

Global IMAT-Alumni Network 2.0: Expert Training for Sustainable Development

Program 2026
(subject to changes)

Date/ Time	Event/ Topic	Speaker
23 April 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)	<p>IMAT-Alumni Network Conference 2026 <i>(online conference)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global IMAT-Alumni Network 2.0: an interim status and the way forward - "Building Specialized Alumni Networks: Professional Development and SDG-Focused Collaboration" - Presentation and Evaluation of the measures in 2025, special training requirements for 2026 and initiated project ideas <p><i>(Online survey and registration)</i></p>	<p>Host: Prof. Dr. Peter Heck, Econ. Julia Veckes and Eng. Jackeline Martínez</p> <p>IfaS, IMAT students, alumni, partner universities and network institutions</p>
June 2026 (tbc) 13:00– 14:00 (CEST)	<p>Strategy Workshop 2026 <i>(Online workshop)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IMAT study programmes: Quo vadis? Definition of key topics for 2026 according to evaluated training requirements of IMAT experts - Conception of the training measures and coordination of project-related measures in 2026 	<p>IfaS staff members and 20 IMAT alumni <i>(selected candidates)</i></p>
<p>IMAT career pathways <i>online lecture series, pls. use the following zoom link to join: https://zoom.us/j/9285013174</i></p>		
11 Mai 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)	<p>"Sustainability Assessment: an evolving Metrics, Standards, and Accountability landscape"</p>	<p>Dr. Angel Avadi</p>
01 June 2026 9:00 am – 12:10 (CEST)	<p>"Chinas efforts to transform to a low carbon society"</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Xiaolong Zou</p>
29 June 2026 09:00 am – 12:10 (CEST)	<p>Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: The Forgotten Pillar of Climate Action"</p>	<p>Dr. John Loomis</p>

IMAT-Alumni Expert Training 2026

Online training series, registration is open: <https://www.imat-master.com/imat-alumni-network/>

<p>18 June 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)</p>	<p>Expert Training Webinar I</p> <p>“Sustainability Strategies in the Industry”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sustainability Challenges and Requirements for Industry- Driving Change: Talent and Transformation in China’s EV Industry- Sustainable fishing: From theory to practice - Real applications of circular economy	<p>Eng. Jackeline Martínez International Project Manager IfaS</p> <p>Jan Weiten International Project Manager IfaS</p> <p>Eng. Alejandro Pliego Head of Talent Development and Qualification Center, FAW-Volkswagen Automotive, China</p> <p>Eng. Fernando Miranda del Solar Director Research and Development. Austral Group S.A.A., Peru</p>
<p>27 August 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)</p>	<p>Expert Training Webinar II (registrations opens soon)</p> <p>“Women Empowerment: Leadership and gender equality in sustainable development”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reflections by Dr. Cle-Anne Gabriel- The most unsustainable supply chain in the world has no sustainability report	<p>Julia Veckes International Project Manager IfaS</p> <p>Dr. Cle-Anne Gabriel Founder & CEO ThinkZero, Australia</p> <p>Ekaterina Porras Sovolobova Founder and director of the human rights NGO “Do Bold”</p>
<p>24 September 2026 13:00 – 15:00 (CEST)</p>	<p>Expert Training Webinar III (registrations opens soon)</p> <p>“Resilience Strategies for DAC-Countries” tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Title tbc- Presentation of the ENSURE EU-Project. Empowering Net Zero Skills for Sri Lanka's Sustainable and Resilient Future	<p>Navoda Senanayake International Project Manager IfaS (tbc)</p> <p>Dr. Ariane Albers</p> <p>Dr. Kudabadu Jayawickrama Chaminda Kumara Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT)</p>

IMAT-Alumni Conference: a parallel session of "International Circular Economy Week 2026"

onsite conference at ECB, detailed agenda will follow soon on www.icew.de

15 November 2026 apart from 2:00 pm [CET]	IfaS-25 Year Celebration <i>Kick Off and Networking Event</i>	Prof. Dr. Peter Heck, Managing Director IfaS
16 & 17 November 2026 9:00 am – 6:00 pm [CET]	Technology Site Visits and Cultural Exchanges	
18 November 2026 9:00 am – 6:00 pm [CET]	IMAT-Alumni expert training "Education for Sustainable Development II" <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Psychological and social aspects of sustainability- Integration of AI in circular economy strategies- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainable corporate governance: Best practices	tbc tbc tbc
19 November 2026 9:00 am – 11:00 pm [CET]	17th International Circular Economy Conference (ICEC) with Networking Evening Event	Prof. Dr. Peter Heck, Managing Director IfaS
20 November 2026 9:00 am – 1:00 pm [CET]]	Closing presentation, round of discussion and 1:1 meetings to initiate collaborative projects	Econ. Marco Angilella Lead International Projects

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