

Sustainable Development Goals - Activities in Germany

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Global goals for sustainable development

The United Nations drew up the 2030 Agenda in a transparent process of negotiation that lasted more than three years and actively involved the general public.

The 2030 Agenda is an expression of a new quality in politics: Everything is to be considered and addressed from the point of view of sustainable development.

Its overriding objective:

Enabling people to live in dignity everywhere in the world.

This embraces the economic, environmental and social dimensions of development and calls on everybody to gear their actions to these imperatives.

In 2015 the international community adopted the 2030 Agenda.

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17 Objectives



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From the outset, the **German Government** has committed itself to implement the Agenda:

It has elaborated the **National Sustainability Strategy** within the framework of a dialogue process. Every effort has been made to involve civil society stakeholders.

In January **2017 the strategy was adopted and updated in 2018.**

Review of implementation

To ensure the implementation of the goals, progress is reviewed at regular intervals through regulated procedures. Progress is measured using selected instruments.

These procedures are also to ensure the comparability of results from all countries.

In 2016, Germany was able to report on some progress made, but further efforts will be needed to achieve the SDGs at national level.

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The UN SDG Action Campaign in Bonn

The Global Campaign Centre in Bonn opened in March 2017.

The aim is to involve the public actively in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

With the support of the German Government, the UN SDG Action Campaign opened its Centre in a historical building in Bonn, March 2017.

Involving the public in implementing the SDGs

The SDG Action Campaign is a special initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. It is run by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The campaign will help the UN and its member states to publicise the SDGs and involve the public in their implementation.

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Contribution

Sustainability as part of BAGSO's work through events, projects and Position Papers

❖ Ongoing and recent BAGSO events and projects (examples)

- **German Senior Citizens' Day**
(3-day event, every 3 years) (all SDGs)
- National Project "IN FORM" – promoting healthy eating, more physical activities, and active participation in municipalities
(SDGs 2, 3, 10, 11, 12)
- National Network Agency "Local Alliances for People with Dementia" (SDGs 3, 11)
- Online Platform "Digital Compass" (SDG 4)



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- ❖ **Ongoing and recent BAGSO projects (examples)**
 - EU- Project “Grand ExpertS“ (SDG 4)
 - EU-Project “Social Inclusion and Dignity in Old Age“ (SDGs 1, 4, 5, 10)
 - National Service Agency “Digitalisation and Education for Older Persons“ (SDG 4, 10)
 - EU-Project “New Roles for Civil Society in Caring Communities“ (SDGs 4, 10, 11)
 - EU-Project “Climate-Friendly Mobility for People Aged 60+“ (SDGs 11, 13)
 - Secretariat on International Policy on Ageing (SDG 17)



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❖ **Position Papers** (examples 2017-2018)

- Dortmund Declaration “Building Bridges“ (2018) **(all SDGs)**
- Dignity to the last – suggestions and demands concerning the end of life (2018) **(SDG 4)**
- Older persons in the digital world (2018) **(SDGs 4, 10)**
- Civic Engagement and Education in Old Age (2017) **(SDGs 4, 10, 11)**
- For a caring society, for a vibrant democracy (together with the German Federal Youth Council) (2018) **(SDGs 10, 16, 17)**
- Local politics for older persons (2017) **(SDG 11)**



Sustainable Development Goals / BAGSO Conference

Shaping a Future Worth Living for All – How Older Persons Contribute to Sustainable Development

17 January 2019, Bonn

Objectives:

- Informing on Agenda 2030 / Sustainable Development Goals
- Raising awareness – Sensitizing
- Showing possibilities how to act
- Developing senior policy objectives

Topics:

- Translation of the SDGs into action in Germany
- SDG Action Campaign, United Nations, Bonn
- Sustainability as cross-cutting task for municipalities
- The 17 SDGs from the perspective of older persons
- Sustainability as part of senior citizens' organisations' work.



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For further information see

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/issues/sustainability>

<http://www.bagso.de/bagso-german-national-association-of-senior-citizens-organisations.html>

<http://www.bagso.de/aktuelle-projekte/geschaeftsstelle-internationale-altenpolitik.html>

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