



Dear representatives of the implementing organisations and returnee associations,

We are writing to invite you to submit an **expression of interest concerning the implementation of a partner conference between October 2020 and April 2021.**

On behalf of the Programme Steering Committee (PSC), we would particularly like to invite **expressions of interest for partner conferences in the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia** since the former has not yet hosted a partner conference and the latter has only hosted one to date. Expressions of interest for this region will be given preference in the selection process.

34 cross-organisation partner conferences have been implemented for weltwärts since 2012. This year, the PSC adopted a **revised framework document for partner conferences** (see Attachment 1), explicitly adding employees from implementing organisations to the target group. As well as facilitating knowledge-sharing among partner organisations and between them and members of the Programme Steering Committee (PSC), the conferences focus on dialogue between partner organisations and German-based organisations.

The conferences are implemented by at least two organisations - at least one partner organisation in the conference country and one implementing organisations - and receive 100% funding as a weltwärts accompanying measure for the programme. You suggest when and where the conference should be held but the chosen dates should enable implementing organisations to combine participation in the conference with attendance of mid-term seminars and/or partner visits, as far as possible.

We have attached information and documents for those wishing to submit an expression of interest. They are all supplied in German, English, French and Spanish to facilitate consultation with your partner organisations.

- 1) Attachment 1 is a **list of cross-organisation partner conferences** implemented for weltwärts since 2012, including the partner conferences already planned for spring 2020.
- 2) The objectives and implementing conditions can be found in the **"Implementation framework for weltwärts cross-organisation partner conferences"**, in Attachment 2.
- 3) Attachment 3 contains the **expression of interest form**.

Please return the completed expression of interest form to the weltwärts Coordination Unit sekretariat@weltwaerts.de by **08 November 2019**.

Please note that measures implemented by individual SOs and their partners remain a focus of the funding for accompanying measures and that this funding can be applied for by the usual deadlines irrespective of involvement in cross-organisation partner conferences. For more details, see <http://weltwaerts.de/de/programmbeleitende-massnahmen-entwickeln.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Tawamba Tessa at the weltwärts Coordination Unit: Mail: Natalie.tawambatessa@engagement-global.de, Tel. +49 (0)228 20717-114, or the PSC representative for your shared interest group.

Regards,
The weltwärts Coordination Unit team