

Agenda Knowledge for Development



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Knowledge represents an **indispensable asset** to individuals, enterprises and governments alike devoted to the cause of **human advancement**. The **Knowledge for Development Community** is at the forefront of a movement that seeks to boost international development by making the best use of the plethora of knowledge and creativity available to societies around the world.

We find ourselves at a **momentous crossroads** with regard to the future of international development work. In light of the new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), **knowledge must be a priority** on the global community's stated development agenda going forward.

The global Knowledge for Development Community is looking to get to the very heart of these questions and to conceive a set of **Knowledge Development Goals** (KDGs) for the year 2030. Leading figures in the field of development are invited to share their visions and ambitions to co-create and collectively constitute these Knowledge Development Goals and an **Agenda Knowledge for Development**. Based on an initial number of statements, the "Knowledge for Development Summit" in Vienna, 14 October 2016, has given opportunity to present, reflect, discuss and deepen the draft Knowledge Development Goals and the Agenda Knowledge for Development. The 2nd and more advanced edition will be presented in Geneva, 3-4 April 2017, at the UN Office Geneva, at the "Knowledge for Development – Global Partnership Conference 2017". Representatives from governments, international organisations, NGOs, multilateral finance institutions, industry and academia will meet to form a living and breathing **community of knowledge**, following up on and promoting the achievement of the Knowledge Development Goals.

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Purpose and Message

The aim of this endeavour is to generate and synthesise the visions for future Knowledge Societies and to sharpen Knowledge Development Goals and a Knowledge Agenda. The diversity of backgrounds amongst the partners shall reflect the heterogeneity of different knowledge identities and cultures.

Partners

We are inviting 50 leading personalities from international organisations, governments, NGOs, industry and academia to contribute a statement to the Agenda Knowledge for Development. Additionally to these we invite individuals from all over the world to contribute statements and positions to this global agenda.

Among those 50 leaders, who will be invited are:

- Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the UN
- Sebastian Kurz, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Austria
- Peter Maurer, President of the International Red Cross
- Bill Gates, President of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Founder of Microsoft
- Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, President of the International University Association
- Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO
- Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development
- Jimmy Wales, Founder of Wikipedia and Chair Emeritus of the Wikimedia Foundation
- Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter
- Javier Carrillo, President of the World Capital Institute
- Kandeh Yumkella, Former Director General of UNIDO
- Michael Häupl, Mayor of Vienna, Austria
- Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- Sanjay Pradhan, Vice-President of the World Bank for Change, Knowledge and Learning
- Kenneth Rogoff, Professor of Economic and Public Policy at Harvard University

Length and Content

We invite the authors to contribute a statement of max. 2000 characters (without spaces) formulating his/her view on the following:

- Visions for future Knowledge Societies
- Knowledge Development Goals
- Knowledge Agenda, including the most relevant and urgent actions to be taken

Webportal and Publication

All the statements will all be presented on the web and provide the opportunity to commenting. The whole process and the statements will be fully transparent from the very beginning.

The webportal www.knowledge4development.org will be an information and communication portal for the future work on this subject and link this initiative to others with common ambitions.

Finally a printed version of all statements and the Agenda Knowledge for Development will be published and presented at the Conference in Geneva, April 2017.

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Organisation

Disclaimer

The targets we define and the agenda we are setting in the context of this undertaking are in no way binding on the UN, governments, organisations or any other body. Our aim is nevertheless to raise awareness, to enhance collaboration and to provide inspiration and orientation to those responsible in their societies for promoting knowledge for development.

Organising Committee

The organisation of the conference and any supporting endeavours will be headed by:

- Andreas Brandner, KMA Knowledge Management Austria
- Petra Koppensteiner, HORIZONT 3000
- Rita Ogunfojuri, KMA Knowledge Management Austria
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- Yanko Yanev, NKMI Nuclear Knowledge Management Institute
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