

Mission Statement of the Centre for International Dialogue and Cooperation, RLS

*Freedom is always the freedom of the one who thinks differently
Freedom is always the freedom of dissenters*

Rosa Luxemburg

The Centre for International Dialogue and Cooperation (ZID), together with its partners around the globe, conceptualises and implements the international work of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

We visualize for the future

a democratic socialist society in which the free development of every individual is the foundation for the free development of all. This society is characterised by emancipation, equal rights and multiple forms of democratic participation as a valued practice; a meaningful and good life is permanently possible. Therefore, our vision aims at overcoming racist, sexist, colonial and imperial relationships of power and exploitation and is aimed at enabling everybody to access those assets of freedom essential to a self-determined life.

In collaboration with our partners

we strive for a socio-ecological restructuring of society which builds on concrete enhancements made here and now. We operate in the spirit of internationalism, based on the experiences und scientific knowledge of the RLS and its partners worldwide. Exchanges, in solidarity and open for critique, on common challenges and divergent interests are the basis for dialogue and co-operation on an equal footing.

We enable and facilitate

emancipatory changes towards a transformation of our civilizational values. Democratic participation, education, health and social security are fundamental common goods; decent work is part of a fulfilled life; freedom is more than the absence of war. We advocate a sustainable relationship between human beings and nature.

We explore and test

socially and ecologically sustainable alternatives to capitalist society models. Drawing on various experiences and practices of left actors, we critically scrutinise and analyse social processes in their complexity. Along with our partners we utilise our findings to foster a non-violent transformation of society.

We network and open spaces

together with emancipatory, democratic organisations, institutions and individuals to achieve global changes through local and regional action. As part of internationalist networks we open spaces for dialogue and co-operation to stimulate interaction based on mutual trust. We understand exchange on left politics and strategies—open for a dialogue based on critique in solidarity - as a chance to learn from each other and to jointly shape a prosperous future.

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