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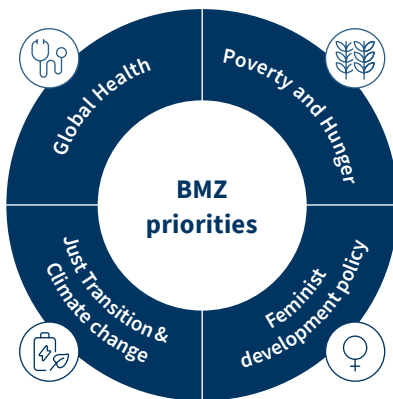
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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- MBA in Small Enterprise Promotion and Training, University of Leipzig (EPOS)
- Bachelor's Degree in International Studies, Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico) – Semester abroad in Political Science and International Relations, University of Cologne (ISAP)

Advancing the sustainability agenda – commitment to strategic governance of the SDGs in the state of Jalisco, Mexico

Laura Durdana Prado Álvarez is a **DAAD-EPOS alumna** (2016–2018) and **Coordinator** for International Affairs at the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, Jalisco, Mexico. Previously, she was responsible for aligning the state's work towards the goals of the 2030 Agenda at the Ministry of Planning and Citizen Participation of the Mexican state of Jalisco.



The SDGs as a common compass

In her role as **coordinator for the SDGs**, she was the official advocate for the **Sustainable Development Goals** within the federal state and worked on its **strategic governance and development agenda**. As the point of contact at ministerial level she maintained contact with the national government, international actors UNDP and GIZ, as well as the general public in Jalisco, the private sector, civil society and the academic community.



Networking with Germany and other countries

As a member of the **DAAD Alumni Network** and “DAAD Ambassador” Durdana Prado Álvarez is in contact **with international colleagues** who are working on the SDGs in their home countries. She also supports the DAAD by consulting **students from Mexico** regarding **study opportunities in Germany**.

BACKGROUND TO THE FUNDING PROGRAMME

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS)

Objective:Upskilling of professionals and managers from developing and emerging countries as future decision-makers and cooperation partners for Germany

Measures: Scholarships for postgraduate, master's or doctoral programmes programmes with a development focus at selected German universities.

Regions of origin: Countries on the DAC list

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