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1 Introduction and background information

1.1 Welcoming address by Jochen Steinhilber, Head of department of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Dear representatives of our partner organisations,
Dear representatives of our German implementing organisations,
Dear Mr. Richter and Mr. de Jong,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) I am delighted to welcome you heartily to this partner conference here in Berlin.

My name is Jochen Steinhilber, and I'm Director General of the Directorate General 5: Displacement, Crisis Prevention, Civil Society at the Ministry. It gives me great pleasure to open this partner conference with some opening remarks.

This is the third international weltwärts partner conference to be held in Germany, with around 70 delegates from partner organisation from around the world and 35 participants from German sending organisations, Engagement Global and BMZ.

This great number of participants reflects the interest of all actors in engaging in dialogue with one another about their experience and in developing the programme further, in particular after the massive restrictions the pandemic imposed on the programme.

In these challenging times we are very glad to see again, that young people can go abroad, meet each other, and learn from each other. International exchange and global learning can take place again, in Germany and in our partner countries.

To start with the good news: 2022 has been a very successful year thus far and weltwärts appears to be back on track after two difficult years.

After the complex repatriation campaign in the spring of 2020, our efforts as a Ministry were directed at retaining the programme's structures. Together we sought and found ways to retain significant structures by means of temporary solutions. And in common, we have succeeded in returning to regular operations for the current 2022-23 cohort.

Since the summer, more than 2100 volunteers from Germany have already departed to more than 55 countries.

The number of volunteers for the South-North component in Germany continuously increased prior to the pandemic. The outbreak of COVID-19 had a less severe impact than in the North-South component. Actually, over 600 volunteers do their service in Germany. More than 800 entries have been registered for the current cohort.

And another important information for all those involved in the South-North component: I proudly announce, that our Ministry has increased the maximum funding rate for the new 2023-24 cohort to compensate for increases in cost caused by both the pandemic and inflation.

Moreover, since March 2022 four regional partner conferences have taken place in Mexico, Columbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and just last week in the Philippines.

A very special thanks from me goes to all the German sending organisations and their respective partner organisations, who planned, prepared, and successfully implemented these regional partner conferences following two years full of uncertainty and many delays!

My gratitude also goes to the Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger (VJF), together with its partner organisation, the Khmer for Khmer Organisation from Cambodia, for the preparation and organisation of this major international conference here in Berlin. I am delighted to see that most of the nominated participants were able to join despite visa challenges in many countries!

All those partner conferences are focused on you, the partner organisations from around the world as well as on your questions and concerns. They act as your forum for engaging in dialogue about your experience and your expectations related to the programme.

It is mainly you – both as sending and receiving organisations – whom we have to thank for the fact that more than 2,700 young people are able to render weltwärts volunteer service again after a global disruption due to COVID and its implications. You as sending and receiving organisations who empower civil society and breathe life into international cooperation through your great personal commitment. Thank you very much!

My thanks and recognition are also extended to all weltwärts volunteers. For them, weltwärts represents a huge step out into the world, particularly during the last two years. So, my heartfelt gratitude goes out to all current and former weltwärts volunteers who commit themselves in their places of assignment, in the programme, the sending organisations as well as beyond, in order to foster international exchange and cooperation.

The main question for this partner conference is: Where does weltwärts stand now after two years of the COVID pandemic? How are our local partners doing?

How can an international volunteer service cope after, and with, a disruption like the COVID-19 pandemic?

What are the other long-term, strategic issues that we mustn't overlook – such as climate change, environmental protection, and ecological sustainability? These are all important aspects for young people, which those involved in the weltwärts programme want to and must discuss. And what new and serious challenges might weltwärts face in the future?

I believe the strength of the collaboration in weltwärts once again became particularly manifest during the pandemic: the responsibility shared among you as civil society organisations, the BMZ as well as Engagement Global working on behalf of the government. Despite all the difficulties, I hope we can see what we underwent with the pandemic as an opportunity and use weltwärts to share that with the world.

Therefore: Make use of this conference as an opportunity for engaging in dialogue about your experience worldwide, deploy it as your forum for dialogue about your expectations related to the programme! The weltwärts joint operation needs your input und your recommendations to develop the programme further.

And once again: I want to thank you for being part of weltwärts! Thank you for your commitment that makes weltwärts possible and better every day!

On that note, I want to say: My wish is for you to have a very successful partner conference here in Berlin!



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Fig. 2: Jochen Steinhilber, department head in the BMZ, November 21, 2022

1.2 Welcoming address by Lourens de Jong, member of the Programme Steering Committee (PSC) of the civil society, director of the Association weltwärts Exchange Organisations in Development Cooperation e.V. (ventao)

Dear representatives of BMZ (Mr. Steinhilber, Ms. De Barros Said),
dear colleagues of weltwärts coordination unit,
dear colleagues of VJF (Jonas, Daniela and all the others of the organizing team)
dear colleagues from partner-organisations from the Global South,

in short: dear everybody involved in the ww-programme,

In the name of the Programme Steering Committee (don't forget this abbreviation: PSC) of the ww-programme I have the honor to welcome you to this third ww-conference in Berlin. Last time we met was in September 2018 on the outskirts of Berlin and of course I am curious to see, who is here and who was also present at the last conference? Please raise hands. I hope you liked your last stay in Berlin. We'll do our best to make it a success again and first I'd like to give a very big applause to the team of VJF, who made this great event possible.

My name is Lourens de Jong, and I have been working for more than 27 years in international voluntary services in Africa, Asia, and Latin America for an organization called ijgd, there I coordinated the weltwärts-North-South and South-North components. Since March 2020 I am the director of the quality-association ventao (my start in ventao was three days before Corona hit the weltwärts-programme). Since the very beginning of the ww-programme in 2008 I have also been a member of the Programme Steering Committee, representing the German civil society organizations.

Some of you may ask: what is this Programme Steering Committee? The Steering Committee is responsible for management and development of the weltwärts programme, in which civil society and government representatives advise jointly on the programme's structure. This is why we are standing here together today to welcome you to this conference.

The civil society is represented in the PSC by members of four networks (evangelical church, catholic church and two non-confessional networks: "weltoffen" and "ventao") and by returned volunteers, organized in a network called PFIF. By the way: since last year the PFIF-representation in the PSC is done by two former South-North-volunteers. Representing the government is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), which is funding the ww programme and has the overall

responsibility for the programme, as well as the Koordinierungsstelle weltwärts (Kww), which works on behalf of the Ministry and is responsible for the administration of ww.

The structure of the weltwärts-programme is very complex and not always comprehensible at first glance. Therefore, during this conference we will offer a short introduction about the programme's structure and framework.

My role as a PSC-representative of civil society is, to bring the everyday challenges of the daily work with volunteers on a political level. The practice and experience of the organizations in the field (and here I am looking at all of YOU!) ALWAYS must be considered in taking decisions on the ww-programme.

Now comparing with the last Berlin conference in 2018 I think we can conclude: we have gone a long way and the ww-programme has survived Corona, WE ARE STILL HERE as the great number of you shows! And as Mr. Steinhilber has shown in figures: we are taking up speed again!

In the name of the civil society, I would like to express here our deep gratitude and respect to the colleagues of BMZ and weltwärts coordination unit, who have shown, that in times of crisis they have supported and strengthened all the weltwärts organizations in the field, and this is also a reason, why we are all still here, they deserve a great applause.

We are also grateful to BMZ/Kww, that you followed the demand of civil society to raise the funding in the South-North-programme, otherwise we would have seen falling numbers. Now I'm confident that the number of volunteers in the South-North-programme will be rising in the years to come.

Civil society has prepared two further topics to be discussed in the next PSC-meeting on December 8th, which might be of special interest to you all:

The first one is the funding in the North-South-programme: all of you working in the field have seen the prices rising: flights, accommodation, food, salaries and inflation: so, we propose a rise of funding and we're going to discuss this issue in the PSC. At the same time, we must conclude: if the weltwärts-budget does not grow, the rise of funding will lead to less outgoing-volunteers.

The second issue to be discussed and brought up by civil society in the next PSC-meeting is the update of returnee-follow-up-activities, especially of the South-North-volunteers. As you may know, the initial returnee concept of 2009 only contained the returnee-activities in Germany, so it must be updated.

As you will certainly be curious about the results of the next PSC, I can tell you a secret: please sign up to the partner-newsletter, you can find it on the weltwärts-website. It keeps you informed about the latest news, what is going on in the ww-cosmos. You will also find interviews with the several weltwärts-networks, that exist around the world, like in South-Africa and several latinamerican countries. The next partner-newsletter will inform about the WIN-network in India.

Let me close my speech in wishing you a very fruitful conference with a lot of exchange, boosting you with a lot of fresh energy for the future of weltwärts in your country. We sing a song in my jazz-choir saying: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!



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Fig. 3: Lourens de Jong, member of the PSC, November 21, 2022

1.3 Welcoming address by Jonas Richter, Head of the Association of Young Volunteers (VJF), host organisation

Dear representatives of our partner organisations,
Dear representatives of our German implementing organisations,
Dear Mr. Steinhilber, Ms. De Barros Said and Mr. de Jong,

On behalf of the Association of Young Volunteers (Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger), I would like to welcome you, the participants of the Third Global Partner Conference of weltwärts in Germany. We are very pleased to host this event here in the center of Berlin, especially in the difficult times of a worldwide pandemic, global climate catastrophe and massive armed conflicts in Europe and many parts of the world.

Especially during this time, personal meetings, and conversations, getting to know and appreciate personal people create the basis for being able to show solidarity. We are deeply convinced that working together on meaningful projects promotes peace.

With our work in the weltwärts projects, we enable mutual understanding and peaceful exchange across political and geographical borders, and with the partner conference we want to set a signal for more encounter and global civil society engagement.

The North-South and South-North exchange through the weltwärts programme offers young people attractive opportunities for encounters and civil society engagement. We are very proud of this.

Our conference is intended to serve the personal encounter and the strengthening of the direct dialogue between the community work weltwärts, that means the representatives of the sponsoring organizations, partner organizations and the Programme Steering Committee.

Who are we?

We are an association of project-related youth work and very happy to have been entrusted with the task of organizing this international partner conference. We are a small association with only a few full-time employees and are therefore all the more pleased to master this great task and to be able to be together with all of you.

At this point many thanks for the trust placed in us!

The Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger was founded in 1990 and is an independent, non-denominational and non-partisan association of youth work in Germany.

We have set ourselves the task of promoting the solidary and humanistic ideals of the International Volunteer Movement through national and international youth encounters. The personal development of volunteers because of informal and non-formal learning experiences is a focus of our global commitment. International Voluntary Service is intercultural, interpersonal, and lifelong learning, which is shaped by and with the volunteers and is therefore of particular importance to us.

We have been a weltwärts sending organisation since 2011 and have also been supporting the South-North component since 2013. We have assignments in Cambodia, Ecuador, and Colombia.

Today we as VJF are very pleased to welcome a total of 4 representatives of our weltwärts partner organizations here at the partner conference.

We have decided to closely involve two representatives of the Cambodian partner organization Khmer for Khmer Organisation (KKO) in the implementation of the conference. Phary Moeun, Director of KKO and Sarith Bin have been working successfully with our organization for many years in weltwärts exchange. Phary Moeun, together with Socheat Soun from the Cambodian organization New Future for Children, who is present here today, successfully supported the implementation of the partner conference for Southeast Asia in Phnom Penh in October 2016.

For a successful implementation of the Berlin Partner Conference 2022, we will be supported in terms of content and organization by the representatives of the weltwärts Coordination Unit in the Service Center Engagement Global and the members of the weltwärts Programme Steering Committee.

And without the generous content and financial support of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the preparation and implementation of a global weltwärts partner conference in 2022 in the capital Berlin would not be possible. Thank you very much for that!

I wish us all a successful conference!



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Fig. 4: Jonas Richter, Head of VJF, November 21, 2022

1.4 Foreword of the organising team

November 2022 – An organisational and substantial challenge for the VJF!

In 2019, the board of the VJF already decided to become the organisation responsible for implementing the third weltwärts cross-organisational partner conference in Berlin, which was then, however, postponed to the end of November 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At a ww-partner-conference, representatives of the partner organisations (PO) together with their own and other German implementing organisations (TO) have the opportunity to discuss the current developments of the weltwärts programme, to participate in the design of the programme as well as to get in contact with the participants of the PSC, BMZ and Engagement Global. The aim is to strengthen civil society structures and cooperation under equal conditions. In addition, the conferences offer partner organisations the opportunity to initiate dialogue and establish networks among themselves.

On behalf of the BMZ, PSC and Engagement Global, we as a supporting organisation in cooperation with our partner organisation from Cambodia, Khmer for Khmer Organisation (KKO), invited members of weltwärts partner organisations along with their cooperating German implementing organisations and members of the Programme Steering Committee to the inter-organisational partner conference in Berlin.

After two difficult years marked by COVID-19 and despite visa problems in various partner countries, the ww-partner-conference successfully took place in Berlin from 21 to 25 November, in the Jugendgästehaus at the central station and the ballroom of the Berliner Stadtmission. A total of 65 representatives of 64 partner organisations from 30 countries of the global South and 35 representatives of German supporting organisations, the BMZ, the PSC (governmental and civil society) and Engagement Global took part.

In his opening speech, Mr. Steinhilber, Head of Department at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), emphasised the currently most pressing questions for the weltwärts programme:

- What is the status quo of weltwärts after two years of COVID-19? How are our partners doing at their respective locations?
- How can an international volunteer service deal with a pandemic like COVID-19?
- What are the other long-term, strategic issues that we cannot afford to ignore - such as climate change, environmental protection and ecological sustainability?
- Which novel and considerable challenges will weltwärts have to come to terms with in the future?

During the five-day conference, these questions were the focus of various workshops and plenary sessions. Furthermore, many of the participants in Berlin emphasised that the numerous bilateral discussions, the opportunities for regional and international networking, the first intensive acquaintance with the contents and principles of the weltwärts programme and the personal acquaintance of the representatives of partner organisations and German implementing organisations contributed to the success of the event. The intensive work was complemented by a city tour by boat on the Spree to see

historic sites in Berlin and the national and international cultural evenings, which not only offered some diversion by participants bringing and tasting many national specialities, but also playfully conveyed a lot of interesting information.

The conference was a success – thanks to the support of Jonas, Daniela, Helene, Doreen, Andrea, Ilka, Diana, Oksana and all those who backed and supported the VJF organisation team with their know-how.

The substantial dialogue was led and supported by a team of four moderators. Alongside Phary Moeun and Sarith Bin from our partner organisation Khmer for Khmer Organisation (KKO) from Cambodia, Muna Wagner as the main moderator and Johannes Vogel, a former ww-volunteer, shaped and promoted the content-related discussions.

As part of a student project in simultaneous interpretation, we hired six students who were in the process of completing their final year at the School for Interpreting in Würzburg, who guided our conference participants multilingually through the various events of the ww-partner conference.

The participants of the partner conference were impressed and had only positive feedback to offer regarding the quality of the interpreting. After a very short familiarisation phase, the interpreters mastered the technique and the subject like professionals. We would like to thank the students Lina, Federica, Marina, Pia, Marie and Evelyn-Ann.

And last but not least, the preparation and implementation of an international weltwärts partner conference in 2022 in the capital city Berlin would not have been possible without the generous content-related and financial support of the BMZ, the representatives of the weltwärts Coordination Unit and the Programme Steering Committee (PSC).

Many thanks to all of you!



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Fig. 5: Daniela Brunnert, Project coordinator at the ww-partner-conference

1.5 Conference programme

1.5.1 Day 1, November 21, 2022 - Welcome, Opening and Introduction



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Fig. 6: Listening very carefully on the first day of the partner conference and Fig. 7: Getting used to the simultaneous interpreting team for the languages English, Spanish and French



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Fig. 8: Participants of the partner conference were listening to the opening speech given by Jonas Richter, Head of the host organisation VJF

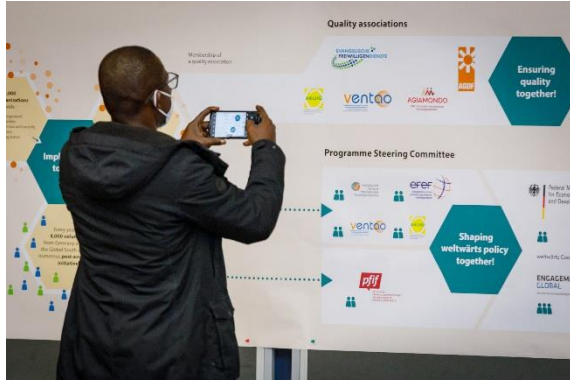
9 am	13 am	Registration for all participants, PCR Testing
2:30 pm	4 pm	Welcome and opening
4:30 pm	5:45 pm	weltwärts programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic facts and structure • Latest development • Questions-and-Answers (Q & A)

1.5.2 Day 2, November 22, 2022 - weltwärts advanced



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Fig. 9: Initial one-on-one conversations and Fig. 10: Familiarisation with the structures of weltwärts



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Fig. 11 and Fig. 12: Our moderators Muna, Phary und Sarith



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Fig. 13 and Fig. 14: Impressions of the intercultural evening, which not only included dancing but also tasting of typical national specialities



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9 am	9:15 am	Daily check in
9:15 am	12 pm	weltwärts related topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new catalogue of quality standards • Visa issues (Background facts) • Inclusion in the weltwärts-programme
12 pm	1 pm	Workshop Teasers and Registrations
2:30 pm	5:45 pm	Open exchange and networking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange talks between partner organizations and implementing organizations. • Networking activities
5:45 pm	6 pm	Daily check out
8 pm	10 pm	intercultural evening

1.5.3 Day 3, November 23, 2022 - weltwärts: global impacts and individual experiences



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Fig. 15: Our one-hour tour on the Spree through the city centre of Berlin with its many historical sights was received enthusiastically by the participants of the partner conference



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Fig. 16 and Fig. 17: On Wednesday, 23 November 2022, challenges of global, social and environmental issues were discussed in various workshops too

9 am	9:15 am	Daily check in
9:15 am	10:45 am	Selected workshops on global and ecological topics
11:15 am	12:45 pm	Selected workshops for exchange of experiences / discussions on challenges and best practices in relation to the deployment and support of weltwärts volunteers
2:30 pm	3:30 pm	City tour by boat to the most important sights of historical and political Berlin,
4:30 pm	5:45 pm	Remaining workshops from the morning
5:45 pm	6 pm	Daily check out
8 pm	9:30 pm	German culture evening

1.5.4 Day 4, November 24, 2022 - weltwärts tomorrow



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Fig. 18: Johannes Vogel, moderator, explains the daily schedule to the participants and Fig. 19: Participants of a regional workshop



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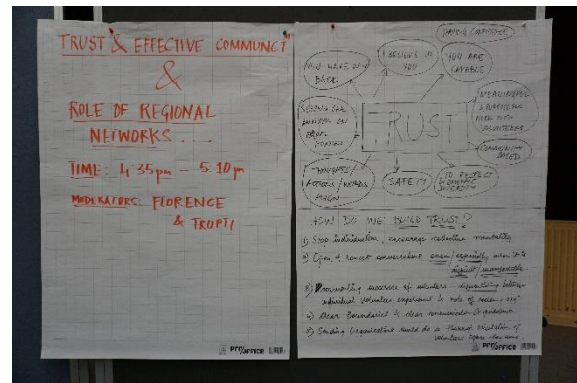


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Fig. 20: Workshop on the COVID-19 pandemic, conducted by representatives of Engagement Global and Fig. 21: Workshop with participants from Africa



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Fig. 22: Workshop with participants from Asia and Fig. 23: Results of a workshop

9 am	9:15 am	Daily check in
9:15 am	10:45 am	Discussions and questions about the pandemic: 4 Workshops
11:15 am	1 pm	Networking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of existing networks and examples (Unidos por la Montaña, L. Vasconez / WIN, M. S. Kumar) • Time for regional networking
2:30 pm	5:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For partner organizations only: Exchange on the implementation of weltwärts North-South and weltwärts South-North / Gallery Walk • For implementing organizations: supporting consultations (Trägerberatungsgespräche)
5:45 pm	6 pm	Daily check out

1.5.5 Day 5, November 25, 2022 - Conclusion and departure



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Fig. 24 and Fig. 25: On the fifth day of the conference, the participants of the ww-partner conference received their certificates. Ms. C. De Barros Said, BMZ/PSC governmental and Mr. L. de Jong, PSC civil society, said goodbye to the participants of the partner and executing organisations and thanked the moderation, organisation and interpreting teams for the successful weltwärts Partner Conference 2022 in Berlin.



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Fig. 26: **This image is linked to the conference film**, which provides 10 minutes of highlights and an impression of the general vibe of the partner conference. Please click on the image to see the film.

9 am	9:30 am	Review of the programme
9:30 am	10 am	Evaluation of the conference
10:30	12 am	Appreciation of the contribution of the partner organizations, handover
12 am	1 pm	Farewell, conclusion, organizational information

1.6 The conference in a nutshell

- Date of the conference: November 21 to 25, 2022
- Conference location: Berlin, Jugendgästehaus am Hauptbahnhof and Berliner Stadtmission
- Host organisation: Association of Young Volunteers (VJF)
- The conference in Berlin is the 39th partner conference since 2012. In 2020 and 2021, all partner conferences were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic (Uruguay, Germany, South Africa, Peru, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda). On the following slide you will also find the partner conferences that took place in 2022 (Mexico, Colombia, Bosnia, in November 2022 the Philippines and Germany) and the one that will take place in Rwanda in spring 2023 (bold and orange). The vast majority of weltwärts countries could already be reached through the previous partner conferences.
- The partner conferences are 100% financed by the BMZ.



German member organisations and their representatives

(30 participants from 24 organisations):

Name of organization	Name of participant
Act for transformation	Jürgen Menzel
Aktion Lichtblicke Ghana e.V.	Moritz Paul Ansgar Stöcker
Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V. (bezev)	Melanie Kroll und Stephanie Haase
Children of Lesotho e.V.	Dr. med. Peter Krimmel
Deutsch-Indische Zusammenarbeit e.V.	Jona Aravind Dohrmann und Trupti Poduval*
Deutsch-Tansanische Partnerschaft e.V.	Tanja Neubüser
Eine Welt Netz NRW	Susanne Nieländer
EPECTO e.V.	Karola Klier
Erzbischöfliches Jugendamt Bamberg	Sonja Brigitte Richter
evivo e.V.	Christoph Simeon Beyer
Friends e.V. Partner der TLF	Karsten Hackländer
ijgd LV Berlin e.V.	Mariana Kriebel und Marie Schimke und Annegret Wawrzetzka*
ijgd LV NRW e.V.	Luise Dorothee Bach
In VIA e.V.	Friederike Lück
KulturLife gGmbH	Henrike Merve Rühling
Mission EineWelt	Ines Katharina Ackermann
Open Door International e.V. (ODI)	Jan Thissen
Schutzwald e.V.	Carlos Renato Moscoso
Service Civil International - Deutscher Zweig e.V. (SCI)	Nathalie Julienne Schynawa
VAMOS JUNTOS Freundeskreis Deutschland – Bolivien e.V.	Ruth Maria Overbeck de Sumi
Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger e.V. (VJF)	Jonas Richter und Julia von der Wense
VIA e.V.	Odile Woni
VolNet e.V.	Christian Weinert

Welthaus Bielefeld

Heidemarie Hesse und Barbara Schütz*

*Anwesenheit der Personen an verschiedenen Tagen der PK

Participants from BMZ, PSC and Engagement Global (EG)

Name of organization	Name of participant	Function
BMZ	Jochen Steinhilber	Abteilungsleiter BMZ
BMZ/PSA staatlich	Christine de Barros Said	Referentin BMZ
PSA Vertretung Zivilgesellschaft	Lourens de Jong	Geschäftsführer ventao
EG	Clea Witt	Projektkoordination ww
EG	Christina Winnubst	Projektkoordination ww

Partner organisations and their representatives (65 participants from 64 organisations from 30 countries):

Country	Name of organization	Name of participant
Argentina	Hermanas de la Misericordia de Verona	Jaqueline del Carmen Rivera Parra
Argentina	Puentes de Luz	Maria Silvana Catalano
Armenia	Voluntary service of Armenia-HUJ	Shushanik Keshishyan
Benin	ASEE-ONG	Dr. Kokou Pamphile Degla
Benin	STUDENT AND YOUTH TRAVEL ORGANIZATION (SYTO-BENIN)	Nongbèdo Barnabé Bonon Tchokponhoue
Bolivia	ONG Asociación de apoyo social y educativo VAMOS JUNTOS	Veronica Aranda Flores
Botswana	Young Africa Botswana	Charity Chinsinga
Brazil	IECLB – Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil	Simone Engel Voigt
Cambodia	Khmer for Khmer Organisation (KKO) and moderator of the conference	Sarith Bin
Cambodia	New Future for Children	Socheat Suon

Cambodia	Khmer for Khmer Organisation (KKO) and moderator of the conference	Phary Moeun
Costa Rica	Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes de Costa Rica – YMCA/ACJ Costa Rica	Gina Isela Padilla Moya
Ecuador	Eine Welt Netz	Lenin Renelmo Vasconez Valle
Ecuador	FIIDES People Exchange – Fundación Intercambio Internacional para el Desarrollo	Maria Belen Mora Hidalgo
Ecuador	Permacultura Caimito	Marjorye Paulette Zamora Barzallo
Ecuador	Fundación Redes Solidarias, Programa de Voluntarios Nuevos Horizontes	Mateo David Ordóñez Cordova
Ecuador	Fundación Cerro Verde	Federico Koelle Dahle
Georgia	Act for Transformations Caucasus Office	Inga Shamugia
Ghana	Play Soccer Ghana	Anthony Asante Addo
Ghana	COASTAL INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE	Emma Francis Godwyll
Ghana	My Age My Help International	Ivy Owusua Amevor
Ghana	Nalerigu feeding center	Joseph Azumbila Baani
Ghana	Rays of Hope Centre	Richmond Tetteh Agamloh
Ghana	Inspire Global Ideas	Williams Yirenkyi
Ghana	Voice of People with Disability Ghana (VOICE Ghana)	Francis Bichnord Komla Asong
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India	Sarbik Gram Unnayan Sangha (SGUS)	Biswajit Ghoroi
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Rwanda	Groupe Scolaire Karwasa	Straton Ntihinyuzwa
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Tanzania	Climate Action Network Tanzania	Sixbert Simon Mwangi
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Zimbabwe	„Welthaus in Zimbabwe“, Nkululueko Highschool, ZUBO	Mandifusa Gladys Muronzi

Composition of PO-participants:

Continent	Country	Number of participants	Female	Male	Number of organisations
Africa (east)	Kenya	1	0	1	1
Africa (east)	Rwanda	3	1	2	3
Africa (east)	Sudan	1	0	1	1
Africa (east)	Tanzania	4	1	3	4
Africa (east)	Uganda	8	3	5	8
Africa (north)	Tunisia	1	0	1	1
Africa (south)	Botswana	1	1	0	1
Africa (south)	Lesotho	1	0	1	1
Africa (south)	Madagascar	1	1	0	1
Africa (south)	Namibia	1	0	1	1
Africa (south)	South Africa	4	3	1	4
Africa (south)	Zambia	1	0	1	1
Africa (south)	Zimbabwe	1	1	0	1
Africa (west)	Benin	2	0	2	2
Africa (west)	Ghana	7	2	5	7
Africa (west)	Nigeria	1	0	1	1
Africa (west)	Senegal	1	0	1	1
Africa (west)	Togo	4	0	4	4
Asia	Armenien	1	1	0	1
Asia	Cambodia	3	1	2	2
Asia	Georgia	1	1	0	1

Asia	India	3	2	1	3
Asia	Pakistan	1	0	1	1
South America	Argentina	2	2	0	2
South America	Bolivia	1	1	0	1
South America	Brazil	1	1	0	1
South America	Costa Rica	1	1	0	1
South America	Ecuador	5	2	3	5
South America	Panama	1	1	0	1
South America	Peru	2	1	1	2
Total	30	65	27	38	64

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2 Results on the issues raised by the Programme Steering Committee

2.1 Participant's feedback concerning the following informative topics

Although the focus of these conferences lies on interests of and issues concerning the participants of the partner organisations and on exchange among themselves, topics proposed by the PSC were also addressed. Principally, all the issues raised were very well received. There were always questions asked and additional input offered by the audience.

2.1.1 News from the weltwärts programme

The participants had already expressed the wish to be informed about the latest developments in the weltwärts programme in advance. A representative of the

governmental part of the PSC and a representative of the civil society part of the PSC briefed the participants on “Basic facts and structure and latest development” (for presentation see appendices). Although this information was not new to all participants, it brought everyone to the same level of knowledge.

The basic facts were also presented in the form of a quiz.

2.1.2 Programme-Steering-Committee-topic 1

At the instance of and in collaboration with the PSC, a workshop was conducted to discuss key issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For this purpose, the participants were divided into four groups. The key questions were as follows:

- A) Current: What challenges are the participants of the partner conference currently facing due to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic regarding the implementation of the programme.
- B) Future prospects: What potential solutions can the participants of the partner conference come up with regarding the challenges identified in the course of question A).

The aim of these questions was to find out as precisely as possible which current challenges the participating representatives are dealing with and at the same time to develop suitable solutions with them.

The conclusions reached by the four teams that were formed for this exercise can be summarised as follows:

- In 2020, the German volunteers were brought back from the countries of the Global South as a result of a decision made by the BMZ. The respective partner organisations were surprised by this unilateral decision-making and would like to see better communication and, if necessary, a so-called emergency plan in the future. This should be prepared in advance with the appropriate contact addresses and contact persons in the individual countries.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has severely destroyed many cooperation structures that had grown over the years. There was a reduction in staff, a paralysis of the workstations and an interruption of the years of permanent accommodation in host families. A fresh start from 2022 onwards was very labour-intensive. Furthermore, abruptly returning volunteers were also demotivated.

- The COVID-19 pandemic has made pedagogical support more resource-consuming, and trust needs to be re-established seeing as volunteers have become insecure.
- Prescribed COVID-19 measures, such as continuous testing, isolation and possible hospital stays continue to cause high costs and significant additional care costs in some countries.
- The current financial support of the ww-programme is no longer sufficient. Inflation and rising costs caused not only by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also by the war in Ukraine, are of great concern. Uncertainty is growing.

The proposed method allowed for the voices of all participants to be heard and taken into consideration. The participants felt that they were being taken seriously and that they had an important role to play while at the same time getting a chance to suggest solutions.

The results gathered and documented by these four workgroups were photographed and can be found in the appendices for further evaluation.

2.1.3 Programme-Steering-Committee-topic 2

There were no more topics proposed directly by the PSC, however, the conference 's participants mentioned the following issues in advance which were then taken into account in the implementations by PSC-representatives in special workshops:

- South-North-Visa-Workshop (Lourens De Jong, PSC-civil society) – **see appendices**
- Workshop about the new catalogue of quality requirements (C. De Barros Said, BMZ/PSC governmental und L. de Jong, PSC civil society)

Weltwärts aims to continuously develop and improve. In recent years, for example, quality requirements have been formulated for the volunteer service, which are intended to ensure a high-quality service to all participants. Compliance is regularly reviewed by external certification bodies and Engagement Global. The sponsoring organisations also have their own procedures for quality improvement.

Here is the **link** to the catalogue discussed by Mrs. Christine de Barros Said:

[Catalogue of quality standards - weltwärts volunteer service \(weltwaerts.de\)](https://www.weltwaerts.de/en/quality-standards)

2.2 Results on cross-sectional issues

2.2.1 What do the partners expect from the volunteer programme?

In particular, the need for more support for implementation and increased funding emerged repeatedly during the conference. It called for greater transparency not only in financial matters, but also transparency and clarity in decision-making processes. The limits of these possibilities were sometimes explained directly by representatives of BMZ, PSC or Engagement Global.

Principally, the partner organisations also expect well-prepared volunteers who actively support the deployment sites. In the context of the partner conference, there was a strong desire for networking among each other.

2.2.2 Which topics are relevant for the further development of the programme and will be reported back to the Programme Steering Committee?

The focus of this partner conference was to come together after a long time marked by pandemic-related restrictions. The conference was used intensively for this purpose, for maintaining existing contacts as well as developing new ones. The participants expressed appreciation for having been provided with enough space for (free) exchange throughout the conference.

Participants were able to introduce topics themselves and decide freely which discussions they would like to weigh in on. In addition to the PSC workshops, seven other workshops were held. The following topics were offered:

- Contribution of volunteers in their diversity to the socio-cultural and economic development of their host community: With the example of Benin (Dr Pamphile DEGLA, ASEE-ONG, Benin)
- How to implement "sustainability" in weltwärts volunteer services? A framework of theory and practice (Sonja Richter, Erzbischöfliches Jugendamt Bamberg, Germany und Ousario Gomis, Direction des Oeuvres du Diocèse de Thiès, Senegal)
- Developing a plan for involving volunteers (Anthony Asante Addo, Play Soccer Ghana)
- Inclusive Implementation in voluntary service (Melanie Kroll, Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V. Germany und Francis Bichnord Komla Asong, VOICE Ghana)
- How do I select volunteers? - with a special focus on South-North volunteers; (Barbara Schütz, Welthaus Bielefeld, Germany and partner organizations)

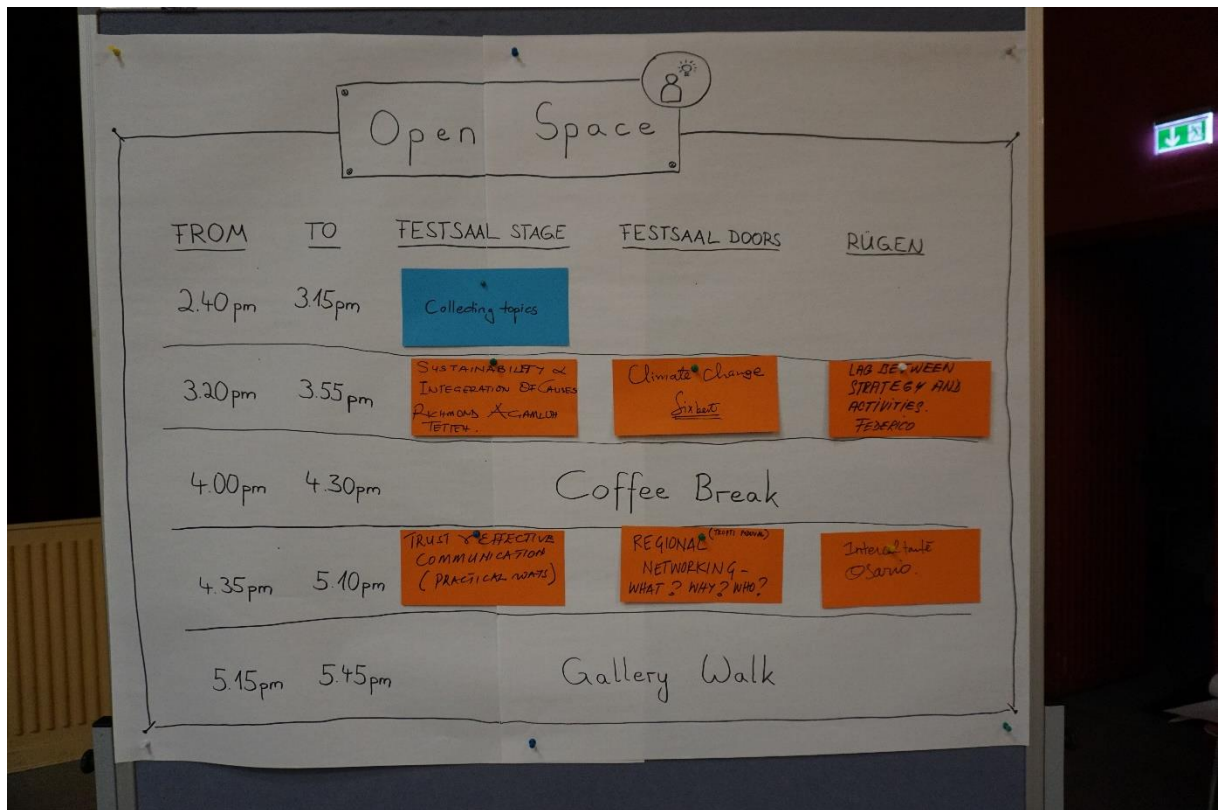
- The weltwärts programme in the framework of the partnership between the Archdiocese of Bamberg and the Diocese of Thiés - Challenges and learning experiences (Gomis Ousario, Direction des Oeuvres du Diocèse de Thiès, Senegal)
- Carbon Footprint of weltwärts-volunteers and possibilities of compensation (Tanja Neubüser, Deutsch-Tansanische Partnerschaft e.V., Deutschland)

2.3 Additional feedback to the Programme Steering Committee

The participation of representatives from the PSC in the partner conference and also in the preparations is a great help that supports and relieves the host organisation. Working this closely together should definitely be maintained.

During the implementation of the partner conference, a reserved attitude of the participating representatives of the weltwärts programme (BMZ, PSC, EG and sending organisations) can occasionally enable and encourage a more open exchange among one another. For example, during the programme item on Thursday 2.40 p.m., which was offered exclusively for partner organisations, a very lively independent exchange at eye level could be observed. The participants from the partner organisations discussed the following topics, for instance, and each set up an internal working group.

- Sustainability and integration of causes
- Climate change
- Lag between strategies and activities
- Trust and effective communication – What? Why? Who?
- Regional networking



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Fig. 27: Schedule of the open space event and distribution of the working groups to various rooms.

3 Evaluation

In general, the feedback on the partner conference was very positive. This was shown both by the analysis of the results of the questionnaires and the individual personal feedback. 85 of 105 participants took part in the evaluation, both digitally and analogously.

This [link](#) directs you to the evaluation of the partner conference in multiple languages.

Please contact the weltwärts coordination office (redaktion.weltwaerts@engagement-global.de) if you would like to see the complete version with further attachments (presentations, photo documentation of the results).

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