



The Impact Lab – Take action to the next level!

A global community of change-makers accelerating their initiatives for real change

Background

Humanity is facing major challenges. Economic disruption, climate change, conflicts and large-scale migration are only some of the global issues that loom large. Across the globe, people are faced with a future of uncertainty.

The Sustainable Development Goals re-emphasize how interrelated and inseparable social, environmental and economic issues are. The way we respond to our challenges no longer matches the complexity and dynamics of our most pressing social, environmental and economic challenges. The Global Leadership Academy's programmes provide spaces for change-makers from different sectors to come together, experience a change of perspectives and a collective search for new approaches and tangible initiatives that create solutions for the world's most pressing problems.

A unifying challenge for people with great ideas is to get from theory to practice. How can I get my key message across to different audiences? How do I find the right partners? How can I convince potential funders? How do I identify blind spots, motivate people to join my endeavors and release blockages, while cooperating with an inspiring network of peers?

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Against this background, the Global Leadership Academy and the Impact Hubs are offering an innovative supportive space for change-makers to come together to amplify their most inspiring ideas and take their change initiatives to implementation: the Impact Lab!

The Impact Lab aims at the following objectives:

- 1 Providing targeted support to take your existing change initiatives to the next level
- 2 Fostering individual innovation capacities
- 3 Strengthening the global network of change-makers and innovators of the Global Leadership Academy's Community members

The Impact Lab will support you in reframing the problem you are trying to tackle, in ideating your idea, creating convincing messages to your target audiences, potential partners and funders, and breaking down the challenges in front of you into small, feasible steps that will take your project to the next level – and make it happen!

Participants will benefit from intense professional accompaniment of experienced innovation facilitators and the support and inspiration that come from the global community of change-makers taking part in the Impact Lab. Connect with other members of the GLAC Community worldwide who are passionate about innovation and collaboration. Be equipped with comprehensive tools that are essential for taking your idea to the next level, and develop a clear and feasible plan that will help your initiative become reality and create tangible impact.

Every participant or grouping taking part in the Impact Lab will be awarded with professional support by your closest Impact Hub, including targeted on-site coaching and advisory services after the Impact Lab, on crucial fields such as business modelling, strategy and legal advice.



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We are calling for interested members of the GLAC Community from the three Community pillars – GLAC Leadership and Innovation Labs, Global Diplomacy Labs and the Transformation Thinkers Network – who have developed change ideas or initiatives within or outside of the Global Leadership Academy's Leadership and Innovation Labs. Those who are passionate about taking action to respond to the challenges of our time: Apply with your personal change initiative and boost its realization in the Impact Lab!

The Impact Lab will admit up to 15 change initiatives. You can apply for participation on your own or as a group of up to three people, of whom at least one needs to be a GLAC Community member.

In order to apply, please send your response to the application form to we-do-change@giz.de until **9 September 2018**. In case you have any question, do not hesitate to contact us!

Dates and Location

Date: 23 to 25 October 2018

Location: Berlin, Germany

Scholarships and Costs

All individuals and teams selected will receive a scholarship entailing participation fees for the entire 3-day event including meals and drinks, as well as professional support after the Impact Lab by your local Impact Hub.

Travel and accommodation fees are not covered by the scholarship.

The Global Leadership Academy

The Global Leadership Academy addresses global issues and works with its international partners to provide reflective dialogue spaces fostering innovation and action. Based on new perspectives and insights, leaders and change agents from the fields of policy-making, business, academia and civil society develop innovative approaches and solutions to challenges in their areas of influence. Funded Commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Global Leadership Academy is a central component in GIZ's range of services for international human capacity development. www.we-do-change.org

Impact Hubs

Impact Hub is a global network of entrepreneurial communities, places, and programs that inspire, connect and enable impact. Impact Hub supports thousands of impact-driven entrepreneurs and innovators in more than 50 countries worldwide by building supportive peer-to-peer communities, offering incubation and acceleration programmes, and providing coworking, meeting and event spaces. Every local Impact Hub is initiated, developed, and run by a local team and thus is deeply rooted in the local market and community. Each takes a unique shape to reflect the local context whilst preserving the core Impact Hub DNA.

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