



SUSTAINABLE FUTURES GLOBAL FRIEDRICH-ALEXANDER UNIVERSITÄT ERLANGEN-NÜRNBERG (FAU) SYMPOSIUM 2026

THEME

Education for Sustainable Futures:
Partnerships for Effective Outreach,
Engagement, and Learning.

DATES

June 8-12, 2026
(June 9 - general public)

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We are pleased to invite your organisation to partner with us in the Sustainable Futures Global Symposium 2026, co-organised by Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) GeoZentrum Nordbayern. Come and celebrate our 10th anniversary, and network with like-minded professionals from across the globe.



AUDIENCE INSIGHTS

Global reach

12+ countries

Represented sectors

- academia
- civil society and NGOs
- government and policymakers
- educators and practitioners
- industry and innovation sectors

Attendees

50-100+

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

June 8th (Members only)

Opening Plenary & Hub Exchanges

Strategic sessions for SFG members to share learning, strengthen partnerships, and plan future collaborative work.

June 9th (Open to public)

Panel discussion & parallel presentations

Masterclasses

- *Whose Voice Counts? Ethical participation for decision-making*
- *Global Education for Sustainability*

Partnership & Networking Event

Cross-sector networking with participants from academia, civil society, and community organisations.

June 10th (Members only and guests)

Workshops & Co-Creation Sessions

Thematic workshops in arts, climate and health, and cultural geography, alongside collective grant writing and development of online courses.

June 11th (Members only)

Project-Based Sessions & Closing Reflections

Deep dives into SFG initiatives, followed by a collective closing event.

June 12th (Members only)

Optional learning excursion to Nürnberg.

Exhibition Gallery (All Week)

Artworks, posters, and performances from global partners

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

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500-1000 Euros

Benefits:

- Acknowledgement on the symposium website and programme
- Ability to display promotional materials on shared table
- Discounted registration for one representative

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1000-5000 Euros

Benefits:

- Global Equity Sponsor Recognition
- Logo on website and programme
- Acknowledgement during a plenary
- Option to sponsor travel bursaries
- Up to 2 complimentary registrations
- Highlight in thank-you comms

Strategic Partner

5000+ Euros

Benefits:

- Recognition as a Strategic Partner across all symposium materials
- Opportunity to co-host a keynote or plenary session
- Prominent logo placement
- Up to 3 complimentary registrations
- Visibility in post-symposium outputs

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SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

Fostering equitable partnerships

Sustainable Futures Global builds **fair**, **creative**, and **context-driven** partnerships for transformative change. We bring together researchers, practitioners, and communities to co-develop locally grounded pathways that weave community knowledge with global perspectives.



WAYS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER

Research & Development

Our work aligns with your goals, using creative, inclusive methods to deliver insights that sustain the transformation you envision.

Consultancy

We support you through complex challenges, offering guidance and facilitation to help you create sustainable, ethical, and effective pathways.

Training & Education

We offer educational programs and bespoke trainings that strengthen your team or community.

125+ members & consultants in locally-led hubs spanning: Bangladesh, Botswana, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Eswatini, Germany, India, Malawi, Netherlands, Nigeria, Uganda, UK and USA.

Recognised areas of expertise and collaboration

- Climate Change
- One Health
- Community Engagement & Participation
- Education & Learning
- Natural Resources
- Arts and Cultural Practices
- and more ...

10 years of complex international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral initiatives across the globe.



When you partner with us ...

You benefit from ethical, partner-led collaboration rooted in trust, local context, and shared goals. Because we're mission-driven and lean, we're agile, responsive, and deeply committed. We also prioritise capacity building, helping your organisation or community strengthen over time so transformation lasts long after our initial engagement.

MASTERCLASS

GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

June 9th 2026 (1:30-4:30 pm) - FAU



Background

Sustainable Futures Global (SFG) holds that education feeds the foundation and determines the nature, success, and impact of our communities, our work and our futures. However, international, accessible, and relevant higher level education is becoming harder and harder to access. Rising costs, standardisation and bureaucratisation are characteristics shifting the landscape of formal education across the globe. At the same time, the quickly changing social and ecological world needs expert and responsive, innovative and creative, educational pathways more than ever.

To this end, SFG prioritises and innovates educational opportunities to engage in essential education for contemporary times. This Masterclass draws on the expertise of a decade of international educational collaborations and a range of educational leaders to explore the global contexts of education, and responds to these with pathways of practice and possibility. This Masterclass will make explicit the structures and assumptions underpin global education, and support participants to reflect and re-think their own position and possibilities as actors in global education today. Whether you are an educator, a student, or an educational leader, this programme of work will equip you with practical tools and models to approach key aspects of your work in education with an attention to sustainability, economic feasibility, equity and ethics, to ensure genuine success and effective impact for your stakeholders.

Programme

Part 1 (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

Starting Positions

- › For what and for whos is education needed today?
- › Education for/of/with sustainability
- › Reflexivity as a foundation of teaching, learning, and leadership
- › Levels and layers of accountability (e.g. within sectors, across communities, organisations, place, non-human life, etc.)

Contexts of Possibility

- › Higher Education
- › Vocational (CPD)
- › Community and non-formal
- › Youth and compulsory education

Part 2 (3:00pm – 4:30pm)

Imperative & promise of educational change

- › Education and economy
- › Education and empowerment
- › Navigating multiple value systems and knowledges
- › International collaborations for progress and equity

Applications

- › SFG Education
- › Mentorship, Internship, and Networks
- › Place-based and purpose based qualifications
- › Re-writing a sector

Facilitators

Professor Mia Perry, Co-Director, SFG; University of Glasgow, UK

Professor Sola Ajayi, Global Board, SFG; VC Abiola Ajimobi Technical University, Nigeria

Dr Marcela Ramos, SFG Course lead; Universidad de Caldas, Chile

MASTERCLASS

ETHICAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

June 9th 2026 (1:30-4:30 pm) - FAU



Background

In politics, policy development, organisational and community contexts, participation can be understood as “taking part” or “sharing responsibility” and the meaning varies across contexts and translations. The intentions and claims for participation are plentiful today; in community, civic, and professional contexts. The idea is implied in democracy and takes many forms and colours across sectors and walks of life. However, the reality and the practices of participation are often very far removed from the rhetoric or intention of it.

Sustainable Futures Global has encountered both the most genuine and productive, and the most troubling and superficial versions of participation across the world. This masterclass is designed to explore some key principles and pitfalls of participation for decision making across sector and cultural contexts. The facilitators have extensive track records in designing, fostering, and collaborating in ethical participatory practice: from work in government offices, to classrooms; from work in community fora to public demonstrations.

Whether you lead or influence policy, or you are an active member of an organisation or community who wishes to have a voice and agency in decision making processes, this Masterclass will help you ethically and genuinely engage in the resources, opportunities, and responsibility inherent in ethical participation in decision making.

Programme

Part 1 (1:30pm – 2:30pm)

Starting Positions

- › Introduction to participation at different levels
- › Sharing purposes
- › Reflexivity as a foundation
- › Levels and layers of accountability (e.g. within sectors, across communities, organisations, place, non-human life, etc.)

Participation Parameters

- › Purpose
- › Time and space
- › Context

Part 2 (3:00pm – 4:30pm)

Participation Principles

- › Power
- › Communication
- › Boundaries

Applications

- › Shifting perspectives
- › Re-thinking practices

Facilitators

Dr Juliette Alenda-Demoutiez, SFG Participatory Policy Hub Lead, Radboud University, Netherlands

Dr Olekae Thakadu, SFG Botswana Hub Lead, University of Botswana