

IOER Conference 2024

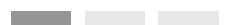
Sustainable Conference Statement

At the [Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development](#) (IOER), we strongly believe that fostering diversity and inclusion is essential for advancing sustainability research.

We are committed to creating conference environments that are welcoming, inclusive, and respectful of all individuals, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, ability, nationality, socioeconomic status, or any other dimension of diversity.

In organising this conference, we are equally mindful of the environmental impacts of the event and have strived to reduce emissions and material consumption. We have therefore taken the following measures to ensure an [equitable and sustainable conference](#) experience for you.

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Diversity, equity and inclusion: To enable the encounter of a multiplicity of voices and prevent hegemonies in knowledge production, we have taken the following measures:

Inviting diverse scholars



To attend to different perspectives we ensure gender, geographical and epistemological diversity among our invited speakers and [keynotes](#).

Early career networking and training



To support involvement of early career researchers, the first day of the conference is fully dedicated to PhDs including a tailored [training workshop](#).

Bi-lingual communications



To overcome language barriers, participants can choose their presentation language and bi-lingual conference info is provided (English/German).

Reducing barriers to participation: We acknowledge for important physical as well as monetary barriers to conference participation for many researchers. We have attempted to address these through:

Hosting at an inclusive venue



The Deutsches Hygiene Museum Dresden (DHMD) is an inclusive and accessible venue. Learn more on its [website](#) (German).

Facilitating remote participation



For researchers who are unable to travel to Dresden, we facilitate online participation in conference sessions.

Affordable fee and travel grants



The [conference fee](#) has been kept at a minimum level to limit any financial barriers to participation, and additional [travel grants](#) are offered.

Towards carbon neutral research: To move towards [carbon-neutral research operations](#) by 2035, we adopted the greenhouse gas (GHG) protocol to calculate the total emissions of the institute and developed mitigation measures. In organizing this conference the following is undertaken to reduce carbon emissions:

Offering vegetarian and vegan catering



We provide vegetarian/vegan food and drinks during the event to reduce our food-based emissions and to accommodate diverse dietary needs.

Reducing material use



To reduce material waste, we avoid printing and make all information digitally available, and recycle all signage and tags at the conference.

Promoting green mobility and tracking emissions



Given the large footprint of mobility, we inform about green mobility options and track the travel emissions of participants to inform further conference planning.

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We strive to cultivate an atmosphere where everyone feels valued, empowered, and safe to share their ideas, perspectives, and experiences.

We welcome feedback and suggestions for how we can further enhance equal opportunities, diversity, inclusion and sustainability at our conference.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Neelakshi Joshi (n.joshi@ioer.de) in case you need further assistance.

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