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“No matter what our culture or religion, we all have an interest in preserving the earth’s natural resources for future generations and we all want healthy food, clean water and a safe life. We must pool our strengths by increasing international research cooperation through a joint research agenda.”

(Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan, Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany, Ny-Alesund Symposium, Norway, 30 June 2008).



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## International Dialogue on Science for Sustainability



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**Igniting ideas!**

## Dialogue for Sustainability

Internationally coordinated research agendas are a must when it comes to finding sustainable solutions to the global challenges of our time. For this reason, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has launched a series of dialogues with key emerging economies. Bilateral events are being held under the title “Sustainable Solutions – Science for Sustainability” (D4S). The objective is to establish the foundations for long-term, strategic partnerships in research for sustainability.

## Partners

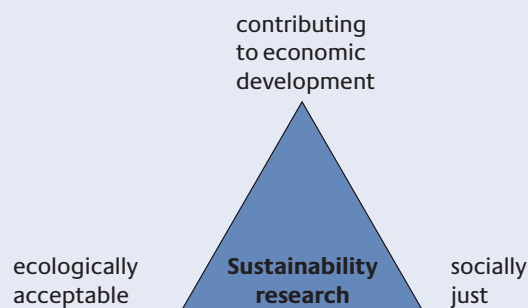
Germany’s first partner countries in this initiative are Brazil, China, India, Russia, and South Africa.



## Background

It is becoming increasingly clear that the traditional paths of industrialization and growth are threatening the global environment and the resource base of future generations. Science and technology development have an increasingly important role to play in identifying sustainable solutions and in generating innovations that lead to higher levels of energy and resource efficiency and reduce emission of greenhouse gases.

**Sustainability research addresses three conflicting aspects**



The German research and innovation system has taken up this challenge. Since 2005, the Framework Programme “Research for Sustainability” is being implemented and funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The “Internationalization Strategy” and the “High-Tech Strategy” of the German Federal Government give international cooperation in science and technology a significant role in securing a sustainable future.

The “Gleneagles Dialogue on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development” and the “Heiligen-damm Process” call for a global research agenda to address global challenges by joining resources.



## Objectives

- Strengthen scientific and technological cooperation between Germany and the partner countries
- Jointly generate sustainable solutions through research to effectively combat climate change and for the protection of the global environment and the natural resource base
- Develop innovative and structured input to the ongoing process of defining an international research agenda towards global sustainable development
- Enhance the visibility of sustainability science and technology and the dissemination of research findings and technology transfer

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