The MGG Academy brings together young professionals from rising powers and Europe to collectively address global challenges. In their home countries, the participants work in government institutions, think tanks and research institutions, civil society and the private sector.

The main objective of the MGG Academy is to support and prepare future change-makers for a professional and personal life dedicated to sustainable development at home and in the world. Building trust, exchanging perspectives and developing a mutual understanding belong to the core assets of the Academy.

The MGG Academy is based on the premise that profound knowledge, leadership qualities as well as visionary action are of core importance for transformative change. The four-month course thus blends academic modules, modules on leadership development and applied project work. It thereby combines a broad range of interactive working methods, including practical experience and participatory approaches, lectures, study trips, peer coaching and personal reflection. At the core of the MGG Academy 2022, participants will focus on the opportunities and challenges of global cooperation and transformation to sustainability in times of disruptive crisis.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Country</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aliasger Bootwalla</td>
<td>India</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Lena Niebling</td>
<td>Germany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bruna Eboli Machado</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Manoj Kumar Joshi</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carlos Eduardo Lustosa Da Costa</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Marcel Artioli</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Bates Flores</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Mauricio Daniel Aceves Torres</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Déborah García Luna González</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Nomtha Hadi</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Defbry Margiansyah</td>
<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>Sabrina Dieter</td>
<td>Germany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fajar Yuda Arafah</td>
<td>Indonesia</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>Santana Khanikar</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Futhi Pretty Vilakazi</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Simran Dhingra</td>
<td>India</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgina Morales Osorio</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Wana Alamsyah</td>
<td>Indonesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Isabela Lisboa Blumm</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Xin Wang</td>
<td>China</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jie Li</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>Zahrina Zul Tamimi</td>
<td>Indonesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kealeboga Ramaru</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Zuko Makaula</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The rules of the last 75 years were set at a different time in history when developing countries followed the discourse set by developed countries. I want to see an equitable world of rule makers and shared rule-takers in global governance.”
I believe in promoting transformation through innovative practices and solutions, for people and with people, in pursuit of a more just and less unequal society. I want to contribute to the transformation of public management to improve public services for communities, such as education, health and safety.”
As a public auditor in the environmental field, I am interested in exploring how governments use different forms of governance, structures, and arrangements to implement the 2030 Agenda. In particular, how they address political, institutional, and cultural challenges to better understand how they tackle climate change issues.
I am greatly determined to ignite social transformation through emerging technologies because they play a fundamental role in providing forceful and noteworthy solutions to these challenges while positively contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

— DAVID BATES FLORES
Country
Mexico

Institution
Voluntad Organizada A.C.

Expertise
- Gender
- International cooperation
- Monitoring and evaluation of projects.

“I want to participate in the MGG Academy to become a change maker for gender problems. My objective is to lead civil society organizations into mainstreaming gender and creating more efficient projects that address violence against women.”
Living in an increasingly interconnected and uncertain world makes global collaboration based on mutual respect key to overcoming cross-border challenges and creating a profound transformation towards a more sustainable and peaceful future.
Working with the Ministry of State-Owned Enterprises allows me to have a bigger impact on supporting sustainable development through policy and regulation in Indonesia. I believe that business enterprises significantly contribute to accelerating the process of a global agenda.
I would like to change people’s mindset and behavior towards the environment and particularly towards water. I would like people to understand that nature and the environment take care of them and if they destruct nature or the environment they are committing suicide.”
I would like to observe more citizen participation in politics. To guarantee the full enjoyment of people’s rights, democratic values need to be genuinely present and exercised.
ISABELA LISBOA BLUMM

Country
Brazil

Institution
Ministry of Economy

Expertise
- Social policy
- Innovation in the public sector
- Public healthcare

“Through a career in the public sector, I work with the goal of generating public value and I see the result of my actions take shape in collective goods; that is my main motivation to work in this field. The MGG Academy will expand my instruments and network to transform reality through cooperation and connection with peers who share similar values and goals.”
I hope that there will be more global cooperation and person-to-person exchanges among countries. Today globalization is facing challenges, but I believe close economic ties among different countries, a stable global supply chain and diversified cultural exchanges will benefit more people.
KEALEBOGA RAMARU

Country
South Africa

Institution
Heinrich Boell Foundation, Cape Town

Expertise
- Feminist democracy and movement building
- Community organizer
- Facilitator

“I desire to live in an equitable world where access to basic quality socio-economic needs is a reality for all.”
The participation in the program gives me the chance to come from worrying about and acting individually against climate change to conceptional participation towards a global common goal."
I come from a cultural background where providing girls' education is paramount. Working in underprivileged communities, I noticed that education is just a dream for millions of girls in India. Every girl deserves an education, and to do so, their families must be made aware of the need for education.”
My main motivation is to fight poverty and income inequality by opening blocked development opportunities for the poor. I am particularly interested in promoting social inclusion by improving land-use policies.”
The speed of world dynamics forces us to develop solutions quickly. Understanding root problems and creating actions to solve them have always been my motivation.
I am passionate about research, education, and lifelong learning. I concur with Nelson Mandela's quote – "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." That belief motivates me to continue my work. If I can change a few people, I will contribute to changing my country and the world at large.
I am greatly determined to contribute to a just and liveable planet and to have an impact on a better tomorrow. I strongly believe that a global change towards a fairer, more equal, and more sustainable world cannot be initiated solely in the Global South but has to be implemented in German society, too.”
I want to see a world where democratic institutional processes achieve egalitarian and inclusive ethos in practice, enabling societies to develop in a conflict-free and sustainable manner. This requires an end to contemporary practices of institutionalized violence towards members of marginalized groups across the world."
SIMRAN DHINGRA

Country
India

Institution
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), India Office

Expertise
- Sustainable development
- International relations
- Project management

“I believe sustainable development has immense potential to create massive social change & transformation, hence creating evolution, growth, and development for citizens across the world. From my lens, it encompasses propelling progress across various spectrums to help individuals create justifiable, environment-friendly & financially viable lives.”
I believe that emerging issues such as climate change, shrinking civic space, corruption, and many more challenges must be addressed not only by individuals or certain groups, but by means of collective action representing various backgrounds in order to build a movement that is intersectional and to increase pressure.”
XIN WANG

Country
China

Institution
The first affiliated hospital of Xi’an Jiaotong University

Expertise
- Global cooperation
- Scientific program specialist
- Knowledge sharing and continuous improvement

“I believe curiosity and initiative are important for a change maker. Young talents start with learning, and curiosity-driven people never stop learning. I look forward to seeing inspiring scientific cooperation between developing and developed countries in the MGG Academy.”
I believe that formats like the MGG Academy are a first step towards a stronger and more resilient society. Collaborating with participants from diverse backgrounds enables us to broaden our perspectives on the world’s sustainable development issues.”
Country
South Africa

Institution
National School of Government

Expertise
- Learning and development
- Project management
- Change management.

“"My main motivation to work in this field is to contribute towards empowering the South African public servants in order to improve their performance in providing services to its citizens. I am eager to contribute to building a skilled and professional South African public service.""