Dear Reader,

Millions of people marched on the street in support of better climate protection and more sustainable ways of living and doing business this year. Many others still do not believe in the need of a fundamental transformation. Persuading people and organisations, then, is still a key task for realising the sustainable development goals (SDGs). At the Bonn Symposium 2019, participants will focus on ‘best practices’ for maximising public and institutional support for the SDGs.

Read more about this and our other projects and publications in our sef/INEF News.

We wish you an interesting read!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* Bridging the gap – How to reconcile the EU with a UN treaty on business and human rights

**Policy Lunch**

**19 November in Brussels**

Next week, another round of UN negotiations on a legally binding instrument on business and human rights will take place in Geneva. Support has been running strong from developing and emerging economies. However, the European Union has shown scepticism throughout the negotiations. The Policy Lunch on 19 November 2019 will provide first-hand insights into the negotiations and will discuss the role of the European Union in light of the newly elected Parliament and incoming European Commission.

Register now and join our debate!
Making the Case for Sustainability in Municipalities and Regions Worldwide

Bonn Symposium
27-28 November in Bonn

People want to have a say in decisions that have a long-term effect on their way of living. Nowhere is this more obvious than at the local level. How can sustainability projects and initiatives maximise the support of local citizens? What kind of new democratic procedures are needed in this regard? And what is the right way of partnering with business actors to bring about change? We are looking forward to discuss these questions with representatives of municipalities and regions and with many international guests at this year's Bonn Symposium.

Participation is possible by invitation only. If you are interested please write an email to hansel@sef-bonn.org.

PAST EVENTS

The Essential World Organisation. Reinvigorating the UN at 75

International sef: Expert Workshop
3-4 September in Duisburg

In 2020, the United Nations will celebrate its 75th anniversary. In light of the current transition to a new world order, sef: and INEF invited international experts to a Workshop to discuss the effects on the UN. What role will the organisation have in the future? What new strategies and alliances could help the UN to live up to its Charter requirements? Conference presentations and position papers can be found on the sef: homepage. A conference report will follow soon.
Improving climate resilience in Burkina Faso

**AVE study 19/2019**

The Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) programme in Burkina Faso aims at improving the resilience of vulnerable people against climate extremes and disasters. In the context of the BMZ funded project “Ways out of extreme poverty, vulnerability and food insecurity”, INEF researcher Jana Herold analyses the beneficiaries’ perceptions of the programme’s impacts on food security and poverty reduction in the **AVE study 19**.
Dr Johannes Vüllers joins INEF as senior researcher

On 1 October, Dr Johannes Vüllers joined the INEF team as Senior Researcher. In 2012, he completed his PhD at the University of Tübingen, with a thesis on “Religious Peace Initiatives in Civil Wars”. After working at GIGA (Hamburg) and the University of Konstanz, Johannes Vüllers has held the position of Assistant Professor at the University of Leiden. His research interests include social movements and protest strategies, the role of religion in violent conflicts as well as power-sharing agreements and mediation in civil war. At INEF, Johannes Vüllers follows Dr Jochen Hippler, who now heads the country office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) in Pakistan.