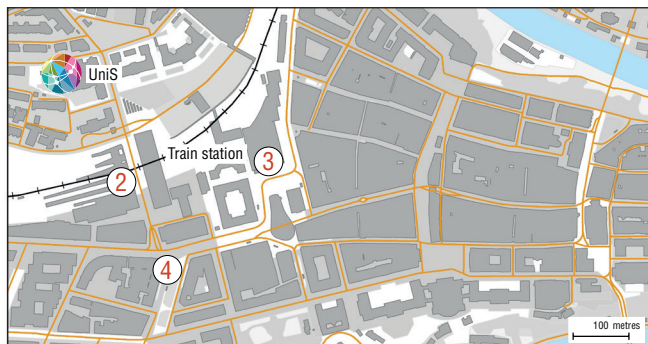


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 **ICRD**  
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and get off at "Wabern,  
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## 5–8 September 2017 Bern, Switzerland

**Evidence.  
Engagement.  
Policies.**

ICRD 2017 focuses on research for sustainable  
development, in particular on improving our  
understanding of how evidence can support policies  
for transformation in countries of Africa, Asia,  
and Latin America.

The conference offers a platform to discuss emerging knowledge and approaches aimed at transformations towards global sustainable development, with a focus on countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. During four days, researchers, policymakers, and civil society representatives from around the world will reflect on how scientific evidence can support implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## Conference Themes

ICRD 2017 includes keynote debates, parallel sessions, and plenary dialogues. Keynote speakers and debaters will address major challenges and opportunities of transformation towards sustainable development. The 30 parallel sessions and three plenary dialogues are organized along the four main themes of the conference:

**How can we ensure that partnerships are transformative?** The aim of this conference theme is to significantly advance discussion from different perspectives on innovative approaches to transformative partnerships. Particular attention will be given to Sustainable Development Goal 17, “Partnerships for the goals”, and to the role of research for sustainable development.

**How can we ensure that health, food systems, and sustainable agricultural systems mutually reinforce one another to better support people’s livelihoods and well-being?** This conference theme is aimed at exploring nexus solutions that overcome the drawbacks of sectoral approaches and enhance the resilience and efficiency of health, food, and agricultural systems.

**How can we deal with environmental sustainability while achieving economic development?** This conference theme is intended to spur discussion on novel approaches and governance frameworks and on pathways to foster sustainable economic development while effectively dealing with environmental change in different settings.

**How can we promote inclusive, equitable, and peaceful societies?** This theme enables reflection on transformative pathways for enhancing societies’ and individuals’ capabilities, taking into account also contexts of state fragility as well as the risks and opportunities of global change related to access to resources and services.

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## Conference Programme

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### Tuesday, 5 September

16:00 Opening and Keynote Debate: [Science–policy partnerships for transformation](#)  
Speakers: [Esther Mwangi](#) and [Esther Turnhout](#)  
Moderation: [Jürg Pfister](#)

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### Wednesday, 6 September

09:00 Keynote Debate: [Financing sustainable development to end poverty](#)  
Speakers: [Dina Pomeranz](#) and [Klaus Töpfer](#)  
Moderation: [Isabel Günther](#)

11:00 Parallel Sessions I  
14:00 Parallel Sessions II  
16:00 Plenary Dialogue

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### Thursday, 7 September

09:00 Keynote Debate: [Governance of contested natural resources](#)  
Speakers: [Jun Borrás](#) and [Erle Ellis](#)  
Moderation: [Carin Smaller](#)

11:00 Parallel Sessions III  
14:00 Parallel Sessions IV  
16:00 Plenary Dialogue  
18:00 Cultural Event with Mario Batkovic at Heitere Fahne

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### Friday, 8 September

09:00 Keynote Debate: [Health, migration, and global justice](#)  
Speakers: [David E. Chiriboga](#) and [Koko Warner](#)  
Moderation: [Urs Wiesmann](#)

11:00 Parallel Sessions V  
14:00 Plenary Dialogue and Closing