



Invitation to 3rd weltwärts South-North partner conference from 2nd to 6th of June 2020 in Kassel, Germany

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the weltwärts Programme Steering Committee we, the "Internationaler Bund" are delighted to host this year's South-North partner conference in cooperation with SFD Kassel, Diakonie Hessen Kassel and Kiekare from Guadalajara, Mexico.

After the first conference in 2016 and the second conference in 2018, the third weltwärts South-North partner conference takes place in Kassel. As the last conferences showed, it is highly valuable and irreplaceable for the different stakeholder to have a platform to get together for content exchange and to improve and develop the programme with all the various perspectives and levels of experiences. It is also an opportunity for personal networking to strengthen and enhance the dialogue between the different participants.

Target group

- Current partner organisations from the global south, working with weltwärts South-North component.
- Future organisations from the Global South, who are cooperating with German host organisations and planning to send volunteers to Germany.
- German host organisations and mentors.
- Places of assignment that employ volunteers.
- PSC- Programme Steering Committee.
- BMZ – Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

There are 50 places for partner organisations from the Global South. 20 places are provided for German host organisations and places of assignment.

Please remember that due to this limited capacity we can only accept one person per organisation. Also, we'd like to ask that the participants must have a direct connection to the weltwärts South-North volunteer in their organisation.

Aims

- Giving the different parties a platform for personal content exchange.
- Bringing the programme and relations on a higher level by listening to each other's needs, learning from each other, discussing together and gaining a deeper understanding.
- Dialogue and networking between partner organisations.
- Personal networking in particular with room for the South-South relations.
- Getting to know places of assignment for South-North volunteers (field visits)
- Presenting the results of the South-North evaluation.
- Individual topics of partner organisations from Global South (see registration form).
- Dialogue between managing level of programme (PSC – Programme Steering Committee) and practical actors in the South-North programme.
- Having the chance to travel to Germany and get to know a bit about the country where volunteers are prepared for and send to.

Programme

A short listing of topics that will take place during the conference is attached to this invitation. It is not to be seen being the final plan. There will be space for more of your issues and it will be asked for in the registration form.

Conference language

Conference languages will be English and Spanish. We provide simultaneous translation English-Spanish and vice versa with a headset for everyone.

Travel arrangements

The conference participation costs include food and lodging as well as transportation to and from the conference are covered. To avoid high transaction fees for reimbursement of the partner organisations from Global South, we will book and pay a rail and fly ticket for you.

All German participants have to buy their tickets themselves and will be reimbursed after the conference.



Please notice that you are allowed to extend your stay in Germany/Kassel for five extra days before or after the conference or split up before and after. Within this time frame your flights will be covered. If you want to travel out of this 5 day timeframe your travel expenses will not be covered.

During the time of the conference you will be insured by us (Foreign Travel Health Insurance, Personal and public liability insurance & Accident insurance).

Lodging is provided in shared rooms. If you wish a single room you must pay the price difference to a single room yourself. Query sees in the registration form.

Registration process

For partner organisations from Global South: Please fill in the application form attached and send to vap-kassel@ib.de **until 29th of February 2020**. We will inform you about your attendance as soon as possible. Afterwards you should plan your journey and let us know the dates within two weeks to book your flights.

German host organisations and places of assignment: Please also use this application form.

Further information: If you have any questions please get in touch with Janina Drude vap-kassel@ib.de

Kind regards

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