

# International Environmental Council IEC 2026

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## Press release

### **Environmental emergency! It is high time to take action. Decision on the venue and date of the International Environmental Conference IEC 2026**

Jasminka Brebric-Meier and Mirjam Gärtner, spokespersons for the Coordination Group, report:

“In April 2024, around 500 people from 13 countries gathered in Potsdam, Germany, under the slogan ‘The time for awareness, courage and action is now! We need a struggle to transform society!’ It was a hopeful start to a much-needed global 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.**

The event will begin on 23 October with a kick-off rally in Stuttgart. Over the following two days, participants will exchange experiences and views across three thematic blocks, discussing the extent of environmental damage, experiences in the fight against the destruction of our habitats, and strategies for a joint, global, society-transforming environmental struggle. Participation is possible both in person and online.

Venue: Arbeiterbildungszentrum Süd e.V., Bruckwiesenweg 10, 70327 Stuttgart