



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

News Bulletin
9 July 2025

Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

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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 June General Assembly: Vote now until 13 July

As a member of the ITD Alliance, your voice – and vote – matter and help shape the ITD Alliance for the future.

[Vote now](#) on three proposed bylaw changes and three proposed bylaw clarifications. The online voting form is now available. Voting will conclude on 13 July 2025 at midnight of the last time zone. Voting results will be announced by 18 July 2025.

Resources to inform your vote can be found on the web page for the [26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly \(Bylaws\)](#), including:

- Agenda Papers about the proposed changes and clarifications,
- Recording of the first meeting,
- Presentation slides from the meetings, and
- The link to the [online voting form](#), which contains details about the voting process.

Thank you in advance for your votes on key issues for the future of the ITD Alliance.



ITD Alliance events

Grappling with Transdisciplinarity: Tips and Challenges, Webinar, ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network, 31 July 2025

The ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network invites you to a webinar on 31 July 2025:

*Grappling with Transdisciplinarity: Tips and Challenges.
A dialogue between Allan O'Connor (Adelaide University, Australia) and
Allanah Ryan (Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University of New Zealand).*

As the leadership of universities and related organisations increasingly embraces transdisciplinarity in research and teaching as a way of tackling complex societal and environmental problems, what does it mean for those on the ground who are tasked with introducing transdisciplinary approaches? Adelaide University in Australia (which is newly established from an amalgamation of the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide) and Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University of New Zealand are leading institutions addressing these challenges. Allan O'Connor and Allanah Ryan are heading up the change processes and have rich experience to share. They will make brief scene-setting presentations about their university's context and approach to transdisciplinarity, what their institutions "have going for them," and the main challenges, along with how they are addressing them.

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025

Time: 12.30-2pm AEST (with the final 30 minutes reserved for a Talanoa (open discussion)) ([convert to your time zone](#))

[Register at Humanitix](#) (The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants)

For more details, see the [Member Events](#) page or [download the flyer](#).

ITD Alliance General Assembly meetings (focused on reporting and elections) scheduled for 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. For more information, see: <https://itd-alliance.org/general-assemblies-2025/>.



Working Group news

Organizational Change for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Working Group launched

The Organizational Change for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD) Working Group was initiated at the ITD24 conference in Utrecht in November 2024. The purpose of the working group is to be practice-oriented, helping institutions to promote the value of ITD as well as helping institutions prepare for scientific and societal changes that will require inter- and transdisciplinary research.

In the short term (2025-26), the working group will allow for exchanging experiences of inter- and transdisciplinarity work within the working group community. They aim to particularly reach out to ITD Alliance's institutional members. These activities should result in creating a shared broad inventory of topical current organizational challenges related to the promotion of organisational change for inter- and transdisciplinarity.

Two inaugural digital workshops are scheduled for:

10 Sep 2025, 16:00-18:00 CET (7:00-9:00 Pacific Time)

18 Sep 2025, 8:00-10:00 CET (16:00-18:00 Eastern Australia Time)

Sign-up to connect (before 4 Sep to attend events):

<https://doit.medfarm.uu.se/bin/kurt3/kurt/8888195>

For more details see the working group web page: <https://itd-alliance.org/working-groups/organizational-change-for-itd/>.

New Discussions on Quality and Rigour Criteria for ITD Methods

The [Quality & Rigour Project of the ITD Alliance Toolkits & Methods Working Group](#) sponsors a series of sessions providing an open platform for dialogue and reflection on the quality and scientific rigour of ITD methods. The most recent session took place online on June 24, hosted by Christine Hobelsberger, Gregor Schmidt, and Verena Graf (all affiliated with the [InNoWest](#) project). The session focused on the format *ttt – testing transdisciplinary tools*. 13 participants discussed criteria for assessing the quality and rigour of ITD, including “street credibility” and “transdisciplinarity seal.” For further insights, visit the [Living Document](#) that records the criteria discussed during the Quality & Rigour Discussion Sessions.



Member publications

New Member Publications

We are pleased to announce a new publication by an ITD Alliance member. The full list for late 2024 and 2025 publications is sortable and searchable on the [Member Publications](#) web page. Congratulations to our member.

Member author(s): Benjamin Hofmann

Citation: Hofmann, B., Reber, U., Ammann, P., Dötzer, J., Mark, J., McCallum, C., Wiget, M. & Zachmann, L. (2025). A typology of interdisciplinary collaborations: insights from agri-

food transformation research. *Sustainability Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-025-01702-x>

Description: The paper introduces three types of interdisciplinary collaborations: (I) common base, (II) common destination, and (III) sequential link. It provides empirical examples for these types from agri-food research, demonstrating how the typology helps to systematize and reflect on interdisciplinary research design and implementation.

View the [Member Publications](#) web page and submit your publication to share.



Relevant event

Course Launch Webinar, “Advances in Transdisciplinary Research on Global Environmental Change in Latin America and the Caribbean”, Online, 16 July 2025

The Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research extends a warm invitation to the official launch of the online, free, certificate-based course entitled: **“Advances in Transdisciplinary Research on Global Environmental Change in Latin America and the Caribbean.”** The self-paced course includes four interactive modules that present key concepts and tools and a case study book with examples of transdisciplinary projects carried out in Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Panama, Jamaica, Mexico, Uruguay, and Colombia. During the event, the course structure, development process, pedagogical approach, and possible uses, especially in Global South contexts, will be presented. There will be a great array of speakers, including Dr Basirat Oyalowo, representing the ITD Alliance. English-Spanish interpretation will be available.

Date: 16 July 2025

Time: 12:00 to 13:00 (Panama)

Register: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z_Kw82ePQHO4zntK-QOhig#/registration

View more details on the [IAI course launch web page](#).

Seminario web de lanzamiento del curso, “Avances en Investigación Transdisciplinaria sobre Cambio Ambiental Global en América Latina y el Caribe”, En línea, 16 Julio 2025

El Instituto Interamericano para la Investigación del Cambio Global extiende una cordial invitación al lanzamiento oficial del curso en línea, gratuito y con certificado **“Avances en Investigación Transdisciplinaria sobre el Cambio Ambiental Global en América Latina y el Caribe”**. El curso de autoaprendizaje incluye cuatro módulos que presentan conceptos y herramientas clave y un libro de estudios de caso con ejemplos de proyectos transdisciplinarios llevados a cabo en Perú, Brasil, Bolivia, Panamá, Jamaica, México, Uruguay y Colombia. Durante el evento se presentará la estructura del curso, su proceso de desarrollo, enfoque pedagógico y posibles usos, en especial en contextos del Sur Global. Habrá una gran variedad de oradores, incluido la Dr. Basirat Oyalowo, en representación de la Alianza ITD. Habrá interpretación inglés-español.

Fecha: 16 Julio 2025

Hora: 12:00 to 13:00 (Panama)

Registro: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z_Kw82ePQHO4zntK-QOhig#/registration

Ver más detalles en la [página web de lanzamiento del curso del IAI](#).



Opportunity

Fellowship opportunity, University of Zurich Fellowship in Crisis Competence, Switzerland

The [University of Zurich Fellowship in Crisis Competence](https://www.crisiscompetence.uzh.ch/de/projekte/agora/University-of-Zurich-Fellowship-in-Crisis-Competence.html) is a short-term research opportunity at the University of Zurich. The Fellowship is part of the transdisciplinary project Agora – Urban Crisis Competence, co-lead by the City of Zurich and the Center for Crisis Competence at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. The fellowship invites researchers to complement their own research projects with a deep dive into Zurich's urban context, expand their networks and put existing crisis research into practice. The Agora project is currently focusing on two topics: “Fostering individual resilience in urban space” and “Foresight of crisis/anticipation of risks”, but any research project related to crisis, crisis competence, resilience, or related areas in the urban context is welcome. German language skills required.

Deadline: Rolling evaluation

For details, including requirements and application instructions, see:

<https://www.crisiscompetence.uzh.ch/de/projekte/agora/University-of-Zurich-Fellowship-in-Crisis-Competence.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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