

**International Conference Sustainable Development Goals,
Global Transformation and Social Work Practice
04.November 2025**

Time	Designation	Presenter	Event Title
09:30 – 09:45	Host & Vice Dean: School of Social Work	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker	Opening of Conference
09.45 - 10:00	Dean: School of Social Work	Prof. Dr. Katja Nowacki	Welcome from the Dean of School of Social Work
10:00 – 10:20	DAAD Team	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga Dr. Maud Mthembu Dr. Mildred Mushunje Dorothee Boecker	Introduction by DAAD Team
10:20 - 10: 50	Dean: School of Social Work	Prof. Dr. Katja Nowacki	Child Care and Protection in Germany from an International Perspective.
10:50 – 11:30	Education specialist	Serge Palasie	Place in the sun – the long shadow of German colonialism
11:30 – 12:00	Teabreak		
12:00 – 12:20	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Nosihle Mabika	Reducing inequality in children through Early intervention services: Opportunities and Gaps
12:20 – 13:00	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Christine Graebisch	Access to justice for prisoners and in migration law
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 14:15	Vice Rector: University of Applied Science	Prof. Dr. Stephan Weyers	Welcome from Rector of the University of Applied Science
14:15– 14:35	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Busisiwe Sambo	Community-based prevention and early intervention program for vulnerable children
14:35 – 14:55	Midlands State University	Prof. Dr. Mzwandile Sobantu	What's with housing in(and) social work? Bridging the micro-macro divide towards achieving sustainable development goals
14:55 – 15:15	Midlands State University; Institute of Women Social Workers	Dr. Mildred Mushunje, Hazel Kandima, Kudzai M. Imbayarwo	The Hurukuro Model: Advancing mental health and gender equality through culturally rooted and sustainable Social Work practice
15:15 – 15:40	Executive Director: School of Social Work	Dr. Noel Muridzon	Meeting Zimbabwe's commitments to SDGs through National Development Strategy 1: Fact or myth?
15:40 – 16:00	Host & Project Coordinator Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker Dorothee Boecker	Program for the next conference day and following weeks

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09.30 -10:00	University of Johannesburg, KwaZulu-Natal	Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga Dr. Maud Mthembu	Reflection Day 1 Program Day 2 SDG Conference
10:00 - 10:20	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Dr. Bongane Mzinyane	Strengthening Institutions for Peace and Justice: An exploratory contextual study on the daily implementation of Adult Diversion in a rural district in South Africa
10:20 – 10.40	North West University	Dr. Leandi Erasmus	Addressing transgenerational social dysfunction and developmental stagnation through a defragmented novel African Social Work approach
10:40 – 11:00	Midlands State University; Fachhochschule Dortmund	Dr. Mildred Mushunje & Dorothee Boecker	Confronting the remnants of colonialism and the impacts on the decolonising agenda: a case study of Germany and Zimbabwe
11:00 - 11:20	Teabreak		
11:20 – 11:40	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Anna Lena Neufeld	Institutional Integration Services of Providers of integration assistance and their effect of social and economic sustainability.
11:40 – 12:20	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Tilmann Levi Hüppauff	Need satisfaction within planetary boundaries: Using real-world laboratories to put sufficiency into practice
12:20 – 13:00	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Jan Christoph Albrecht	Sustainable Project Management and its applicability to small-scale projects of development cooperation
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 – 14:20	University of Malawi	Felix Mokowa	Transforming Malawi`s reformatory services from remedial to developmental social work: Implications on SDGs Alignment
14:20 – 14:40	University of Johannesburg, University of KwaZulu-Natal	Prof. Dr. Mzwandile Sobantu & Dr. Bongane Mzinyane	Housing Injustice, Disaster Vulnerability and the Green Social Work Mandate in South Africa: A Pressure and Release Model Analysis
14:40 – 15:00	University of Johannesburg	Prof. Dr. Tanusha Raniga & Thembeke Somtseu	Community solidarity, care and support for older women in Mount Fletcher, Eastern Cape, South Africa
15:00 – 15:30	Fachhochschule Dortmund	Prof. Dr. Michael Boecker Dorothee Boecker	SDG Partnerships Goal 17 The role of partnerships in achieving sustainable development goals. Networking between science, research, society, and NGOs.
15:30 – 16:00	DAAD Team	DAAD Team	Reflection with the group, Program and way forward