

Pathways Newsletter

January 2022

Dear Pathways enthusiasts,

This January newsletter comes in a bit early, but we felt it would be nice to end the year by celebrating your involvement and contribution to the Pathways Initiative. It has been, indeed, incredibly stimulating and inspiring to see all of you coming together as a community championing daring ways of conceptualizing and doing research, in tune with the sustainability challenges at hand.

A new year full of potential is just around the corner, and we wholeheartedly encourage you to continue shaping this space by contributing ideas for future Pathways Forums and collaborative activities, and by engaging in their development. The Pathways Initiative is a space meant for reflection, co-construction and experimentation, but this space never makes more sense than when you make it yours.

We hope you have enjoyed the Pathways journey so far as much as we have. We already look forward to continuing it with you all next year!

Gilles Marciniak
& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group

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News and Events

Pathways Forum



In collaboration with the [LIRA 2030 Africa Programme](#), this Pathways Forum will offer a fascinating opportunity to explore through **concrete cases, methodological, epistemological, and practical implications** of conducting **transdisciplinary research**.

Four researchers from the LIRA programme will share their experience and key learnings from working on projects designed around the **co-production of solutions-oriented, contextualized knowledge on sustainable development in specific urban contexts in Africa**.

Speakers:

- **Kareem Buyana** - Makerere University Uganda
- **Sylvia Croese** - University of the Witwatersrand
- **Alice McClure** - University of Cape Town
- **Temilade Sesan** - University of Ibadan

Register for this event

Opportunities

Call for proposals: Pathways Communication Grant & SRI22



Pathways Communication Grant

Our grant program seeks to ensure that scientific contributions enhancing the understanding of pathways for sustainability reach relevant audiences beyond the scientific community.

[Learn more here](#)

Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress 2022

This call for session proposals is open to groups composed of anyone working in sustainability science and practice.

[Learn more here](#)

Deadline for proposals: 31 January 2022

Deadline for proposal: February 5, 2022

Funding call: Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods for Climate Neutrality

Topic 1: PEDs towards climate neutrality: transforming existing urban neighbourhoods

This call on Positive Energy Districts and Neighbourhoods for Climate Neutrality aims at aligning PED development with these ambitions and fostering PED development as a key building block towards climate neutrality.

Topic 2: Making PEDs happen: process innovation and business models

This topic focuses on the process innovation and economic feasibility for PED development. It aims at developing strategies for stakeholder cooperation, business models, public-private partnership and regulatory framework under the primacy of environmental, social and economic sustainability.

Deadline: February 24th 2022, 12:00 CET

[Find out more](#)

Funding call: Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)

Public policies and indicators for well-being and sustainable development

Global governance for a world in transition: Norms, institutions, actors

Deadline: April 20th 2022, 17:00 CET

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Spotlight

Call of papers: 2022 Toronto Conference on Earth System Governance



The **2022 Toronto Conference** will be organized around the **five analytical lenses** structuring the new earth system governance research agenda, as captured in the **2018 Earth System Governance Science and Implementation Plan**; and a **sixth stream** focusing on specific issues and challenges that emerge as efforts are made to accelerate the social, political, and technological shift towards more fundamentally sustainable and inclusive social-ecological systems, societies and polities.

Deadline for paper and full session abstracts: 1 February, 2022

Deadline for Innovative Sessions: 15 February, 2022

[Find out more](#)

News from the Belmont Forum Pathways CRA



This section is dedicated to informing you about the 13 research networks that have been funded under the [Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action \(CRA\)](#) on Pathways for Sustainability. [Learn more about the funded networks](#)

How to organize a transdisciplinary workshop gathering several locations and different groups?

This was the challenge of the first workshop of the **AirGeo project**, which virtually brought together teams from Senegal, Bénin, and three French cities.

Researchers from the **humanities sciences, environmental and physical sciences** as well as **designers**, makers and artists joined a **hybrid, multi-place, multi-actor session** to exchange ideas, share experiences and concepts, followed by a prototyping of passive bio-sensors.

Graphic facilitation, short pre-recorded videos and professional animation were some of the key ingredients of the outcomes of this first workshop.

[Learn more here](#) (this webpage is currently available in French, the English version will be online soon)



Publications

Featured Publications

A feminist ethos for caring knowledge production in transdisciplinary sustainability science (2021, Sustainability Science)

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Sociology for sustainability science (2021, Discover Sustainability)

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Other Publications

Transformative pathways – Using integrated assessment models more effectively to open up plausible and desirable low-carbon futures (2021, Energy Research & Social Science)

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Aiding ocean development planning with SDG relationship in Small Islands Developing States (2021, Nature Sustainability)

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