will be started from 14:15 (CET) to initiate the possibilities for the development of municipal (project) partnerships. This will take place in a virtual workshop, during which the participating municipalities will have the opportunity to present themselves and exchange ideas for cooperation.

We're looking forward to your participation.



Prof. Dr. Peter Heck
Managing Director
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Service Agency Communities
in One World



Program:

Welcome/Introduction

12:00 Circular Economy in Municipalities for Global Sustainability as a strategic instrument for meeting the 2030 Agenda

[Prof. Dr. Peter Heck](#) | Institute for Applied Material Flow Management (IfaS)

12:15 Municipalities for Global Sustainability

[Annette Turmann](#) | Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)

Experience reports from existing city cooperations

12:30 Activities of a city cooperation

[Mayor Andreas Veit](#) | Municipality Nohfelden (Saarland)

[NN](#) | Balingor (Senegal)

13:00 Importance of the civil society for the development of international city cooperation

[Marc Engel](#) | Municipality Nalbach (Saarland)

[NN](#) | Assié-Koumassi (Ivory Coast)

13:30 Ways to build an international city cooperation

[Christoph Hassel](#) | City of Ottweiler (Saarland)

[NN](#) | Belén (Costa Rica)



14:00 **BREAK**

Promotion of SDG projects through international city cooperation

14:15 **Presentation of cooperation offers of the municipalities**

14:45 **Project Exchange - Matchmaking Session**

15:45 **Closing statement**

[Prof. Dr. Peter Heck](#) | Institute for Applied Material Flow Management (IfaS)

16:00 **End of the event**





Registration and participation:

Due to the Corona Pandemic, only a limited amount of people can participate in the physical event at the Environmental Campus. Therefore we ask you to submit your binding registration if you are interested.

The registration is only possible online:

<https://www.stoffstrom.org/internationales-vernetzungstreffen-gnk/?lang=en>



How to get there (by train):

The Environmental Campus Birkenfeld is in close vicinity to the trainline Mainz-Saarbrücken. The Environmental-Campus is about 200 m away from the train station "Neubrücke". For further information please click [HERE](#).

The link for online participation will be sent to you in a separate e-mail.



Project background

With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 global sustainability goals, the member states of the United Nations have set themselves very ambitious goals. The Agenda creates the basis for shaping global economic progress in harmony with social justice and within the ecological limits of the earth. To this end, 17 global sustainability goals have been formulated (Sustainable Development Goals, or SDG for short).

To achieve these goals, the developing countries as well as the industrialized nations must work together. National strategies were drafted based on the 2030 Agenda, which on the one hand refer to the global pressure to act and on the other hand to express individual needs and opportunities.

In Germany this has been done by updating the German sustainability strategy. However, the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and its goals for sustainable development is not exclusively a federal matter in Germany. Many German states, including Saarland, have also concretized the sustainability strategy at state level. In order to achieve the final closing of ranks in its application, the municipalities have an important role to play in the implementation of the Agenda. The project Municipalities for Global Sustainability in Saarland supports 13 pilot municipalities in the state of Saarland. For the project, the Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) of Engagement Global and the Institute for Material Flow Management (IfaS) have developed a consulting service for the municipalities, which is being implemented in cooperation with the Saarland Ministry of the Environment (MUV).

One result of the project was the establishment and deepening of international city cooperation. Experiences from this will be shared nationwide with the event.