

## Who We Are

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## The Council Members (2013-2016)



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### Work in Progress: Special Report 2016

#### „Development and Justice by Transformation: The big four I's“

A contribution to Germany's G20 presidency 2017

Release: End of November 2016

## Science for policy

The **German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU)** is an independent scientific advisory body. It was set up by the German government in 1992 in the run-up to the Rio Earth Conference. Many political decisions have to be taken without full understanding of the complex cause-effect relations between global environmental and development issues. The WBGU provides science-based guidance for policy-makers and gives recommendations for action and research in the field of global change. Taking interdisciplinary approach, it enables fact and knowledge-based debates in politics and society, and makes it easier for decision makers to act under uncertainty.

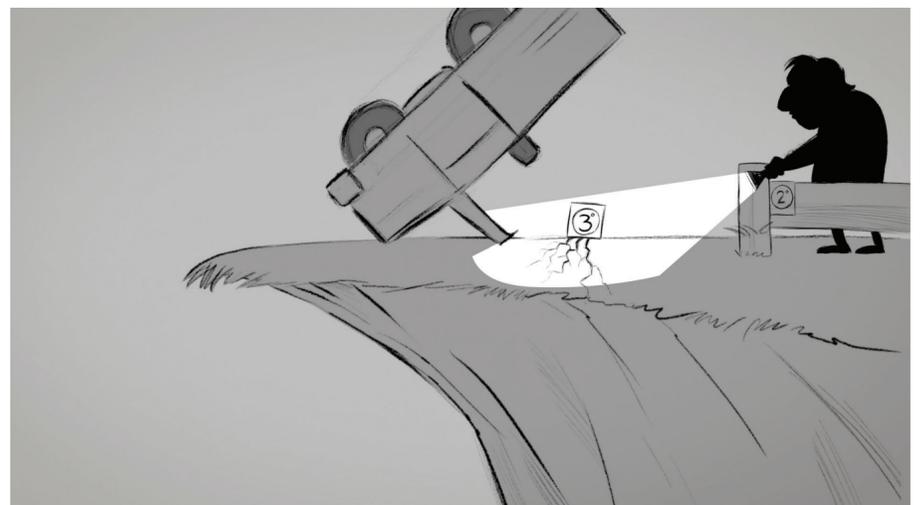
## Mission

The Council's principal tasks are to

- > analyse and report on global environment and development problems, review and evaluate national and international research in the field of global change,
- > provide early warning of new issue areas, identify knowledge gaps and initiate new research,
- > monitor and assess national and international sustainable development policies,
- > elaborate recommendations for action and research and
- > conduct outreach activities to raise public awareness on global change issues.

## Short Film: Human Power – The Concept of Planetary Guard Rails

How can we make global development possible without compromising our natural life-support systems? The WBGU defined planetary guard rails which help to keep such existential damage at bay. A short film explains the concept of guard rails.



Take a look here:

[www.wbgu.de/en/videos/videos-wbgu/en-video-leitplanken/](http://www.wbgu.de/en/videos/videos-wbgu/en-video-leitplanken/)

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