Invitation

In the name of the Innovation Campus Bonn (ICB), we cordially invite you to the

digitainable Thinkathon -
Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development

**on Tuesday, 28 April 2020
from 9.30am to 6pm
in the Center for Development Research (ZEF),
Genscherallee 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany.**

Digitalization and sustainability are mega discourses of our time, raising a range of questions. How will digitalization shape sustainable development? How can it contribute to an inclusive global sustainability, in the spirit of the central objective of the UN Agenda, "leaving no one behind"? Moreover, how can we build the research and practice communities to approach these questions? Challenges posed by digitalization and sustainability are complex; sustainable transformation requires intensive research, communication, and collaboration on how to steer the digitalization process so that innovation and evolvement can emerge.

What can be expected from participation in the *digitainable Thinkathon*?

The digitainable Thinkathon is unorthodox in design, meaning that it brings together a community of interested actors from research, the private sector, civil society and public administration to foster collaboration between people from different places and disciplines. The focus of the workshop is on exploring "out-of-the-box" approaches that tackle existing problems and foster systematic progress towards the alignment of digitalization with the SDGs and their respective indicators. Solutions are formulated in a hands-on way to support policymakers in developing strategies for digitalization and sustainability.

The workshop will be structured around a couple of overarching themes. Before the event, applicants are asked to fill in an online form to take part in shaping challenges which the participants will work on during the workshop. The workshop design contains group activities, plenaries and thematical interactions among participants. The result will be presented and discussed with excellent experts from various sectors to conclude on achieved outcomes. Finally, there will be food to keep our minds running.

How to apply?

We encourage interested people from research, the private sector, civil society, public administration and the general public, who are working on and/or are interested in working at the interface of digitalization and sustainability, to apply. Spoken language during the event is English. As there will be a live stream at the digitainable Thinkathon, there is an opportunity for the international community to take part remotely.

You can apply for on-site participation or register for remote participation via live stream. If you are a professional, please apply here for on-site participation. If you are a student, please apply here for on-site participation. Application is open until February 18. Register for live stream here until April 19. **Be aware, that applying does not guarantee for participation and that due to limited spaces, there will be a selection procedure!**

We look forward to your participation at the digitainable Thinkathon!

Yours sincerely,
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