

As the largest funding organisation for cross-border scientific cooperation and international exchange, the DAAD is committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. It understands sustainability as a holistic approach that takes social, economic and ecological dimensions into account. The DAAD understands climate and environmental protection as a strategic goal, mission and commitment.



We are actively committed to climate protection and green transformation.

International academic cooperation has a key role to play in overcoming the climate crisis and is a catalyst for a green and socially just transformation. It supports and enables innovative solutions and acts as a driving force for key issues regarding environmental sustainability. With our funding programmes, we set thematic priorities for climate and environmental protection and make effective contributions to ecological sustainability. We want to further strengthen and expand our commitment in this area.



We are reducing our carbon footprint.

As a global organisation, we are aware of the impact our business activities have on the climate and the environment. Our strategic goal is to achieve climate neutrality in our business operations by 2030. In doing so, we follow the principle of 'avoid before reduce before compensate'. We are committed to ensuring that our actions are both internally and externally sustainable and climate-friendly, to continuously improving our environmental performance, and to reporting transparently on our climate and environmental impact. Looking to the future, we also take climate change into account when developing our funding portfolio and business processes.



We take a participatory approach to our climate and environmental management system.

By establishing a climate and environmental management system, we reduce consumption of resources, prevent environmental pollution and support sustainable development at the DAAD. We thereby commit to continuously improving our climate and environmental management system and our environmental performance beyond compliance with environmental laws, amongst relevant legal provisions and other binding obligations relevant to the DAAD. We identify, analyse and evaluate the direct and indirect environmental impacts of our actions and derive potential for change from this. By raising awareness and involving our staff, we encourage employees to take joint responsibility and actively practise environmental protection at the DAAD.



We promote dialogue and the learning process with our partners.

When designing our climate and environmental management system, we take into account current developments in the DAAD's environment. We engage in continuous, evidence-based dialogue with universities, scholarship holders, funding bodies and other stakeholders, and actively take on board suggestions for improvement.