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# INTRODUCTION



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*“German municipalities should be encouraged and enabled to implement the 2030 Agenda with a global perspective, both within their own local setting, and with partner municipalities in the Global South. By doing so they will help implement Germany’s National Sustainability Strategy and the goals of the 2030 Agenda worldwide, and at the same time assume global responsibility.”* This is how the State Secretaries’ Committee for Sustainable Development describes the objectives of the Service Agency project “Global – Local: Localising the 2030 Agenda”, which the committee also designated as the flagship project 2018 for Germany’s National Sustainability Strategy. The German Government thus acknowledges the important role assigned to municipalities in striving for sustainable development both locally and internationally.

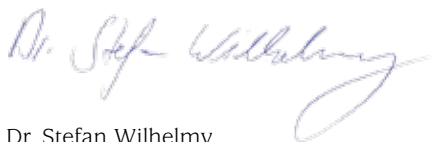
Municipalities are facing up to their growing responsibility for sustainable development, which affects all sectors of local governance. This means they are shouldering responsibility for the three dimensions of sustainability – environmental and climate protection, social cohesion and economic development. Local activity has a global impact, which is why more and more municipalities are acknowledging their global responsibility and are increasingly getting involved in local sustainable development in a variety of ways. Together with Germany’s municipalities, federal states and the Federal Government, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) helped formulate the 2030 Agenda. The role of municipalities as pioneers of change is a key element of the Agenda, which was adopted by the United Nations along with its SDGs in September 2015. As a result, municipal engagement is gaining increasing importance in cooperation for development and sustainability. On behalf of the BMZ, and the German federal states, municipal associations and municipalities that help fund the Service Agency Communities in One World, we are therefore supporting municipalities in mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda across society, and in pursuing sustainable local development in the context of the SDGs.

By signing the specimen resolution of the Association of German Cities and the German section of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

German municipalities indicate their willingness to do what they can to implement the SDGs. To welcome them into the “Club of 2030 Agenda Municipalities” – the network of signatory municipalities – they are awarded a certificate of recognition. The Service Agency then supports their activities.

As municipal development cooperation becomes more important, its field of activity is also growing. More and more German municipalities are establishing and maintaining partnerships with municipalities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern/South-Eastern Europe, getting involved in climate partnerships, participating in the establishment of democratic structures and transferring municipal know-how. This municipal engagement abroad is also being backed up here in Germany. German municipalities are adopting resolutions on fair procurement and promoting fair trade, cooperating with migrant organisations or supporting other local civil society organisations, and performing information and education work for development. Through this package of measures in Germany and abroad, German municipalities are helping to effectively achieve the goals of the international community, becoming more sustainable themselves, and promoting just and sustainable global development. If you are a local government administrator or decision-maker, or a civil society actor, the Service Agency will support you in pursuing dialogue and managing your engagement for development sustainably and effectively. Through the services we offer, you can develop your intercultural expertise in development projects and activities, and network internationally at expert dialogue events and meetings.

Our broad shareholding structure means we are in constant touch with key stakeholders and actors in municipal development cooperation. These include federal ministries, federal states, municipalities and municipal associations, as well as umbrella organisations of non-governmental organisations and other organisations involved in German development cooperation. As part of Engagement Global we are linked with other programmes in Germany that support engagement, and can put you in touch with the right people should you wish to use their services.



Dr. Stefan Wilhelmy

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## OUR AREAS OF ACTIVITY AND OFFERINGS AT A GLANCE

- Municipalities for global sustainability
- Migration and development at the local level
- Fair trade and fair procurement
- Municipal partnerships and international municipal links for development



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### **We can provide you with the following services in these areas:**

- Face-to-face advice free of charge on all issues involving municipal development cooperation – also available in your municipality
- Events for expert exchange such as workshops, congresses and conferences
- Facilitation and support of thematic and country-specific networks
- Financial and human resources to support your municipal development cooperation
- “Capital City of Fair Trade” competition – entries must include cooperative and creative ideas to support fair trade
- “Municipality Moves the World” – the prize for outstanding municipal contributions to migration and development
- Support for the “Global Partnerships” competition for municipalities
- Online advisory service on financial support
- Training courses in intercultural cooperation and country analyses for those involved in municipal partnerships
- The Dialog Global and Material series’ of publications in which we document our projects
- Guidelines, studies and legal reports on current topics of development-related municipal activity
- Our homepage as a service portal with up-to-date information and databases: [www.service-eine-welt.de](http://www.service-eine-welt.de)
- Other online portals such as “Municipal know-how for host communities in the Middle East” and the “Sustainability Compass”
- Monthly “One World Newsletter”
- Baseline surveys
- Starter workshops

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# MUNICIPALITIES FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY



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For municipalities implementing topics of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development locally that wish to place their strategy for sustainability on a broad footing through dialogue with decision-makers, administrators and civil society, we support **expert and dialogue events on the 2030 Agenda**. These can be information events, workshops, congresses, network meetings or conferences, for which we provide you with expertise and financial support. In cooperation with local administrators and decision-makers, civil society and the private sector, events are held in municipalities at which the local actors jointly consider what their contribution towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda might be. Systematic cooperation between all actors is key here, as this is the only way to put the idea of local sustainability into practice.

Together with the responsible line ministries and state chancelleries at federal state level, and the national municipal associations, we support municipalities in developing **local sustainable development strategies and reports** in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

By systematically integrating environmental, social and economic goals, as well as the goals of municipal development cooperation, into the various levels and sectors of local governance, sustainable development becomes part of the everyday routines of the municipalities. We offer expert advice and support for the process of drawing up an SDG action plan using sustainability management methods. This is designed to bolster the complementarity and coherence of local governance in line with the SDGs. Here we pursue an integrated approach that takes into account the specific circumstances of each municipality. Alongside



the 2030 Agenda, other key points of reference forming the wider framework are Germany's National Sustainability Strategy, and the sustainability strategies of the federal states.

Municipalities wishing to get involved in implementing sustainable development can sign the specimen resolution of the Association of German Cities (DST) and the German section of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) – “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Building Sustainability at the Local Level”. We will support you in drafting council submissions, supply you with information on the 2030 Agenda for committee meetings, and organise regular network meetings to enable signatory municipalities to exchange ideas and share lessons learned. The signatory municipalities also receive a certificate in recognition of their engagement.

Implementing the 2030 Agenda is a dynamic process. New methods and approaches are continuously being developed at the international and national levels. To strengthen municipalities' **sectoral and methodological expertise** we offer them training on the various steps for localising the 2030 Agenda. Amongst other things this includes managing and visualising SDG indicators, as well as media training to improve public information and awareness-raising work.



The resolution of the Board of the Association of German Cities of 16/17 April 2018 on “Sustainable Development Goals for municipalities” underscores local support for the international SDGs, and recommends that member municipalities apply indicator-based monitoring. The project “SDG Indicators for Municipalities”, in which the Service Agency is also involved, will be implemented with broad participation by local stakeholders. Moreover, the Board calls on Germany's federal and state governments to include the set of indicators developed by the municipalities in their reporting at the European and international levels, for instance when reporting to the United Nations, in order to prevent the duplication of structures and additional work on all levels.

## Flagship project “Global to Local – Localising the 2030 Agenda”



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On behalf of the BMZ, the Service Agency offers a wealth of opportunities for municipal engagement in the context of the 2030 Agenda – both in Germany and with partners in the Global South. These services are brought together in the project “Global to Local – Localising the 2030 Agenda”, which the State Secretaries’ Committee for Sustainable Development designated in June 2018 as the 2018 flagship project for Germany’s National

Sustainability Strategy. The State Secretaries’ Committee acknowledged the project as an important example of “how the global dimension of the 2030 Agenda with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be integrated at the local level”. The project sets out to do two things: transfer the global 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs to the local level, and mainstream them strategically across local governance. This process is referred to as “localising the 2030 Agenda”. The flagship project thus combines two of the Service Agency’s areas of activity – “Municipalities for Global Sustainability” and “Municipal Partnerships”, and helps improve understanding of the links between local action and global impacts.

# MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Many of the people with a migrant background who live in Germany get involved in a whole range of activities in their local communities and in their countries of origin. We wish to highlight the opportunities for development that migration presents, and ensure that the engagement of migrants and their organisations can help strengthen development work at the local level, and at the same time help boost intercultural expertise within municipalities and foster integration.

Networking and professional exchange are fundamental to successful cooperation. Through our Germany-wide **Migration and Development at the Local Level** network, since 2011 we have been providing a unique forum for systematic sharing between municipal administrators and decision-makers, migrants and their organisations who are actively engaged in development work, and local citizens involved in One World activities. Since 2015 we have also been organising **regional network meetings** that enable new municipalities to engage with migration and development issues, and discuss opportunities and challenges in their regions together with experienced actors. We also support the local networking processes of all actors by **conducting surveys** of those local stakeholders actively engaged in development work.

To help ensure that outstanding municipal examples of migration and development receive the recognition they deserve, since 2014 we have been organising the **Municipality Moves the World** competition. Under the auspices of Germany's Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, this competition presents awards to projects and activities for migration and development in which German municipalities



work together with migrant organisations and other One World actors. Furthermore, all contestants are invited to share their experiences with their fellow participants.

In the **MiGlobe – New Opportunities for Municipal Development Cooperation** project, migrants who are experienced in development work and remain actively involved are supporting municipalities in generating specific ideas for a more interculturally aware approach to local engagement for development. The Service Agency developed the advisory services provided by MiGlobe from 2014 onwards together with the MiGlobe members in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), in cooperation with the Forum for Social Innovation (FSI) and the NRW One World network. In 2017, based on the lessons learned up to that point the project was also launched in Baden-Württemberg, where the Service Agency is implementing MiGlobe in cooperation with the Stuttgart Forum of Cultures and the Regional Association for International Development. Through MiGlobe, municipalities in NRW and Baden-Württemberg can now work together with more than 30 advisors on diversifying their activities for development, and involving a larger number of their citizens who have a migrant background.



We offer two projects involving municipal development work on the topic of displacement. In the **Municipalities as Initiators of Development Education Work** pilot project, the role of municipalities in the context of displacement is being strengthened in the fields of development education, and cooperation with local migrant organisations. Supported by the Service Agency, and together with local civil society, municipalities plan development education measures whose topics, learning goals and target groups match their specific local needs. In the **Municipal Know-how for Host Communities in the Middle East programme** the Service Agency is providing expertise and financial support for training Syrian refugees in German municipalities. The project aims to prepare Syrian refugees for involvement in the future reconstruction of municipal structures in Syria.

# FAIR TRADE AND FAIR PROCUREMENT

Public contractors possess huge economic potential. It is estimated that around half of the EUR 350 billion spent on public procurement at the federal, regional and municipal levels is managed at the municipal level. As the largest public contractors, municipalities can make a key contribution towards more fair trade by supporting its objectives, procuring credibly labelled products and avoiding goods manufactured using exploitative child labour or in violation of minimum social standards. At the same time, municipalities can enhance their international image in their political and economic relationships.

We advise and support German municipalities on issues of fair trade and fair procurement. As early as 2007 we launched the Germany-wide **Fair Procurement Network**, which comprises more than 180 experts from German municipalities, ministries, institutions, the private sector and non-governmental organisations. It aims to support municipalities in introducing and complying with social standards in public procurement, and to increase the sharing of lessons learned. As well as clarifying legal and organisational issues, we also support the formulation of council resolutions and provide information on current developments at the national and regional levels.

One key factor for fair procurement is being able to access, quickly and easily, needed information on issues such as the legal frameworks governing procurement and on how to assess quality labels, as well as text modules, good practice examples and information on suppliers of certified products. Buyers can





obtain this information by accessing the “Sustainability Compass” website. The free services of our **Fair Procurement in Germany campaign** are also available to support actors involved in procurement.

Since 2003 we have also been organising the **Capital City of Fair Trade competition** every two years, for which prize money totalling EUR 250,000 is available. In this competition, we present awards to municipalities that have displayed exemplary commitment to fair trade, fair procurement and sustainable consumption. As well as being awarded the title of “Capital City of Fair Trade”, the winner also receives prize money which it uses to continue its fair projects. Nine further municipalities are also awarded prize money. All the municipalities taking part are also able to share with others the lessons they have learned in municipal activities in these areas. Finally, our services include a “Capital City of Fair Trade” **online project database** containing examples of municipal engagement and publications.



# MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL LINKS FOR DEVELOPMENT



Municipal partnerships are an important part of development work, particularly when they establish lasting links between people and get them directly involved. Supported by the Service Agency, approximately 300 municipalities in Germany are actively engaged in “municipal partnerships” together with their partners in Asia, Africa and Latin America, as well as Europe outside of the EU. Some maintain limited-term project partnerships, while others create lasting city-to-city partnerships on a broad range of topics. All engage in international professional exchange. We actively support municipalities in putting their experience and knowledge to use in partnerships, international networks and dialogue forums.

Since 2011, we have for instance been supporting professional cooperation between German municipalities and municipalities in the Global South in the fields of climate change mitigation and adaptation through the **Municipal Climate Partnerships** project. Within these partnerships, the municipal partners design joint programmes of action that includes specific targets and measures for topics such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste management, water management and adaptation to climate change. Through a reciprocal exchange of experts, partners are able to learn from each other and generate fresh approaches. Beyond the individual partnerships, we facilitate and support professional exchange through national and international network meetings. The project, which is extended in successive phases, currently has 60 municipal climate



partnerships between German municipalities and partner municipalities from Africa, Latin America and South East Asian countries. The 48 climate partnerships from the first five phases have already begun implementing their joint programmes of action. The sixth phase of the project is currently ongoing, and the seventh phase will be launched in 2019. In this project we cooperate closely with the North Rhine-Westphalian Working Party on Agenda 21 (LAG 21 NRW). The project is also supported by Germany's various municipal associations. Interested municipalities can contact the Service Agency at any time for further information.

With our **Municipal Partnerships for Sustainability** project, we support the approaches required at the local level to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda. Through the project, municipalities in Germany work together with their partner municipalities in the Global South on 2030 Agenda topics in a practical and structured way. The municipalities are able to support each other in implementing the SDGs, and share their experiences and solutions across the network of participating municipalities. The project's two-year pilot phase was launched in 2017. Twelve partnerships for sustainability between German municipalities and municipalities from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo are taking part. A call for proposals for a second project phase will be published in 2019. Interested municipalities are welcome to contact the Service Agency at any time for further information.



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An expert dialogue encompassing implementation of the 2030 Agenda is also the focus of our new project **The 2030**

**Agenda – Local Governance Exchange with African Partners.** This project offers municipalities needs-based advice on integrating the 2030 Agenda into the work of their partnerships, and supports partnerships in all phases of the localisation process, from raising public awareness of the 2030 Agenda through to planning joint projects for implementation. Expert conferences and workshops, in conjunction with municipal exchange visits, provide the framework for actors from German and African municipalities to engage in peer-to-peer learning, and share experiences or knowledge, on issues of sustainable local policy-making in the context of the 2030 Agenda. By producing studies and brochures on localising the 2030 Agenda in specific African countries we provide municipalities with information on which to base their cooperation. The

project enables participating municipalities to intensify their cooperation and make a contribution towards implementing the 17 SDGs. These services are designed for German municipalities that already have partnerships with African municipalities, and/or wish to get involved in implementing the 2030 Agenda. The project also aims to support the establishment of new links and partnerships. Furthermore, the project is helping to implement the “Marshall Plan with Africa”, which was launched by the BMZ in 2017, at the local level.

Moreover, the Service Agency provides further opportunities for partner-to-partner dialogue on the 2030 Agenda and the 17 SDGs by supporting **SDG Partnership Conferences**. Here, together with their respective partners the municipalities develop joint project ideas on how to raise awareness of the 2030 Agenda, and implement it, which they can subsequently incorporate into the work of their partnerships.

Since 2016, together with Connective Cities the Service Agency has been implementing the **Municipal Know-how for Host Communities in the Middle East programme**, which aims to strengthen the municipalities hosting refugees in Syria’s neighbouring countries. The key first countries receiving refugees from Syria are Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. There the host communities face huge challenges, particularly as regards delivering basic public services. In the overseas component of the programme we are using various instruments such as dialogue events or project partnerships to bring together expert practitioners and municipal actors from the partner countries, and are supporting German municipalities in getting involved locally. These activities focus on expert exchange and constructive cooperation between the partner municipalities in order to jointly develop local solutions.

Under this programme, German municipalities can apply for full financial support to establish and step up cooperation in partnership with host municipalities in the Middle East. The funding instruments “Middle East Quick-Starter Package I and II” can be used to plan project partnerships, deepen existing engagement and implement municipal projects.



We also support municipalities that operate in the Palestinian territories. There we work together with our local cooperating partner GIZ on the **German-Palestinian Municipal Partnerships** project. Living conditions in the Palestinian territories involve tough economic and social challenges. Our project is therefore designed to help improve this situation. By consolidating existing municipal relations and establishing new partnership

links in development fields, we intend to strengthen local institutions. In the long term, this will help build a more enabling environment for peaceful coexistence in the region.



In the Maghreb countries of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, the focus lies on building municipal capacities to manage development and deliver basic public services. This is important because these countries are experiencing the highest urban growth rates anywhere in the world. Citizens demand quality and efficiency from municipal services, as well as responsiveness, transparency and opportunities for participation. Here too we are working together with the GIZ. Through joint implementation of small urban projects, the **Maghreb-Germany Municipal Knowledge Transfer** project promotes the sharing of knowledge and lessons learned between Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian municipali-

ties, and municipalities or municipal enterprises in Germany.

The **Partnerships with Municipalities in Ukraine** project also involves supporting development-related joint partnership projects. Germany has been supporting Ukraine through official development cooperation since 2002. To encourage pro-reform elements in Ukraine, and promote local institutions and responsive local governance, the project is supporting the planning and implementation of joint activities at the municipal level. All those involved in the project also share the goals of deepening the development debate, broadening engagement in German and Ukrainian municipalities, increasing networking and boosting sustainable development in the municipalities taking part. We offer partnered municipalities opportunities for professional exchange, information services, training and networking opportunities, and human and financial resources.

This package is designed to consolidate and further develop existing cooperation arrangements between German and Ukrainian municipalities, and support the establishment of new partnerships.

Through regular **conferences to network municipal partnerships in specific regions** we foster exchange between municipal actors and their partners in the Global South on the work of their partnerships, and promote the use of potential synergies. The regional focus of this series of events rotates so that each region is covered once every three years. In 2019 the focus of the conference will return to partnerships between German and African municipalities.

The round table on municipal partnerships with China will also be continued in 2019. This platform will give municipal delegates an opportunity to find out more about the current situation in China and compare notes with other engaged municipalities on working together in partnership. Furthermore, upon request by interested municipalities we can also support the staging of round tables on other countries.

Within the framework of two partnerships between German federal states and countries, since 2018 two pilot projects have been under way that aim to mainstream cooperation between partners at the municipal level. One of these is the “**Local Governance Exchange Rhineland-Palatinate – Rwanda**”, which is being implemented in cooperation with the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry of the Interior and Sport as part of the long-standing partnership between Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda. The project facilitates dialogue on issues of local public service delivery and governance, and the joint implementation of results-oriented projects in the context of the 2030 Agenda. The project work takes place in newly established or existing partnerships between municipalities in



Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda. Partnerships between local governance training institutions and municipal associations in Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda also form part of the project.

The second pilot project involves a partnership between the Free State of Bavaria in Germany, and Tunisia, which was agreed in 2012. The partnership aims amongst other things to support Tunisia's transformation process and boost the local self-government capacities of Tunisian municipalities. In close consultation with the State Chancellery of Bavaria, the pilot project is designed to expand the engagement of Bavarian municipalities for development in Tunisia, for instance by establishing or strengthening partnerships with Tunisian municipalities. Both projects are also helping implement the "Marshall Plan with Africa", which was launched by the BMZ in 2017, at the local level.

The **Responsive Local Governance** project focuses on scaling up effective instruments and approaches to local citizen participation. Citizen participation is vital for processes of change and development. This is why we are facilitating the creation of appropriate instruments involving networking, professional exchange and project development. We are cooperating on this with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Morocco, and are holding joint workshops involving German and North African experts in local governance.

### **Connective Cities – the international community of practice for sustainable urban development**

**Connective Cities** aims to bring together local actors from the fields of policy-making, administration, business, academia and civil society in various regions of the world in a single network in order to share practical lessons learned on sustainable urban development, pursue joint learning and develop ideas for urban projects. Through dialogue and learning activities for good urban governance, integrated urban development and local economic development, the platform mobilises German and international expertise. This project is being implemented in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Association of German Cities.



# HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMNT COOPERATION

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Municipalities want to shape the future. As partners in development, they are globally sought-after experts in local self-government, international networkers and trendsetters for local governance that accept responsibility for their global impact. Municipal engagement deserves support – especially where it is constrained by a lack of human and financial resources.

This is why we support human capacities, in order to bolster the structural and conceptual foundations of municipal development work and take international project work forward.

- In 2016 the **“Coordinators for Municipal Development Work”** funding programme was introduced. As part of a project, municipalities can apply for funding to support a position for their development work, in order to create the foundations and structures to address the issues sustainably. The subsidy amounts to up to 90 per cent, and the funding period encompasses 24 months. With a separate new follow-on project municipalities can apply for a two-year extension (involving a maximum subsidy of 75 per cent).
- Since 2012, through the **“Experts for Municipal Partnerships Worldwide” (FKPW)** programme we have been working with the GIZ to place integrated experts in positions that support municipal partnerships. Since 2018 we have also been able to place so-called development workers and subsidise national experts. This offers German municipalities the opportunity to use instruments of bilateral German development cooperation that have been tried and tested, in order to support the establishment and development of their partnerships with municipalities in the South.
- The easily accessible **“Fund for Small-Scale Municipal Development Cooperation Projects”** is especially well suited to municipalities that wish to embark on engagement for development for the first time. Since 2016 municipalities, municipal enterprises and municipal associations have been able to apply for grants from the fund to launch new activities and partnerships. Per project, the maximum 90 per cent grant from the small projects fund amounts to a minimum of EUR 1,000 and a maximum of EUR 20,000. These projects – which usually run year-by-year – can involve local public





information work, strategy development, training or networking. Meetings with municipal partners from the Global South can also be funded.

- The **“Partnership Projects for Sustainable Local Development“ (Nakopa)** funding programme has been running since 2013. Under this programme, German municipalities or municipal associations can apply for a maximum 90 per cent grant for development projects worth between EUR 20,000 and (usually) a maximum of EUR 250,000. The program supports development projects of up to three years in duration with a focus on sustainable services, good local governance or climate change mitigation and adaptation in a partner country.
- Since 2012 there has been a special support option for municipalities participating in the “Municipal Climate Partnerships” project: the **“Programme to Support Municipal Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Projects” (FKKP)**. Projects eligible for a maximum 90 per cent grant of up to EUR 500,000 are those which make a significant contribution to emission reduction, adaptation to climate change or forest and biodiversity conservation, and which are part of the jointly developed programmes of action in the “Climate Partnerships” project.
- These and many other sources of financial support can be found via our **online financial adviser**. There you can search for examples of funding by theme. You will also be able to connect directly to databases and other institutions offering advice.

Calls for proposals and announcements for all activities are published annually on our website. Please check there for precise details on the application procedure and funding conditions.

# DEADLINES FOR INSTRUMENTS AND COMPETITIONS IN 2019

## **The “Capital City of Fair Trade” competition**

Every two years, German municipalities can submit fair trade and sustainable consumption projects as entries for the Capital City of Fair Trade competition, which involves prize money totalling EUR 250,000. The entry deadline for this year’s ninth round of the competition is 5 July 2019.



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## **“Experts for Municipal Partnerships Worldwide” (FKPW)**

Under this programme, in cooperation with the Service Agency the GIZ places European and German experts in partnerships with municipalities in the Global South. Declarations of interest can be submitted at any time.

## **“Coordinators for Municipal Development Work”**

Through this initiative we offer municipalities an opportunity to apply for grants for human resources to support their development work. Please check our website for information on deadlines.

### **“Fund for Small-Scale Municipal Development Cooperation Projects”**

This fund provides initial support to enable interested municipalities, municipal enterprises or municipal associations to embark on new activities and partnerships for municipal development cooperation. Project proposals for the budget year 2019 may be submitted by 1 October 2018 at the latest.

### **“Partnership Projects for Sustainable Local Development” (Nakopa)**

Under this programme, German municipalities or municipal associations can apply for financial support for development projects with their partner municipalities in the Global South. Calls for proposals are published annually.





# EVENTS IN 2019

## Events at a glance

In our online calendar of events you will find detailed information on events that will take your municipal development work forward – whether they involve local, national or international information, networking or training. Should you have any questions concerning particular dates or activities, we'd be glad to help. Every year we conduct over 100 events on our own or in cooperation with various partners. Here is a small selection:

February 2019	<b>Expert conference on “Training Syrian Refugees in German Municipalities”</b> Under the German component of the “Municipal Know-how for Host Communities in the Middle East” programme, the Service Agency will be inviting German municipalities and actors from the Syrian diaspora to attend this two-day conference. Interested municipalities will be able to profit from the lessons learned by the seven pilot municipalities in 2018, dialogue with relevant actors, and find out more about how to apply to take part in 2019.
March/April 2019	<b>Germany-wide Conference of the Fair Procurement Network</b> This annual network meeting will support expert dialogue, networking and training on all aspects of socially responsible procurement. It is designed for responsible municipal officers, as well as other network members from the federal and state levels, from civil society and from academia.
March/April 2019	<b>Round Table on “Municipal Partnerships with China”</b> The Service Agency will be hosting this platform for networking and sharing lessons learned on municipal partnerships with China for the fourth time – on this occasion together with the Senate Chancellery of Berlin, at Berlin Town hall. All municipalities with links to China are cordially invited.

2-4 May, Bonn	<p><b>Network meeting of the “Club of 2030 Agenda Municipalities” as part of the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p>In cooperation with the Association of German Cities, the City of Bonn and the UN Action Campaign, the Service Agency will be hosting the fourth network meeting of the “Club of 2030 Agenda Municipalities” – comprising municipalities that have signed up to help implement the 2030 Agenda – as part of the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development 2019. This platform will support expert dialogue and the sharing of lessons learned when implementing the SDGs at the local level.</p>
9-10 May, Leipzig	<p><b>Seventh Expert Conference on the Socially Responsible Procurement of IT Hardware</b></p> <p>This annual expert conference is designed for actors from the fields of public procurement and regional and local policy-making, as well as NGOs, faith-based organisations and IT enterprises. It will invite participants to share experiences concerning how public institutions can help improve working conditions in the global IT industry through their procurement practices. As well as providing background information and showcasing lessons learned by practitioners, this year’s conference will focus on the lifespan of IT products, and the disposal and recycling of IT hardware.</p>
Autumn 2019, Bonn	<p><b>Germany-wide network meeting on “Migration and Development at the Local Level”</b></p> <p>Germany’s forum for expert dialogue and sharing lessons learned among local administrators and policy-makers, and civil society actors.</p>
18 September, Cologne	<p><b>“Capital City of Fair Trade 2019” prize giving ceremony</b></p> <p>Every two years, the winners of the Capital City of Fair Trade competition are awarded their prizes during the “Fair Week” in the municipality that won the competition the previous time.</p>
19-20 September, Cologne	<p><b>Conference following the prize-giving ceremony for the “Capital City of Fair Trade 2019” competition</b></p> <p>Together with the <i>TransFair e.V.</i> association, we will be bringing together committed individuals from municipalities, the business community and civil society from across Germany. Our aim will be to help drive the process, foster dialogue and create broad alliances – for fair trade and fair procurement.</p>

September, probably 9-11 September, Hanover	<b>Conference of Municipal Partnerships with Africa</b> Together with the City of Hanover, the Service Agency will be hosting this Germany-wide and international conference on municipal partnerships with Africa. All German municipalities with partners in African countries and their international colleagues will be invited.
12-13 November, Darmstadt	<b>Network 21 Congress</b> Together with our cooperating partner, GREEN LIGA Berlin, we will be involved in this Germany-wide education and network congress.
27-28 November, Bonn	<b>The Bonn Symposium</b> As every year, in cooperation with the Development and Peace foundation (sef) the Service Agency will be organising the Bonn Symposium – an international platform established to support expert dialogue on implementing the 2030 Agenda at the local level. Numerous projects, initiatives and programmes from various regions of the world will be presented and discussed at the event.
5-6 December, Düsseldorf	<b>Germany-wide expert conference on “Municipalities for Global Sustainability” as part of the “German Sustainability Congress”</b> During the German Sustainability Congress, the Service Agency will be inviting participants to a Germany-wide expert conference on the “Municipalities for Global Sustainability” project. Municipal administrators and policy-makers will use this hugely well attended communication platform for sustainable global development issues to discuss implementation of the SDGs at the local level.







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