ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

News Bulletin
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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:
- 26 and 27 General Assembly (focused on Bylaws).
- ITD Alliance Events: 3 upcoming (24 June, 26 & 27 June, 9 & 10 October).
- New and Renewing Members.
- Opportunity for Masters Students: *GAIA* Masters Student Paper 2026.
- Conference News.
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Members are invited to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing questions or announcements. See "About this News Bulletin" below.

26 and 27 General Assembly (focused on Bylaws)

Agenda and important information for the ITD Alliance 26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly

The annual General Assembly is an important opportunity for members to participate in building a strong, effective and representative association for both institutional and individual members.

ITD Alliance members were sent an email on 4 June 2025 with the agenda and important information about the 26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly (Bylaws). *If you believe you are a member and did not receive the email, please contact Executive Secretary, Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org), to ensure your membership is current.*

The 26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly (Bylaws) will deal with proposed updates to the bylaws, involving both changes and clarifications. There is also an opportunity to

review and discuss the procedures through which the bylaws are implemented by the Leadership Board. The procedures are being gathered together in a single public document as an aid to corporate memory and to foster clarity and transparency. These updates reflect the growth and evolution of the ITD Alliance and are designed to strengthen its foundations. They also lay necessary groundwork for the Leadership Board elections at the second General Assembly, scheduled for October.

The web page for the [26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly (Bylaws)](#) meetings includes the exact meeting times, Zoom link, other key dates, agenda and papers, and voting details. Recordings and slides will also be posted on the page after the meetings.

Your voice – and vote – matter and will help shape the ITD Alliance for the future.

ITD Alliance events

Quality & Rigour Discussion Session, "ttt – testing transdisciplinary tools", Online, 24 June 2025 at 5 p.m. CET

The [Quality & Rigour Project](#) of the ITD Alliance [Toolkits & Methods Working Group](#) sponsors a series of sessions to offer an open platform for dialogue and reflection on the quality and scientific rigour of ITD methods. The next session, on 24 June 2025 at 5 p.m. CET, will be hosted by Christine Hobelsberger & Gregor Schmidt of the team knowledge transfer for regional learning processes of InNoWest. They will introduce the 'ttt – testing transdisciplinary tools' format and share and discuss their experiences with it. The focus will be on two questions in particular:
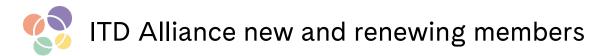
- (How) can formats such as 'ttt – testing transdisciplinary tools' contribute to more quality and rigour in ITD research?
- And how can providers of such formats themselves ensure quality and rigour?

Date & Time: 24 June 2025 at 5 p.m. CET
Location: Online, [Join on Zoom](#)

ITD Alliance General Assembly meetings scheduled for 26 & 27 June and 9 & 10 October 2025

There will be two General Assemblies in 2025, each with two online meetings to accommodate global time zones. The first on 26 and 27 June is described above. The second on 9 and 10 October will be for financial and other reporting, as well as elections to the Leadership Board. There will be a two week online voting period following each set of meetings. For more information, see: https://itd-alliance.org/general-assemblies-2025/.

ITD Alliance new and renewing members

One of the goals of the ITD Alliance is to encourage and support networking among members. In this section we introduce our newest members and highlight our current members who have renewed since the 29 April 2025 News Bulletin. Thank you!

New Institutional Members

- University of Lagos (UNILAG), Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria (https://chsdunilag.org/)
The Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development (CHSD) at the University of Lagos promotes inter and transdisciplinary research through collaboration with government, civil society, professional and community groups within and outside Nigeria. It is a centre of excellence in Urbanization and Habitable Cities under the African Research Universities Alliance-UK Research and Innovation-Global Challenges Research Fund (ARUA-UKRI GCRF) partnership fund with partners in 9 other African Universities. Through this, CHSD has carried out scoping studies, workshops and conferences addressing salient urban problems in Africa such as urban transportation, informality and inequality and urban Resilience. These studies are carried out by collaborative groups guided to be composed of interdisciplinary academic researchers and non-academic researchers. CHSD also has a PhD programme in Sustainable Urbanization that is designed to promote interdisciplinary research and researchers, with teaching and supervision spread across different faculties.

Renewing Institutional Members

- CETRAD - UTAD, Centre for Transdisciplinary Development Studies, University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal (https://www.cetrad.utad.pt/pt-pt/)
CETRAD (Centre for Transdisciplinary Development Studies) is a research unit in social sciences hosted by the UTAD (University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro) located in the city of Vila Real, in the Northeast of Portugal. It is funded by the FCT (Foundation for Science and Technology), the Portuguese public agency that supports research in science, technology and innovation in all areas of knowledge. CETRAD's multidisciplinary team integrates researchers from a diversity of sciences:anthropology, economics, business & management, social work, sociology, tourism, agrarian, development studies, regional and rural studies. The CETRAD mission is creating knowledge built on innovative approaches aimed at promoting inclusive smart sustainable wellbeing development policies, strategies, processes in low-density territories (rural and intermediate areas).

- TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland (https://tdlab.usys.ethz.ch)
We are a place where students, teachers, researchers, and other societal actors collaboratively define and tackle the complexities of sustainable development to respect environmental limits and uphold social justice for present and future generations. The TdLab conceptualizes and tests educational and research approaches to tackle complexities of sustainable development.

For a full list of institutional members of the ITD Alliance, visit the public Members page.

New and Renewing Individual Members

Asia

- Tomohiro Akiyama, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Rico Ancog, School of Environmental Science and Management, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines
- Ei, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Kentaro Hayashi, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Hein Mallee, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Andi Patiware Metaragakusuma, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Nguyen Bich Ngoc, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Kenichi Sawazaki, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*

- Nako Shigesada, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Mikitaro Shobayashi, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Norie Tamura, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Makoto Taniguchi, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Christmas Uchiyama, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Grace Wong, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*

Europe

- Stephanie Briers, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Mollie Chapman, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Vanja Djinlev, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Nathalie Dupin, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Katrine Ellemose Lindvig, University of Copenhagen, Dept. of Science Education, Denmark
- Simon Grant, Belgium
- Shiila Infriccioli, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Lorena Kuratle, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Ekaterina Kutafina, Institute for Biomedical Informatics, University Hospital of Cologne, Germany
- Philipp Lischer, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Marlene Mader, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Franziska Mohr, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Ulrike Payerhofer, University of Applied Arts Vienna, Austria
- Christian Pohl, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Konstanty Ramotowski, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Anne-Sophie Schaltegger, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Elena Grace Siegrist, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL, Land Change Science, Switzerland
- Michael Stauffacher, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Bianca Vienni-Baptista, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Juanita von Rothkirch, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Ariane Wenger, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Helena Winiger, TdLab, ETH Zürich (Transdisciplinarity Lab), Switzerland*
- Hussein Zeidan, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Jialin Zhang, Eawag, Eidgenössische Anstalt für Wasserversorgung, Abwasserreinigung und Gewässerschutz, Switzerland*

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Guadalupe Peres Cajias, Universidad Católica Boliviana-sede La Paz, Bolivia

North America

- Candace Bloomquist, Creighton University, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, USA
- Catherine Jackson, Salisbury University, United States
- Bethany Laursen, University of Michigan, Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research, USA

- Suzanne A. Pierce, University of Texas at Austin, Texas Advanced Computing Center, USA
- Adrian Wolfberg, Organizational Insight Consulting, USA

Oceania

- Iain Gordon, Australian National University, Australia
- Payal Maharaj, University of Queensland and University of the South Pacific, Fiji

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Oluwatoyin Adeniyi, University of Lagos, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria✱
- Peter Elias, University of Lagos, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria✱
- Oluwaseun Muraina, University of Lagos, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria✱
- Timothy Nubi, University of Lagos, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria✱
- Joy Obadoba, University of Lagos, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria✱
- Esther Thontteh, University of Lagos, Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Nigeria✱

✱ Individual member included with institutional membership. To learn about the benefits of joining the ITD Alliance as an institutional member (including multiple complimentary individual memberships, depending on organisation size), see our [Membership](#) page.

We encourage you to connect with your colleagues, especially those in your region. You can find contact information for individual members in the [Member Area](#) of the ITD Alliance website (log-in required).
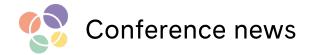
Opportunity for Masters Students

2026 *GAIA* Masters Student Paper Award, *GAIA – Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society*

The international journal *GAIA – Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society* invites Masters students from any country to participate in the [2026 *GAIA* Masters Student Paper Award](#). Masters students are encouraged to submit their results from research-based courses / Masters theses in transdisciplinary environmental and sustainability science.

The winner will be granted prize money of EUR 1,500 endowed by the Selbach Environmental Foundation and the Dialogik gGmbH as well as a free one-year subscription to GAIA, including free online access.

Deadline: 28 November 2025; **View submission details**:
https://www.oekom.de/zeitschriften/wissenschaftliche-zeitschriften/gaia/c-131

Conference news

Swiss Real-World Labs Conference, Wednesday, 20 August 2025, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ETH Zürich, Switzerland

The first Swiss Real-World Laboratory Conference will take place at ETH Zürich on 20 August 2025. The aim is to raise awareness of current real-world laboratory, living lab and transition projects, strengthen mutual exchange and discuss their future in Switzerland. Registration Is open from 5-27 June. Places are limited. View details at https://tdlab.usys.ethz.ch/events.html.

About this News Bulletin

This News Bulletin focuses on the activities of the ITD Alliance and its members.

Members are encouraged to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing to sections of the bulletin:
- Consult the community – Ask questions of the community and respond to member questions to support our teaching and learning, as individuals and as a community.
- Member conferences and events – Announce inter- and transdisciplinarity related events hosted by you or your institution.
- Member news – Share news of inter- and transdisciplinarity related reports on activities, awards you have received or other good news.

We also welcome contributions that may interest members such as:
- Opportunities for consulting or employment, grants and prizes or visiting fellowships
- Policy news in education, funding and research
- Conference news about dates and locations and calls for submissions
- Conference reports
- Journal news about calls for submissions to special issues related to inter- and transdisciplinarity.

Please send contributions to Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org) at least a week before you would like to see them published. We aim to publish every two weeks, but the day may vary.

The News Bulletin is sent to all members of the ITD Alliance and to interested colleagues who have joined the mailing list at https://itd-alliance.org/newsletter. To be sure News Bulletins don't end up in a spam folder, add info@itd-alliance.org to your contacts list. Feel free to share the News Bulletin with anyone who may be interested.

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