



Building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future for all

Strengthening our research partnerships with Low-and Middle-Income Countries

Friday 22 November 2024

9h00-13h45

European district

Brussels, Belgium

Context

In an era where climate change, biodiversity loss, environmental degradation, economic inequality, and social injustice threaten the very fabric of our societies, research and science diplomacy can play a critical role in shaping a more sustainable and equitable future for all. International cooperation in research & innovation (R&I) is of strategic importance for the EU, as reflected in its Global Gateway strategy and its Global approach in the field of R&I, which both offer a renewed political framework based on reciprocity, shared interests and targeted investments.

Objectives

Organised by the members of the **European Research Alliance for Sustainable Development (ERASuD)**, this event will stress the importance of fostering sustainable and equitable research partnerships between Europe and Low-and-Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) in order to address the interconnected challenges facing our planet. It will start by presenting how sustainability science can effectively respond to the current global challenges and will feature testimonies from research partner institutions in Africa, Latin America and Asia. The event then will formally launch the newly created ERASuD with presentations of its overall mission statement as well as key recommendations.



Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:45	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barry Andrews, MEP, Chair of the DEVE Committee and Member of the ITRE Committee – TBC ▪ Ana-Rita Sithole, Co-President of the OACPS-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly - TBC ▪ Valérie Verdier, President and CEO, French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)
09:40 – 10:20	Global challenges and the role of equitable research partnerships with LMICs Chair: Måns Nilsson, Executive Director, The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abou Amani, Director of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO ▪ Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, International Cooperation, DG RTD ▪ Erica Gerretsen, Director DG INTPA G ▪ Michael Makanga, Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
10:20 – 11:20 (4x15')	Panel discussion with research partners Chair: Isabel Diaz, Deputy Vice-President of International and Cooperation, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Peggy Oti-Boateng, Executive Director, African Academy of Science ▪ Emmanuel Nakoune, Executive Director, Institut Pasteur, Centrafrique ▪ Monica Reinartz, Director of External Affairs, National University of Colombia ▪ Unruan Leknoi, Director of Social Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
11:20 – 11:40	Launch of the European Research Alliance for Sustainable Development (ERASuD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Executive Director of the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Germany (<i>on behalf of ERASuD members</i>)
11:40-12:10	Q&A
12:10-12:20	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Junior Lodge, Assistant Secretary-General, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)
12:20 – 13:45	Networking lunch

