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Call for Papers/Presentations: Alumni for SDG (International Web Talk Series 2025)

The “Alumni for SDG” – International Web Talk Series is a joint initiative of the Regional Offices of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in India and Indonesia which has been running successfully for several years. DAAD invites you to submit your entry to participate in the upcoming web talk series to be held in the month of June 2025.

This initiative aims to bring together Alumni of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) from South Asia and Southeast Asia regions who have been acting as catalysts for finding solutions to global challenges through their valuable contributions to science, research, technology, and academic excellence. The web talk spanning over three days will thus enable exchange of innovative ideas and deliberations pivotal for implementation of the SDGs showcasing the ***impact of climate change on global health.***

This year’s web talk series will address the following SDGs:

a. SDG 3 - Good Health and Well Being:

SDG Goal 3 aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages, emphasizing the importance of health from the earliest stages of life. Climate change poses a major threat by disrupting physical environments and socio-economic systems, affecting 3.6 billion people in highly vulnerable areas and weakening key social determinants of health such as livelihoods, equality, healthcare access, and social support systems. Women, children, ethnic minorities, poor communities, migrants, displaced persons, and older populations are particularly at risk. Achieving SDG 3 requires innovative approaches to disease prevention, data-driven healthcare solutions, and an integrated public health strategy to reduce mortality, end epidemics, and ensure access to essential healthcare services. In Asia, challenges such as tuberculosis, dengue, antimicrobial resistance, and rising non-communicable diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and cancer are compounded by environmental factors, including air pollution and climate-driven shifts in vector-borne diseases. Addressing these issues and advancing universal health coverage (UHC) requires not only scientific advancements but also strong collaborative efforts to bridge the gap between research and real-world healthcare solutions.



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b. SDG 13 – Climate Action:

SDG 13 calls for urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by strengthening resilience to climate-related hazards, improving climate education, and promoting policies for mitigation and adaptation. Global cooperation is essential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly from energy production, which remains a major contributor due to the continued reliance on fossil fuels for 60% of energy needs. While renewable energy has helped lower emissions, concerns over waste disposal highlight the need for sustainable solutions. The IPCC Special Report (2018) stressed that limiting global warming to 1.5°C requires reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and achieving net zero by 2050. SDG 13 emphasizes action-oriented policies and collaboration among governments, NGOs, and local communities to address climate challenges. Supporting climate-vulnerable communities is crucial, ensuring their well-being through sustainable practices, strengthened community networks, and access to resources. Beyond economic and health considerations, well-being must also encompass social, environmental, and cultural dimensions, valuing local knowledge and traditions. Joint initiatives promoting SDG awareness can empower communities, enhance inclusivity, and foster resilience against human-induced climate change.

The following are the broader, overarching topics for which you are requested to submit your individual entry:

- *Health, Mental Health, Environment and Climate Change*
- *The Role of Precision One Health in Disease Prevention and Management*
- *Personalized Medicine, Genomics & Big Data Analysis*

Alumni for SDG will serve as a platform for you to:

- showcase your research work in the SDG field and to share it with a wider audience
- virtually connect with experts from all over the region and beyond
- explore a chance for future academic or research collaborations in your field

Who can submit proposals:

Former scholarship holders of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) from South Asia (India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) as well as from Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, and Timor Leste) can apply by submitting the entry.





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The Alumni for SDG aims to facilitate:

- popular science amongst the network and beyond in an interdisciplinary approach
- exchange of ideas and initiation of dialogue in a particular SDG field
- strengthening of the networks of subject-specific alumni groups in South Asia and Southeast Asia

Format and Dates:

This event consists of three web talks based on SDG 3 & SDG 13 – each web talk will showcase the research work of 3-4 researchers (depending on the number of entries) in a designated time slot. The web talks are scheduled to take place from 11 – 13 June 2025:

Day 1: Health, Mental Health, Environment and Climate Change

Day 2: The Role of Precision One Health in Disease Prevention and Management

Day 3: Personalized Medicine, Genomics & Big Data Analysis

To participate with your entry submission, please take the following survey by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.daad.de/surveys/327222?lang=en>

Application deadline is 15 April 2025

The entries will be shortlisted by an expert committee. Submission of your entry is **only** via the survey link above. For related queries please write to:

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