

Subnational Diplomacy Shaping Global Affairs

15.06.2025

Sunday

19.00h

Welcome Dinner

Rheinhotel Dreesen, Rheinstrasse 45-49, 53179, Bonn

16.06.2025

Monday

08.30h

Registration

Rheinhotel Dreesen, Rheinstrasse 45-49, 53179, Bonn

09.00h

Welcome Address

Dr. Mayssoun Zein Al Din, Executive Director of the Academy of International Affairs NRW

09.15h

Towards a Brighter Heartlands Future: US and European local leaders on a successful heartland region economic and social renewal

Roundtable

Speakers:

John Austin, AIA NRW

Thomas Dermine, Mayor of Charleroi, Belgium

Martina Guzman, Creator of the Detroit-Berlin Connection

Steve Patterson, Mayor of Athens, Ohio

Ryan Sorenson, Wisconsin Mayor

10.45h

Coffee Break

11.15h

The link between traditional diplomacy and paradiplomacy

Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska, University of Lodz

Tomasz Kaminski, University of Lodz

12.45h

Lunch Break

14.00h

Municipalities: A Key Element of Germany's China Policy?

Roundtable

Speakers:

Andrea Frenzel, Freelance Academic Author

Nadine Godehardt, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Nils Hegewisch, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

David Schulze, Universität Bochum

Anna Shpakovskaya, AIA NRW

15.30h

Coffee Break

16.06.2025

Monday

16.15h

Science Diplomacy

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Workshop

Speaker:

Charlotte Gehrke, Nord University

Local Diplomacy and Alternative Governance: Pathways to Stability, Justice, and Conflict Transformation

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Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Summar Iqbal Barbar, AIA NRW

Ifedayo Malachi, AIA NRW

Mujtaba Ali Isani, DAAD Long-term Guest Professor of Political Science, Quaid-e-Azam University

Oyewole Simon Oginni, Senior Researcher, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies, bicc

19.00h

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21.00h

"Rheinischer Abend", with Stephan Eisel, author and piano cabaret artist, Chairman "Bürger für Beethoven"

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17.06.2025

Tuesday

09.00h

Workshop

PART I: Subnational diplomacy and multi-level governance

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Speakers:

Steven Frigerio, Hive Ventures

Oliver Rohde, DLR

Landry Charrier, DLR

Felix Rudroff, DLR

Alexander Plé, Institute for Qualifying Innovation Research and Consulting, IQIB

10.30h

Coffee Break

11.00h

PART II: Subnational diplomacy and multi-level governance

12.30h

Lunch Break

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17.06.2025

Tuesday

14.00h

Can City Diplomacy Bridge the Policy Gap between Migration and Climate Change?

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Roundtable

Speakers:

Paul Costello, German Marshall Fund

Janina Stürner-Siovitz, European Philanthropic Initiative for Migration, Brussels

Helen Yu, City Practice Lead, Mayors Migration Council, Paris

Empowering Youth for Cross-Border Collaboration: Sub-National Diplomacy and Climate Action

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Roundtable

Speakers:

Chisomo Banda, AIA Fellow

Stuart Brown, CEO of Scotland-Malawi Partnership

Willow Fortunoff, UNFCC

Stuart MacDonald, ICR Research; AIA Fellow

Andy Paice, CrownShy (online)

15.30h

Coffee Break

16.15h

Local Democracy and Innovation to Resist Illiberal Governments

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Roundtable

Speakers:

Paul Costello, German Marshall Fund

Tamara Ehs, AIA NRW

Juraj Hurný, Head of the Urban Studies Bratislava

Oliver Pilz, Policy Secretary to the Mayor of Budapest

Shaping progressive city agendas

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Roundtable

Speakers:

Debora Figueiredo Mendonça do Prado, AIA NRW; Federal University of Uberlândia, UFU

Gabriela Iacobuta, Independent consultant for the Global Environment Facility (GEF); Associate Researcher IDOS

Karolina Kluczevska, AIA NRW

Tim White, LSE London; FU Berlin

17.45h

End of day

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18.06.2025

Wednesday

09.00h

"Fostering Inclusive Environments: Unlocking the Potential of Subnational Diplomacy"

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Workshop

Speakers:

Tonka Kostadinova, University of Cyprus
Agata Rydzewska, University of Warsaw

10.30h

Coffee Break

11.00h

Regional Diplomacy Simulation

Workshop

Speaker:

Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska, University of Lodz

12.30h

Closing Session: Lessons and Ways Forward

Speakers:

Katja Freistein, AIA NRW
Manuel Becker, AIA NRW

13.00h

Lunch Break

16.00h

Meet-up to commute to Bonn City Hall

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17.00h

Reception by the Lord Mayor of Bonn at Bonn City Hall

Bonn City Hall (Rathaus), Markt 2, 53111, Bonn

Speakers:

Dr. Ursula Sautter, Honorary Mayor, City of Bonn
Dr. Mayssoun Zein Al Din, Director, Academy of International Affairs NRW

19.00h

Farewell Party

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