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Community event 2026

23-24 June
Mennorode - Elspeet

From Insight to Impact: Using Knowledge to Advance the SDGs.

The GROW event 2026 brings the community together under the theme “From Insight to Impact: Using Knowledge to Advance the SDGs”. Over the span of two inspiring days, researchers, supervisors, and societal partners explore how knowledge can be translated into real-world change. Through powerful keynotes, interactive dialogue sessions, and eight hands-on workshops, participants share experiences, learn from each other, and actively work on their own projects. Whether you are an early-career researcher, a project supervisor, or a partner from government, NGO, or industry, GROW 2026 offers a unique space to connect, reflect, and strengthen the impact of research for sustainable development.

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Event Programme

Tuesday 23 June



13:00	Walk-in and Registration
13:30	Opening Remarks
13:45	Keynote Address: **Dr. Rudi Kimmie** On building African – European bridges, academia as hotspots for regenerative innovation and Youth Leadership.
14:30	Start parallel workshops 1-4
17:00	End of Workshops 1-4
17:00	Update on GROW entrepreneurship support & Global Innovation Collaboration by Prof.dr. Peter Knorringa & Roel Kamerling, MSc
17:45	Start walking dinner & informal evening

Wednesday 24 June

9:00	Plenary start
9:30	Parallel workshops 5-8
12:30	End of workshops 5-8
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Dialogue session - World Cafe setting
14:45	Wrap up and closing event
15:00	End programme

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Workshops

1. On scaling research outcomes in conflict areas

Dr.ir. Pieter van Oel (WUR), Prof.dr.ir. Pieter van der Zaag (IHE), Dr.ir. Jens Andersson (WUR), Dr. Marieke Hopman and Dr. Guleid Ahmed Jama (UM), Dr. Martijn Wienia (NWO)

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2. The practical realities of doing transdisciplinary research

Dr. Dirk Essink, Laetitia Chapdelaine, MSc, Neele van den Bongardt, MSc (VU Amsterdam)

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3. Working Inside-Out: Empowering Communities for Sustainable Change

Sascha Wanna (TUD) MSc & Guido de Wilde (LUMC) et al, Dr. Martijn Wienia (NWO)

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4. From Researcher to Entrepreneur: bring your research findings to customers

Gerrit Jan van 't Veen, MSc (FABRIC - The Hague Global Incubator), Daniël Moolenburgh, MSc (Enviu), Steven von Eije, MSc (RVO), Dr. Fatima Delgado Medina (TU Delft Centre for Entrepreneurship)

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Workshops

5. How to collaborate effectively with your stakeholders?

Prof.dr. Robert Lensink (RuG), Dr. Karlijn Morsink (UU), Dr. Nowella Anyango-van Zwieten (WUR), Prof.dr. Art Dewulf (WUR)

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6. Creative methods for impact communication

Dr. Sarah Anschütz and Prof. dr. Ajay Bailey (UU)

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7. Preparing for the Citizen Science call

Margaret Gold, MBA (Citizen Science Lab Leiden University), Elizabeth Mokobi, BSc (RESPIRA Africa), Sandra de Vries, MSc (PulsAqua)

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8. Navigating the One-Eye Problem: Engaging Religion for Better Development Theory and Practice

Nycholas Oliveira, MTh, Dr. Dion Forster (VU Amsterdam)

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Event Programme Entrepreneurship & innovation

(On invitation via grow@tudelft.nl)

Monday 22 June | Lucasgat A



13:00 Walk-in and Registration
13:30 Opening Remarks
13:15 **Dr. Fatima Delgado Medina** On decolonizing, regenerative entrepreneurship
14:45 Presenting new Global Innovation Ecosystem collaboration approach: From innovation Silos to Living Ecosystems
15:30 Global collaboration hubs present themselves from Costa Rica, Ghana, India, Nepal, the Netherlands and South-Africa
16:30 Break
17:00 Follow-up steps in global innovation collaboration & new regions joining
17:45 Informal dinner

Tuesday 23 June | Lucasgat A

9:00 Launch FABRIC | The Hague Global Incubator
11:00 Workshop on Global Incubation
12:30 Lunch