

Press Release

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The Stiftung Humboldt Forum and the Goethe-Institut Sign a “Memorandum of Understanding”

The Goethe-Institut and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum are expanding upon their previous collaborative efforts. To this effect, Johannes Ebert, secretary general of the Goethe-Institut, and Hartmut Dorgerloh, director of the Humboldt Forum, signed a cooperation agreement on 3 March.

The “Memorandum of Understanding” provides the formal framework for the specific organization of cooperation between the Goethe-Institut and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum. In particular, the purpose of this arrangement is to make it easier to apply the expert knowledge of both institutions throughout the world.

Specifically, the cooperation agreement includes regular working meetings in which the concrete collaboration in Germany and abroad can be prepared, supervised and evaluated. A full time position will be established at the Humboldt Forum that will serve as a liaison to the Goethe-Institut. This position will facilitate the development of shared projects and cooperative work and play an active role in political life and civil society in Germany as well as in partner countries. Furthermore, a four-person steering committee with members from both institutions will be established that will meet regularly to discuss the current state of cooperation and possible opportunities for further development.

Additionally, the agreement highlights plans to gather the knowledge and experience of experts and institutions from the Goethe-Institut’s worldwide network and integrate them into the Stiftung Humboldt Forum’s multifaceted approach. Reciprocal study visits and the temporary exchange of employees are also planned, as is cooperation in the areas of exhibits, events, education and communication as well as scientific and research collaboration.

Exchanges of information and views on specific topics, in particular on the themes of postcolonialism and sustainability, as well as current changes taking place in various parts of the world, will also be reinforced.

About the Humboldt Forum

A new centre of culture and science is being created in Berlin's historical district of Mitte. The Humboldt Forum will bring together the arts, cultures, sciences, people, communities and perspectives and offer a venue for surprising experiments and inspiring encounters. The Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss (SHF), a foundation with legal capacity under civil law with headquarters in Berlin, is the construction client and future operator of the Humboldt Forum.

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About the Goethe-Institut

The Goethe-Institut is the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany with a global reach. It promotes knowledge of the German language abroad and fosters international cultural cooperation. It conveys a comprehensive image of Germany by providing information about cultural, social and political life in our nation. Its cultural and educational programmes encourage intercultural dialogue and enable cultural involvement. They strengthen the development of structures in civil society and foster worldwide mobility. Currently, the Goethe-Institut operates 157 institutes in 98 countries, including 12 Goethe-Institut locations in Germany. With its reading rooms, dialogue points and German information and learning centres, the Goethe-Institut currently has over 1,000 contact points throughout the world.

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