

The **SDG^{nexus} Network** project at the **Center for International Development and Environmental Research** (Zentrum für internationale Entwicklungs- und Umweltforschung, ZEU), based at the **Justus Liebig University Giessen** (JLU), Germany, invites applications for a **full-time position** as

Research Associate for Sustainable Development Goal Interactions with experience in public relations

The position is available from June 01st, 2021 until December 31st, 2024. The salary of the position is determined by payment group E 13 according to the collective labor agreement of the State of Hessen (TV-H).

The SDG^{nexus} Network

The SDG^{nexus} Network, consisting of partners from Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, provides a common research framework related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations and aims to analyze synergies and trade-offs among individual SDGs (SDG nexus analysis). The SDG^{nexus} Network intends to prepare the next generation of scientists by implementing a variety of teaching programs and training activities, with particular attention to the needs of junior researchers. The SDG^{nexus} Network investigates interrelations among single SDGs within the following five focal research areas: Food systems, Water, Urban & rural areas, Natural resources, and SDG monitoring. Please find further information on the research areas at <https://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/zentren/zeu/sdgnexus/research/research-areas>

Your tasks

You will conduct research (70% of your time) related to one or more research areas as defined above. Ideally, your research focuses on one or several regions of the SDG^{nexus} Network partners. Furthermore, you engage in the public relations of the SDG^{nexus} Network (30% of your time, e.g., news releases, visuals, infographics, website, social media). You report your research progress to the Project Management Board and coordinate your public relations activities with the project manager of the SDG^{nexus} Network.

Your profile

- You hold an excellent Ph.D. in a topic related to the SDGs.
- You possess good knowledge of the SDGs and of the methods for quantifying synergies and tradeoffs between them.
- You communicate fluently in spoken and written English.
- Good knowledge of the German language is a clear advantage.
- You possess a track record in public relations and science communication, for example experience with social media channels, editorial work, or scientific writing.
- You are familiar with common office packages, photo/video editing software, and CMS-systems.

You are a highly motivated person that brings curiosity in research and is committed to pursue scientific excellence in a multi-disciplinary, collaborative, and international environment.

The JLU is seeking a larger percentage of women in academia; therefore, qualified female researchers are especially encouraged to apply. The JLU sees itself as a family-friendly university. We therefore welcome applicants with children.

Please send your application, preferably via e-mail (sdgnexus@zeu.jlug.de), stating the **reference number 204/Z** until **April 30th, 2021** to the project manager **Bjoern Weeser, Zentrum für internationale Entwicklungs- und Umweltforschung (ZEU), Senckenbergstraße 3, 35390 Giessen, Germany**. Applications from disabled people of equal aptitude will be given preference. Please only submit copies of your application documents without document files or folders, as they cannot be returned after the application procedure is completed.

Applications must be submitted as a single PDF file and must include a curriculum vitae, publication list, project list, a minimum of two references with full contact details, academic certificates, samples of your own public relation materials, and a research project proposal. Within the project proposal (1000-1500 words) you should outline your research idea and region of interest, address research questions, outline methods and provide a timeline.

For further information on the Zentrum für internationale Entwicklungs- und Umweltforschung (ZEU) or the SDG^{nexus} Network see <https://www.uni-giessen.de/zeu> or <http://www.sdgnexus.net>

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