



CIF-Conference 2023 – Hannover, Germany

CALL FOR PAPERS

The CIF-Conference 2023 topic will be discussed and further developed in workshops.

We are now looking for workshop leaders!

TOPIC:

Social Work leading towards Social Justice and Sustainability – Be part of it!

Social justice is a fundamental issue for social work all around the world. According to the Global Definition of Social Work “principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work“. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations comprises 17 goals to end poverty, reduce inequality, improve lives and prospects of everyone everywhere and to protect the planet – among them goals with a social dimension which directly lead to the mandate of social work.

Given these goals, the CIF-Conference 2023 will provide an opportunity to take a look at different aspects of social justice with a focus on sustainability:

- What does “sustainability“ mean in terms of Social Work? To what extent is (or is not) Social Work sustainable today?
- In which way can social workers contribute to achieve more justice regarding human rights, poverty, health and well-being, education and gender issues?
- How can principles and strategies of empowerment, participation and networking be beneficial to improve the life of people?

The workshops:

The workshops are intended to take up, deepen and further develop the key questions of the conference in relation to individual subject areas. In doing so, we want to focus on the goals of the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

We have formed six topic groups from these goals for our conference workshops to concentrate on:

SDG 1 Poverty

This 2030 Agenda goal is based on a holistic understanding of poverty. The goal of sustainable development is a life of all people in dignity. Poverty can only be overcome globally in the long term if people have equal access to good work, quality education and health care, and when human rights are guaranteed and people can live in peace.

All people worldwide must be actively involved in promoting sustainability. The 2030 Agenda places special emphasis on "leaving no one behind". It demands more attention must be paid to people often suffering from poverty and discrimination in order to promote equal opportunities for all.

SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being

Health is one of the 17 global sustainability goals (Sustainable Development Goals = SDGs). It is directly related to other SDGs. For example, people who are starving (SDG 2) or who have no access to clean drinking water (SDG 6) cannot live healthy lives.

The most important sub-goals of SDG 3 range from ensuring health care for all, putting an end to the AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria epidemics, fighting diseases of civilization, preventing and treating drug abuse and excessive alcohol use, implementing the Tobacco Framework Convention, guaranteeing access to medicine and vaccines, reducing child and maternal mortality, combatting tropical diseases and epidemics, to strengthening the capacities for early warning systems, management of global health risks and reducing the numbers of diseases caused by environmental pollution.

SDG 4 Quality Education

Education enables upward socio-economic mobility and is a key to escaping poverty.

Education helps to reduce inequalities and to achieve gender equality and is crucial to fostering tolerance and more peaceful societies.

Over the past decade, major progress has been made towards increasing access to education and school enrollment rates at all levels, particularly for girls. Nevertheless, about 258 million children and youth were still out of school in 2018 — nearly one fifth of the global population in that age group. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, countries announced the temporary closure of schools, impacting more than 91 per cent of students worldwide. By April 2020, close to 1.6 billion children and youth were out of school.

SDG 10 Equality

With this goal the UN aims to reduce inequality in and among countries. Furthermore, inequality is seen as a cross-cutting topic within all 17 goals in order to successfully implement the 2030 Agenda. The Agenda's guiding principle "leaving no one behind" expresses this especially.

By means of goal 10 the growth of income of the poorest 40 % of the population is to be raised in a sustainable way. All people must be enabled to self-determination and their social, economic and political inclusion is to be developed. Step by step increasing equality should be reached through fiscal measures as well as wages policy measures and measures of social protection. Equality of opportunity is to be given through the repeal of discriminatory laws, politics and practice. An orderly, sure and responsible migration of people is to make bearable - between others - through a systematic and well managed migration policy. Besides that, development money and cross-border flow of finances - including foreign direct investments - are to be created especially with direction to less developed countries. Countries in development must be given a stronger representation in international institutions of economy and finances and their increasing participation in the decision-making process must be ensured.

SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Sustainable development is impossible without a secure environment and institutions that act in accordance with the rule of law. Ethical incorruptible governance is an essential prerequisite for a country's peace, justice and judicial proceedings.

Economic prosperity and the development of a democratic constitutional state require not only the observance of fundamental and human rights, but a sound administration that respects the rule of law. The most important sub-goals of SDG 16 are to: create peaceful and inclusive societies, fight all forms of organized crime, build effective, transparent and accountable institutions, guarantee access to justice for all, combat corruption and limit illicit finance transactions and arms trafficking.

Multiple SDGs Ecology and Economy

Economic growth, social development and climate protection are highly dependent on investments in infrastructure, sustainable industrial development and technological progress. In the face of a rapidly changing global economic landscape and increasing inequalities, sustained growth must include industrialization that first of all creates opportunities for all, and second, is supported by innovation and resilient infrastructure.

Inclusive and sustainable industrialization, together with innovation and infrastructure, can unleash dynamic and competitive economic forces that generate employment and income. They play a key role in introducing and promoting new technologies, facilitating international trade and enabling the efficient use of resources.

The growth of new industries means improvement in the standard of living for many. Whenever industries implement sustainability measures, they will have a positive effect on the environment.

You can find more information about the goals here:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030.html>

If you do have another workshop idea related to our conference topic, please suggest it. We will consider it.

In terms of methodology, the workshop leaders can freely design the units. In principle the workshops should:

- **inform:** participants expand their expertise in this area
- **inspire:** participants transfer this information to their work area and exchange ideas
- **activate:** participants develop concrete and realistic implementation ideas

A workshop lasts 90 minutes and there will be between 20 and 30 participants.

If you are interested in offering a workshop, please send us a short abstract of your planned workshop by **January 31st 2023** to: kirsten.prange@web.de

You can also send further questions about the workshops to this e-mail address.

We are looking forward to receiving your ideas!

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