LOGISITICS NOTE

Thank you for your interest in the #K4SD Conference in Bonn! We are delighted that you are considering attending the event. In this logistics note, you will find details that will enable you to plan your trip. If you have additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact the conference team on conference@gdn.int

Venue

The 19th Annual Global Development Conference, ‘Knowledge for Sustainable Development: the Research-Policy Nexus’ will take place from 23-25 October, 2019 at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), Bonn, Germany.

The full street address is:

World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), Bonn Conference Center Management GmbH, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Tel. +49 (0)228 92 67 – 0; Fax: +49 (0)228 92 67 – 2119

There is a metro and train stop a few minutes away from the venue.

Floorplans of the conference venue can be found here: Entrance Level and Rhine Level.

See venue map overleaf.
Before you arrive

Some background about Bonn  As a former German capital, Bonn has established a global network of relations and contacts in the fields of environment, development, and science. Bonn’s around 320,000 citizens are multicultural, educated, and cosmopolitan. It is the second political center of Germany and the seat of many Federal Ministries, the United Nations, as well as host to many international and internationally active NGOs, International Conferences. You can learn more about the city on www.bonn.de and http://www.bonn-international.org

Passport & visa information  All foreign delegates/participants entering the Federal Republic of Germany must have a valid passport. GDN will provide the necessary visa invitation letter, however the participants are requested to apply for visas at their own cost, if they do not hold a valid Schengen visa until end October 2019.

Participants requiring an entry or transit visa are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as possible. For more information, please visit the website of the Federal Foreign Office: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/Startseite.html (also available in French and Spanish).

Please note that the Schengen States’ Visa Information System (VIS) has been operational since 2011. More information can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-information-system/index_en.htm.

Arranging a hotel  There are many hotel options in Bonn, with different price ranges. GDN can assist you to book a room at preferred rates, secured for our conference participants. If you require this assistance, please write to us on conference@gdn.int. Note that we have secured a limited number of rooms, available on a first come, first served basis. The pre-arranged, discounted rate with the Hilton hotel in Bonn is €139/night.
**Travel insurance** The organizers of the Conference cannot claim responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that you obtain international medical insurance for the entire period of participation, including travel time.

**Bring some cash** Please bring some cash (Euros) to enable you to commute, especially to and from the airport, since credit and debit cards are not always accepted.

**Connections from the airport, and to the venue**

**From the airport** Bonn is served by three international airports: 1) Cologne/Bonn, 2) Frankfurt/Main and 3) Düsseldorf.

If you arrive in Cologne/Bonn

- A taxi directly to the venue will cost around €40.
- The Airport Express Bus SB 60, can connect you to Bonn central station (Hauptbahnhof) for about €8.20, and takes about 30 minutes. From there you can easily connect to your hotel or the conference venue.
- You can see the airport bus info and timetable at [https://en.swb-busundbahn.de/service/airport-express-sb60.html](https://en.swb-busundbahn.de/service/airport-express-sb60.html) or
- Learn more about Cologne/Bonn airport, please see [www.koeln-bonn-airport.de](http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de)

From Frankfurt/Main

- You will need to connect to Bonn by train. The train journey takes 1-2 hours. It is far too expensive to take a Taxi from there.
- The Airail Terminal or the Flughafen is right next to Terminal 1. Trains arrive at and depart from platforms 4 to 7. Should you arrive at Terminal 2, then look for a connection to the station ‘Frankfurt Flughafen’ via bus or the Sky Line.
- You should have a Rail & Fly ticket that enables you to travel from the airport to Siegburg/Bonn on a high-speed train(ICE). If you don’t have a Rail & Fly ticket, you will need to buy a ticket at the ticket machines o the DB Travel Center before you travel.
- You should aim to get off at Siegburg/Bonn, and connect via tram thereafter, to your hotel or to the conference venue.
- For more information on Frankfurt/Main airport, please see [www.frankfurt-airport.com](http://www.frankfurt-airport.com)

When landing at Düsseldorf

- As an international passenger, you may have a Rail & Fly ticket that allows you to connect to Cologne/Bonn via train. (There is no onward flight to catch). Please verify this with your travel agency, before you fly.
- If your flight arrives at Düsseldorf with no further connections, then you need to buy a train ticket to get into Cologne/Bonn. It is much too expensive to connect by Taxi.
• Take the Sky Train from the airport terminal to the train station. This takes 10 minutes, and there is no ticket needed. Buy a train ticket to/disembark at Bonn Hauptbahnhof (Central Station). Tickets are available at the Airport train station.
• For more information on Düsseldorf airport, go to www.duesseldorf-international.de

**To the venue** Check if GDN is providing a shuttle bus from your hotel to the venue. (This is likely if you are staying in a hotel arranged by GDN. If not, please check with your hotel the best way to get to the venue.) The shuttle bus will leave from the front of the Hilton Hotel every morning. A bus schedule will be made available on the conference website.

To use public transport, we recommend that you buy a “4er Ticket” (a strip of 4 tickets) in advance, there are vending machines at some tram stops and underground stations where you can do this. **Please bring cash in Euros for the purchase of tickets as credit card is not accepted.** One-way tram and underground tickets within Bonn are the 1b CityTickets and cost 2.80 Euros; the “4er Ticket” costs 11.30 Euros. Please note that each journey requires validation using a machine on the underground/tram. You can also purchase the 1b “Wochenticket” for 25.40 Euros, which is valid for all travels within Bonn city limits for the duration of one week.

Directions to the venue (WCC) from Bonn Central Station or Bonn Hauptbahnhof (HBF):

**By tram/the underground**

• Take the subway (German: U-Bahn) line 16, 63 or 66 towards Bad Godesberg/Koenigswinter.
• Get off at **Heussallee/Museumsmeile** and follow the signs to the Bundeshaus/World Conference Center Bonn.
• The walking distance from the subway station is about 250 meters (just straight ahead). Follow Heussallee to the junction with Platz der Vereinten Nationen. Turn left onto Platz der Vereinten Nationen.
• Check the tram map online at http://www.orangesmile.com/common/img_tram_maps/bonn-map-tram-big.png

**By bus**

• Take bus no. 610 or 611 from Bonn central bus station (opposite of Bonn central station) and get off after approx. 10 minutes at the bus stop called **Deutsche Welle/Heussallee**.
• Follow the Heussallee to the junction with Platz der Vereinten Nationen. Turn left onto Platz der Vereinten Nationen. The Main Entrances of the World Conference Center Bonn are located 100 meters down the street.

**By taxi**
The fare for a 10 minutes’ taxi ride to the WCCB (Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2) from Bonn city center and central station is around 10 Euros. Taxi services can be found at: https://www.taxibonn.de/, Tel: +49 (0) 228 55 55 55, E-Mail: info@taxibonn.de

There is no Uber service available in Bonn.

At the venue

Conference registrations and material The onsite registrations for the conference will open on the day of the conference at the following times:

**Wednesday 23rd October**
08:00 – 09:00 Registration (World Conference Centre)
09:00 – 17:30 Main Conference (World Conference Centre)

**Thursday 24th October**
08:00 – 09:00 Registration (World Conference Centre)
09:00 – 18:30 Main Conference (World Conference Centre)

**Friday 25th October**
08:00 – 09:00 Registration (World Conference Centre)
09:00 – 13:15 Main Conference (World Conference Centre)

Conference information The most updated source of information about the conference can be found on the GDN website: www.gdn.int/conference2019. A print copy of the conference agenda will also be made available in the conference notebook and a brief agenda distributed along with your badge that you will receive at registration. We are also building a conference App, enabling you to view the latest conference program, look up and connect with speakers and other attendees, etc. Further information will be provided on the website when ready.

Meals Refreshments and lunches will be provided to all conference participants free of charge on day 1 & 2 of the conference. Day 3 will have only morning coffee break.

Business Language & Interpretation The event will be conducted entirely in English. There will be no additional interpretation services.

Wi-Fi & Adapters A wireless network will be available throughout the venue. Details will be displayed at the venue during the conference to access.

The venue has European 220V sockets. Please bring your own adapter for electronic devices if needed.

Accessibility The organizers aim to remove altitudinal and environment barriers that create exclusion, undue effort, separation or special treatment. This enables everyone – regardless of disability, age, gender, faith – to participate equally, confidently and independently with choice and dignity.
**Assistance & Signposting** Signposts will be provided around the conference area, and staff and volunteers will be available for guidance as needed. Your go to place for assistance during the conference is the registration desk or the GDN Secretariat, which will be marked.

**Security** Security will be strictly enforced at all conference spaces. To ensure the safety of all participants, badges must be displayed at all times inside the venue. Under no circumstances should your badge be lent to another participant. It is a good idea to carry some form of ID with you.

**Additional information**

**Money** Germany uses the Euro. It is highly recommended for you to carry cash with you to facilitate your commute within the city. Although credit cards are becoming more accepted in Germany, several restaurants/shops only accept German EC Cards and you might be required to pay in cash on several occasions. Note that you need cash to purchase transport tickets.

**ATMs** ATMs are found all over the city and at the airports (Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe/Deutsche Bank). Withdrawing money from a Geldautomat of a different bank than your own may cost extra. Sometimes the extra charges are a percentage of the amount withdrawn and sometimes a flat fee is charged. The costs can range from €1.00 to €10.00.

**Telephones and time zone** The international dialing code for Germany is +49. Germany is located in time zone GMT +1. Calling across Europe by cellphone is only cheap if you already have a European based number. See Annex for some important telephone numbers.
Annex: Important phone numbers

Police: Tel: 110

Fire brigade: Tel: 112

Emergency doctor/ambulance: Tel: 112

Telephone information service: Tel: 11833 (national) Tel: 11834 (international)

Hospitals

St. Marien Hospital
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53115 Bonn
Tel.: (+49) 228 / 5050

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Bonner Talweg 4-6
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