

International Environmental Council IEC 2026

Coordination Group

Berlin, 23 March 2026



Invitation

Environmental emergency! – High time to take action

In April 2024, around 500 people from 13 countries gathered in Potsdam, Germany, under the motto “The time for raising awareness, courage and action is now! We need a struggle to transform society!” It was a hopeful start to an urgently needed discussion on strategy, coordination and cooperation against the unfolding global environmental catastrophe! The basis for joint action was defined as democratic, non-partisan, anti-fascist and free from anti-communist reservations, and great importance is attached to financial independence.

The democratically elected coordinating group has since been working on the task of preparing for the International Environmental Council 2026 (IEC 2026), establishing further national and international contacts and involving them in the task. We have taken part in delegations to COP 29 in Baku and COP 30 in Belém, where we met people from all over the world who are fighting back against the destruction of the natural environment.

At a meeting of the extended coordination group on 21 March 2026, decisions were taken regarding the date, venue and programme of the IEC 2026. The International Environmental Council 2026 will take place from 23 to 25 October 2026 in Stuttgart, Germany, at the Arbeiterbildungszentrum Süd, Bruckwiesenweg 10, 70327 Stuttgart. On Friday, 23 October, we will begin with a kick-off rally in Stuttgart, and over the following two days, in three thematic sessions, we will exchange experiences and views on the extent of environmental damage, share experiences in the struggle against the destruction of our habitats, and discuss strategies for a joint, global, society-transforming environmental struggle.

To bring even more experiences into the joint environmental struggle and broaden the international base, we warmly invite you to take part in the preparation and running of the International Environmental Council. The following options are available:

*Participation is possible both in person and online. You can contribute speeches or introductory remarks on your experiences, opinions and suggestions (maximum length 5 minutes). Please let us know the topic of your contribution.

*You are welcome to become one of the first signatories. We would then publish your name and organisation on our flyer. The deadline for this is 14 April.

***To attend in person, you must apply;** however, due to the time required to organise visas and travel, this is only possible **until 14 April 2026**. You can discuss travel arrangements, visa applications, accommodation, etc. with us.

Find out more on our website <https://umweltstrategiekonferenz.org/> You can contact us at post@umweltstrategiekonferenz.org

With solidarity,

On behalf of Miriam Gärtner, Thomas Toussaint