

German Climate Consortium / Deutsches Klima-Konsortium e.V.

The Federation of German Climate and Climate Impact
Research Organisations



The DKK network bundles the scientific expertise of different research disciplines and provides a platform for integrative research projects. The federation works as a central contact point for politics and society regarding issues of climate and climate change. Our guiding principle is “Research for society, economy and environment”; thus we stand for political consulting.

History

The idea to establish the German Climate Consortium (DKK) was conceived after the publication of the 4th AR Report of IPCC in 2007. The media discovered a small mistake in the report, which led to a scandal. Later on in 2009, hackers have stolen data from IPCC-Researchers and published them on the Internet. This incident was called “Climategate” by the media. The lack of communication between researchers, politicians, and the public during this media hype has motivated leading researchers in the field to found DKK in 2009. A unique alliance from various climate research disciplines and climate impact research was consolidated.

Since the beginning of the second half of 2010, DKK supports the networking of their research institutes, works as a generator of ideas, and is the central contact point for all matters of climate and climate impact research for politics and the public. The office is located in WissenschaftsForum at Gendarmenmarkt in Berlin.

Mission Statement

We represent the main players of German climate research and provide an integrative platform for our members.

We promote the interests of our members in the strategic planning of climate research in Germany, the EU and beyond.

We foster information exchange and support interdisciplinary cooperation in climate research.

We pursue an active dialogue with decision makers thus contributing to the development and formulation of research funding programmes.

We provide information on climate research to the media and to society in order to contribute to a better understanding of climate change.

We impart knowledge of climate research to decision makers thus contributing fundamentally to the strategic alignment, formulation and implementation of climate policy.

Projects (selection)

- **Climate Breakfast – a different kind of behind-the-scene discussion**

At our regular DKK-Climate-Breakfast we talk to journalists about current topics related to climate and climate change. Experts of different disciplines and from our federation provide science-based background information and invite to fruitful discussions.

- **Position paper about the future of Climate research**

Up until now climate research has focused on scientific aspects and the research on social and economic links is still young. However, the repercussions of climate change on the society and in turn the society's effect on the Earth will play a big role. The position paper describes the task from which the climate research will follow.

- **Briefings of the annual climate negotiations**

In cooperation with the Federal Foreign Office and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, we arrange a pre-briefing for policy, economy, civil society, science and embassy members in preparation of the annual United Nations Climate Change Conferences.

- **Communicating IPCC**

40 German scientists are involved in the Fifth Assessment Report AR5, 20 of them are with the DKK. With our events regarding the assessment reports, we want to contribute to the objectification of climate issues. For some initiatives, we work together with The German IPCC Coordination Office and the responsible Federal Ministries.

- **YESS community**

We encourage and promote young research talents, thus we support Young Earth System Scientists. is an interdisciplinary community among and for early career researchers from Earth system research institutes and universities across the globe.

Organisational Structures

Board

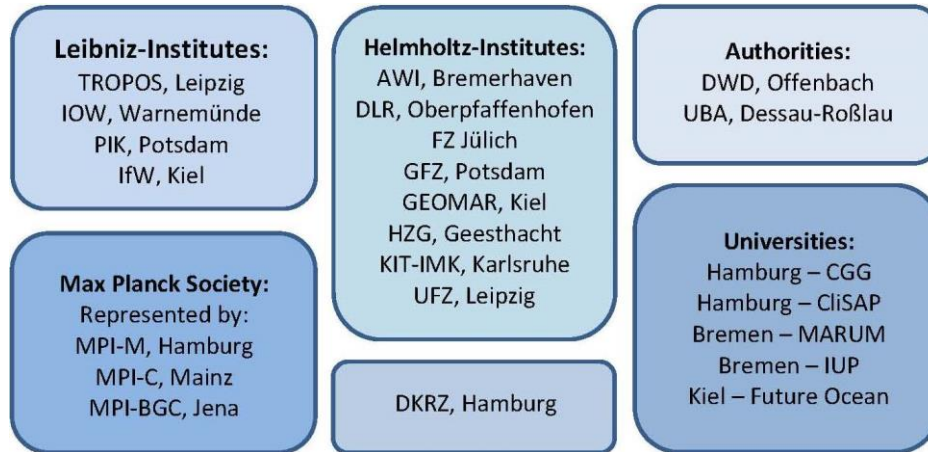
DKK Chairman: **Prof. Mojib Latif**, Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Head of Research Division 1: Ocean Circulation and Climate Dynamics, Kiel (non-university research institute).

The other members of the board represent the various facets of the consortium:

- **Dr Paul Becker**, Vice-President of the German National Meteorological Service, Offenbach (higher federal authority)
- **Prof. Gernot Klepper**, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Head of research area "The Environment and Natural Resources" (economic and social sciences)
- **Prof. Jochem Marotzke**, Director Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Hamburg
- **Prof. Monika Rhein**, Head of Department of Oceanography of the Institute of Environmental Physics at the University of Bremen (university)

Managing Director: **Marie-Luise Beck**

23 Members of the DKK



AWI	Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research Alfred-Wegener-Institut, Helmholtz-Zentrum für Polar- und Meeresforschung, Bremerhaven
CGG	Centre for Globalisation and Governance Centrum für Globalisierung und Governance an der Universität Hamburg
CliSAP	Cluster of Excellence "Integrated Climate System Analysis and Prediction" Exzellenzcluster „Integrated Climate System Analysis and Prediction“ an der Universität Hamburg
DKRZ	German Climate Computing Center Deutsches Klimarechenzentrum GmbH, Hamburg
DLR	German Aerospace Center (DLR) - Institute for Atmospheric Physics Institut für Physik der Atmosphäre am Deutschen Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V., Oberpfaffenhofen
DWD	German National Meteorological Service Deutscher Wetterdienst, Offenbach
FZ Jülich	Jülich Research Center / Institute of Energy and Climate Research Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH
GEOMAR	Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Helmholtz-Zentrum für Ozeanforschung, Kiel
GFZ	German Research Centre for Geosciences Deutsches GeoForschungsZentrum, Potsdam
HZG	Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht - Centre for Materials and Coastal Research Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht – Zentrum für Material- und Küstenforschung GmbH
IfW	Institute for the World Economy Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel
IOW	Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Leibniz-Institut für Ostseeforschung Warnemünde
IUP	Institute of Environmental Physics Institut für Umweltphysik an der Universität Bremen
KIT-IMK	Karlsruhe Institute for Technology Karlsruher Institut für Technologie
MARUM	Center for Marine Environmental Sciences MARUM - Zentrum für Marine Umweltwissenschaften der Universität Bremen
MPI-BGC	Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry Max-Planck-Institut für Biogeochemie, Jena
MPI-C	Max Planck Institute for Chemistry Max-Planck-Institut für Chemie, Mainz
MPI-M	Max Planck Institute for Meteorology Max-Planck-Institut für Meteorologie, Hamburg
Ozean der Zukunft	Kiel Excellence Cluster "The Future Ocean" Exzellenzcluster „Ozean der Zukunft“ an der Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel
PIK	Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung
TROPOS	Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research Leibniz-Institut für Troposphärenforschung e. V., Leipzig
UBA	German Environment Agency Umweltbundesamt, Dessau-Roßlau
UFZ	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung, Leipzig

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