



STRN

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Research Network

OPEN CALL

Inviting expressions of interest to host the International Sustainability Transitions Conference (2025 and 2026)

The International Sustainability Transitions conference (IST) is the yearly scientific gathering of the global community of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners working on socio-technical transitions to sustainability. IST is organized under the auspices of the Sustainability Transitions Research Network (STRN). Each year, a different institute, chosen by the STRN steering group, organizes IST (institutions may also join forces to host). STRN strives for a broad and balanced geographic representation in the choice of IST hosts, and will support hosts in planning the IST conference.

There are several goals associated with IST. IST is the main networking event of the global sustainability transitions community. It is a space where newcomers as well as established scholars and practitioners can meet likeminded people, which is especially important for those who do not work at established hubs of transitions research. IST serves to exchange knowledge and generate new insights; IST encourages contributions that push the frontiers of the field of sustainability transitions. IST also generates visibility, both for the community and ideas of transition studies in the wider landscape of research and practice, and for the conference host(s) as vital pillars in the STR network.

To host IST, there is a three-step application process:

- 1) Institutions interested in hosting IST first submit a short expression of interest.*
- 2) These are evaluated by the STRN steering group, which creates a shortlist of candidates.
- 3) Shortlisted candidates are invited to submit a more detailed application (please see the guidelines for organizing the IST conference)

Interested in having your institution host a future IST conference (for the years 2025 and 2026)?

Please send an expression of interest to the STRN steering group by **September 15, 2023**, care of Katharina Schiller: katharina.schiller@isi.fraunhofer.de.

* For the expression of interest, please include:

- Institute name & who will be in charge
- Which year(s) you are interested in hosting
- Possible dates (in months, not exact)
- Will the conference be in person, online, hybrid?
- General goals/arguments in favor of the institute & location