

Call for Contributions

for the conference “Development Beyond Growth – Global and Local Perspectives on Just Transitions”

06.-07. November 2024 (Bonn / Online)

What 2-day conference exploring alternative pathways for economic development beyond growth

Who Practitioners and Academics from the so-called Global South and North interested in alternative models of global and local economic development

Where German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Tulpenfeld 6, Bonn, Germany (**online participation is possible**)

Cost no conference fee, lunch included, participants have to cover their own travel costs

Next Economy Lab (NELA) and IDOS are happy to announce the opening for the contributions to the conference “Development Beyond Growth – Global and Local Perspectives on Just Transitions”.

The conference brings together **practitioners and academics from the Global South and North**. It focusses on whether **Just Transitions** that respect planetary boundaries and enhance social wellbeing require alternative forms of economic systems and development that go **beyond a focus on economic growth**. In addition to discussing concepts and research results, the conference will highlight **best-practice examples** that show what growth-independent Just Transitions could look like and what this means for adequate **development cooperation** in the twenty-first century.

Confirmed Speakers:

Irene Vélez-Torres,
Former Minister of Mines &
Energy of Colombia



Olivier De Schutter, UN
Special Rapporteur on extreme
poverty and human rights



Céline Keller,
Author of “Who is Afraid
of Degrowth“?





What we are looking for

Contributions that deal especially (but not exclusively) with the following questions:

- To what extent does the debate on economic growth and different conceptions of wellbeing differ between the Global North and the Global South?
- What spill-over effects would shifting to an economy beyond growth in the Global North have for Global South countries?
- What role should political institutions at different levels and private stakeholders play in Just Transitions towards an economy beyond growth?
- What are the main barriers to achieving an economy beyond growth?
- How can development cooperation support Just Transitions?

How can you contribute?

We invite you to contribute with a short presentation or poster. Contributions can communicate the results of **academic studies** but also present **practical experiences**. Practitioners might, for instance, present measures that their company has taken to **shift to a more sustainable business model**, share experiences with a relevant **development cooperation project**, or describe a **policy** that a public institution has implemented to move beyond the current growth focused economic model.

- All posters will be presented in a short pitch by the authors on the first afternoon
- Content of the posters may additionally also be presented in a workshop
- Presentations will be matched to one of the parallel workshop sessions
- Each workshop session will include 2-3 presentations by contributors of about 15 min., followed by discussion with participants

As we aim for different formats (including fishbowls, round-tables, presentations...), we accept and encourage inputs in a non-conventional form.

Further Application Process

Please submit a description in English of **200-300 words** that summarises your contribution via the following link <https://form.jotform.com/241572788538067> or the QR-Code below.

Deadline for submission is extended to 25. August 2024.

We will review all submissions and select those that fit best to the overall concept of the conference **by 06. September**. We especially **welcome submissions from the Global South** and from groups typically underrepresented in academic and policy conferences.

If you have any further questions, check out more information and the programm at our [event page](#), or please contact us at beyondgrowth@nexteconomylab.de

We are looking forward to your contribution!

