

Sustainability science: changing the way we conduct European research

A solution-based science built on equitable partnerships with the Global South: understand, co-design, transform

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Sustainability science promotes the coproduction of inter- and transdisciplinary knowledge, enhancing the impact of research. The creation of equitable research partnerships with developing countries is critical to produce shared knowledge for the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. At European level, the EU's Global Gateway strategy aims to address global challenges through international partnerships. With the objective to link this strategy and sustainability science, the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) invites European stakeholders to discuss the issues at stake and to learn more about current and future initiatives.

Agenda of the event:

10:00 – 10:30	Welcome coffee
10:30 – 10:40	Opening address Valérie Verdier, Chairwoman of the Board and CEO, IRD Facilitator: Dorothee Fischer
10:40 – 10:55	Sustainability science: Understand, co-design, transform with the Global South Olivier Dangles, Deputy Director for Science in charge of Sustainability Science, IRD
10:55 – 11:10	Do societal transitions require a different research and innovation policy? Reflections on Horizon Europe Sven Schade, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG RTD
11:10 – 11:25	The Positive Agenda of the EU's Cooperation with Africa on Science, Technology and Innovation Vincenzo Lorusso, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG RTD
11:25 – 11:40	The experience of an African centre of excellence in collaboration with an IRD Community of knowledges Coffi Aholou, Professor-researcher at the University of Lomé (Togo) and Director of the Regional Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Cities in Africa (CERViDA)
11:40 – 11:55	The European Commission's science-policy interfaces related to sustainability Grégoire Dubois, Project Manager, European Commission, JRC
11:55 – 12:30	Panel discussion Panellists and facilitator: Dorothee Fischer
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch