

## Application Form Part I: Applicant's Statement

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the MGG Academy 2026. The Academy is an international dialogue and training format that contributes to both human and institutional capacity development. It aims at enhancing your competences as early- to mid-career professional within your institution and to strengthen your institution's capacities related to global governance, international cooperation and sustainable development.

With the application to the MGG Academy 2026, you also apply to become a member of the MGG Network. You commit yourself to developing innovative knowledge and inspiring action for transformative change and sustainable development.

We are interested in your personal motivation and qualification as well as your institutional background. In the application form, you will therefore find questions regarding yourself, such as your professional interest in sustainable development, global and international cooperation, as well as your workplace.

The MGG Academy is committed to diversity and inclusion. We aim to promote greater diversity and representation within the programme, ensuring an inclusive environment where participants from varied backgrounds can thrive. We invite applications from eligible individuals from all backgrounds, identities, and experiences to apply, irrespective of their gender, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious backgrounds, physical ability etc.. Some of the questions below are intended to help us create a diverse and inclusive group of participants. We also ask about specific needs you may have, allowing us to make reasonable efforts to support your participation. All data collected will be handled with confidentiality.

Please note: Our goal is to get to know you and understand your individual abilities and potential. AI-generated content does not give us an accurate representation of your skills, creativity, and unique perspective. We request you to develop your own profile and ideas. In the selection process, we favour personal, specific accounts over generic, impersonal content that shows signs of AI usage.

Please refer to the conditions for participation before applying. This form is to be completed and signed by the applicant.

We look forward to your application!



Dr Tatjana Reiber  
Head of MGG Academy

Name, surname

Title

Chosen / preferred name (if applicable)

Country of permanent residence

Institution / employer

Sector

Public sector

Private sector

Civil society

Academia/Research

Other

Position

Your field of expertise in 3 keywords

Have you applied to the MGG Academy before?

Yes\*

No

\*If yes, when?

Specific needs

Do you have any specific accessibility needs to participate in the MGG Academy? Please explain more (For example: physical accessibility, dietary restrictions, assistive technologies, etc.)

English proficiency

Basic knowledge\*

\*Ability to ask questions and give short answers in daily life situations; basic ability to express yourself in a simple way.

Intermediate knowledge\*

\*Ability to have a basic dialogue around familiar topics and to ask questions on new topics. Not able to actively discuss topics on a professional level yet.

Good knowledge\*

\*Ability to follow and actively participate in group discussions, to reflect on the content of various modules and to express and explain personal views and opinions.

Excellent knowledge\*

\*Fluid and grammatically correct expression of thoughts on a broad range of topics, broad variety of vocabulary, ability to express yourself in a differentiated manner, even on complex or new topics.

Mother tongue

Education (please submit a copy of the diploma / certificate of the highest qualification)

From (mm.yyyy)	To (mm.yyyy)	University	Field/Main Subjects	Qualification/Diploma (e.g. BA, Master, PhD)

Topic or title of your highest academic thesis

Were there significant challenges or barriers that impacted your access to education and/or professional opportunities? Please describe briefly.

How many years of working experience do you have related to topics in the field of global governance/sustainable development/leadership?

 years

Employment (starting with your current position, list your work experience in reverse order - max. last 15 years)

From	To	Employer	Position / Job description

Please provide a detailed overview of your current position. Describe your team or department's function and your responsibilities within it: To what extent are issues of sustainable development related to your current function and responsibilities? Are there any projects/results/services that you are particularly proud of? (min. 250 - max. 600 words)

Do you have leadership experience?

Yes\*

No

\*If yes, please describe

Can you share an example of when you became active for a cause in your community or work place?  
What did you do and what was the result? (max. 300 words)

Are there aspects of your personal or professional journey that have shaped your perspective on leadership?  
(max. 300 words)

What motivates you? What are your plans and ambitions (for the near future and for the longer run)?  
(max. 350 words)

Please explain your motivation and objectives for participation in the MGG Academy.  
(min. 150 - max. 300 words)

Can you describe a situation where you resorted to your professional network to solve a problem/achieve a goal/create an opportunity?  
(min. 100 - max. 200 words)

The MGG Academy involves elements of experiential learning and sharing of personal challenges. The variety of working methods invites you to go out of your comfort zone. In addition, you will be part of a diverse group with sometimes contrasting perspectives and you will be living in a potentially new and different environment. Please share a concrete example that shows how you handle challenging and/or unfamiliar situations.

(min. 100 – max. 200 words)

Please choose one area of sustainable development and/or international cooperation that is of special interest to you and explain why. Describe the main challenges in this field and how they affect development outcomes. In your answer, also reflect on how this area connects with other sectors or issues and consider both local and global perspectives. What solutions or approaches do you think could address these interconnected challenges? (min. 250 - max. 800 words)

## Declaration by the applicant

- I hereby apply to participate in the MGG Academy 2026.
- I confirm that the information provided above is correct and complete. Where required, this is documented by certificates.
- I confirm that I have read, understood and accept the conditions for participation.

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Date	Place	Signature

## Regulation on data utilization and privacy protection

By signing below, you agree that your personal data will be processed by the MGG Academy for the selection process. Only the selection committee will have access to your personal data. Your personal data will not be given to a third party. We will only retain the data of those who are selected. The personal data of applicants who are not selected, except for the name and institution of the applicant, will be deleted after the statistical analysis and the finalization of the selection process.

If you are selected for the MGG Academy:

- Your data will be used to support your participation (e.g. visa process, registration, administration, etc.) in the MGG Academy.
- Your personal data will be given to third parties (e.g. insurances, landlords and landladies, partner institutions, etc.) to support your participation.
- Your contact details will be shared with other selected candidates and the MGG contact persons in your country to support the onboarding process.
- You authorize IDOS to contact German authorities for pertinent information to support your participation in the MGG Academy (e.g. visa process).
- Your data will be retained after the completion of the MGG Academy to support your participation as a member of the MGG network unless otherwise requested.

We will never forward your information for commercial purposes.

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