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## **Bonn Symposium 2015** **Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the Local Level – Strategies and Mechanisms**

**Deutsche Welle, Bonn**

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**Conference languages**

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Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)/Engagement Global gGmbH  
Minister for Federal Affairs, Europe and Media of North Rhine-Westphalia  
Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Germany



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## BACKGROUND

The UN General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015. The SDGs follow on from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) but also take account of the outcomes of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). The new 2030 Agenda thus captures all aspects of sustainable development – i.e. its environmental, economic and social dimensions – and applies to developing, emerging and industrialised countries alike.

For all the world's countries, this raises the question of how to implement the new goals. Their success will be determined not in the UN General Assembly or in cabinet but, above all, in towns and cities where people live and work. The Bonn Symposium 2015 therefore aims to provide a forum for a range of local stakeholders (policy-makers, administrators and civil society) to explore the opportunities and challenges arising from the new Sustainable Development Goals and, together, to discuss possible strategies and mechanisms for their implementation. It will focus particularly on the role of local sustainability strategies.

The Bonn Symposium has long stood for international dialogue among local stakeholders. The global dimension of the SDGs creates a need and, above all, an opportunity for mutual learning. Thanks to the MDGs, many municipalities in the Global South are already well-versed in implementing binding international commitments and in producing suitable strategies and are able to share this experience with their counterparts in Europe, including Germany.

The two-day Symposium will focus on the following questions:

1. Which Sustainable Development Goals have been adopted?
2. How are they to be implemented?
3. Which contribution can and must the municipalities around the world make to SDG implementation?
4. How might local management for sustainability look?
5. Which mechanisms, processes and resources are needed in this context?

# : Tuesday, 17 November 2015

10.30 HRS.

Registration

## **CONFERENCE CHAIRED BY**

### **Patrick Leusch**

Head Global Media Forum, CEO Media Services GmbH  
Deutsche Welle, Bonn

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11.00 HRS.

## **WELCOME**

### **Ute Schaeffer**

Deputy Director  
Deutsche Welle Akademie, Bonn

### **Renate Maria Hendricks MdL**

Member of the Committee for Europe and One World  
of the Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia  
Chairperson of the Executive Committee of sef., Bonn

### **Dr Jens Kreuter**

Managing Director  
Engagement Global gGmbH, Bonn

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11.15 HRS.

## **PART I: CONFERENCE OPENING**

### **GLOBAL GOALS, LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA**

### **Dr Marc Jan Eumann**

State Secretary for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media  
North Rhine-Westphalia, Dusseldorf

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11.30 HRS.

## **PART II: KEYNOTES**

### **THE NEW AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

In the two keynotes, the speakers will analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the new 2030-Agenda for Sustainable Development from their perspectives and recommend options for its implementation within their respective fields.

The German perspective

### **Claudia Roth MdB**

Vice President of the German Federal Parliament  
Member of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin

The African perspective

### **Kgosientso Ramokgopa**

Executive Mayor  
City of Tshwane

followed by Q&A

12.30 HRS.

Lunch

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14.00 HRS.

**PART III: IN DIALOGUE**  
**THE MUNICIPALITIES' RESPONSIBILITY**

Representatives of city networks discuss the municipalities' role in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. How can they contribute? Which opportunities does the new agenda create for local stakeholders? What kind of support are they hoping for?

**Habraham Shamumoyo**

Secretary General

Association of Local Authorities Tanzania, Dar es Salaam

**Monika Zimmermann**

Deputy Secretary General

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Bonn

followed by plenary discussion

15.00 HRS.

Coffee break

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15.30 HRS.

**PART IV: DISCUSSION**  
**LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES**

Sustainability strategies have an important role to play in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals worldwide. In Germany, the Government is currently in the process of updating its Sustainability Strategy. Similar strategies are in place in 11 of the 16 German states, but not in most local authorities. This panel will therefore discuss the possible content of the strategies, taking account of potential conflicts. It will focus on various stakeholder interests and on closer linkage between development and the environment, which until now have tended to be viewed as separate topics. It will also explore how thematic linkages to national, regional and, above all, global strategies can be established, thus creating value added beyond the local and national level.

**Mercedes Mathebula**

Sustainability Specialist

City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Pretoria

**Dr Marc-Oliver Pahl**

Head of Unit Sustainability Strategies

Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature

Conservation and Consumer Protection of North Rhine-Westphalia, Dusseldorf

**Dr Imme Scholz**

Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development

Deputy Director of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn

**Rüdiger Wagner**

Head of Department for Environment, Health and Law

City of Bonn

followed by plenary discussion

17.00 HRS.

**PART V: WORK IN SMALL GROUPS****WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO MY LOCAL AUTHORITY? DEFINING GOALS AND CONTENT**

The work in small groups will identify examples of thematic areas that are suitable for local engagement in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

**GROUP A: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY (GERMAN)****CONFERENCE HALL**

Many cities, municipalities and counties are involved in local development policy. They are committed to fair procurement, support fair trade, promote development awareness projects and cultivate, sometimes for decades, partnerships with the Global South. Within this small group we want to discuss chances and limits of their commitment, on the basis of best practice examples.

Chair

**Renate Wolbring**

Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)/Engagement Global gGmbH,  
Bonn

Inputs

**Peter Ilk**

Mayor

City of Baruth/Mark

**Dr. Frédéric Stephan**

Department for External Relations  
City of Stuttgart

**GROUP B: CLIMATE PROTECTION (ENGLISH)****ROOM 104, KIGALI**

Many cities, municipalities and counties are engaged in local climate protection. Within the framework of the municipal energy and climate management they support activities such as energy controlling or climate-friendly procurement. Others foster the awareness and motivation of citizens for the implementation of climate change policies or measures to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Some also engage in international climate co-operation and partnerships with the Global South. Within this small group we want to discuss chances and limits of their commitment, on the basis of best practice examples.

Chair

**Rebekka Hannes**

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

Inputs

**Laura Gouverneur**

Climate Protection Manager

Municipality of Aarbergen/Heidenrod/Hohenstein

**Habraham Shamumoyo**

Secretary General

Association of Local Authorities Tanzania, Dar es Salaam

**GROUP C: SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION (GERMAN)****ROOM 108,  
TRINCOMALEE**

The new 2030-agenda for sustainable development will apply to developing, emerging and developed countries alike. For the implementation, municipalities could promote sustainable consumption among its citizens or encourage companies to apply sustainable production patterns. Within this small group we want to discuss chances and limits of fostering sustainable consumption and production at the local level on the basis of best practice examples.

Chair

**Dr Klaus Reuter**

Landesarbeitsgemeinschaft Agenda 21 NRW e.V., Dortmund

Inputs

**Gerhard Becker**

General Manager

MaxTex, Frankfurt/Main

**Dr Melanie Lukas**

Research Fellow on Sustainable Production and Consumption

Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Wuppertal

**GROUP D: MANAGING MIGRATION SUSTAINABLY (GERMAN)****ROOM 110, ANTIGUA**

This small group discussion puts the issue of migration in the context of the new agenda for sustainable development. It should be discussed how and under what conditions a) a better integration of refugees and the promotion of a targeted immigration of skilled workers have positive effects for the German economy and social security funds and b) also represents an important contribution to more global responsibility at the same time.

Chair

**Kevin Borchers**

Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)/Engagement Global gGmbH,  
Bonn

Inputs

**Michael Allimadi**

Head

Foreigners' & Migrants' Council, Heidelberg

**AHM Abdul Hai**

Project Coordinator BASUG Diaspora and Development e.V.

Consultant MiGlobe, Bonn

**18.45 HRS.****BUS SHUTTLE****JOINT TRANSFER TO THE OLD TOWN HALL OF BONN****19.15 HRS.****RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE CITY OF BONN**

Welcome by **Mayor Reinhard Limbach**

# : Wednesday, 18 November 2015

08.30 HRS. Registration

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Head Global Media Forum, CEO Media Services GmbH  
Deutsche Welle, Bonn

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09.00 HRS.

## PART VI: INPUT

### ADJUSTING THE GERMAN SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

#### Monika Frieling

Deputy Head of Division Sustainable Development  
Federal Chancellery, Berlin

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09.30 HRS.

## PART VII: WORK IN SMALL GROUPS

### THE CHALLENGE: WRITING A SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

During this session, delegates will work in small groups and discuss various technical and organisational challenges that are likely to arise when producing a local sustainability strategy.

#### GROUP E: REVIEW OF LOCAL ACTIVITIES (GERMAN)

ROOM 106, SINES

This group will discuss how existing initiatives (e.g. LA21 groups) can be integrated effectively into the process

Chair

#### Dr Klaus Reuter

Landesarbeitsgemeinschaft Agenda 21 NRW e.V., Dortmund

Inputs

#### Albrecht W. Hoffmann

Head

Ideenschmiede für Nachhaltigkeit, Bonn

SMALL GROUPS

**GROUP F: PARTICIPATION (ENGLISH)****CONFERENCE HALL**

This group will discuss how a cross-section of local citizens and stakeholders can be encouraged to engage on behalf of a local sustainability strategy.

Chair

**Annette Turmann**

Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)/Engagement Global gGmbH,  
Bonn

Inputs

**Hon. Dr Nana Ato Arthur**

Member of Parliament, Accra

**Katrin Nolting**

Research for Sustainable Development, Erfurt

**GROUP G: ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE (GERMAN)****ROOM 108, TRINCOMALEE**

This working group focuses mainly on public administration and will explore how the broad range of sustainability-related topics can be “joined up” more effectively at an organisational level.

Chair

**Sandra Holzherr**

Consultant and Project Manager for International Economic Development

Inputs

**Susanne Wildermann**

Head of Agenda 21 and Sustainability Office

City of Hannover

**Dr Volker Teichert**

Research Associate

Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (FEST), Heidelberg

**GROUP H: DEVELOPING INDICATORS (GERMAN)****ROOM 110, ANTIGUA**

Indicators to measure progress were regarded as one of the MDGs’ major achievements. This working group will discuss which indicators – and how many of them – are needed to assess local management of sustainability, and what form they should take.

Chair

**Johannes Blankenbach**

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Germany, Bonn

Inputs

**Renate Daurer**

Environmental Officer

City of Esslingen am Neckar

**Matthias Krebs**

Urban Development

City of Mannheim

11.00 Hrs.

Coffee break

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11.30 HRS.

**PART VIII: DISCUSSION**

**THE RESOURCE ISSUE**

Sustainability strategies are an important tool in guiding local authorities' engagement for development and the environment. Producing, implementing and monitoring the strategies require human and financial resources, however. This session will look at ways of meeting this need despite budgetary constraints at the local level.

**Hon. Dr Nana Ato Arthur**

Member of Parliament, Accra

**Felicitas Kubala**

Mayoress

City of Mannheim

**Dr Gerd Landsberg**

President

German Association of Towns and Municipalities, Berlin

**Dr Stefan Wilhelmy**

Head

Service Agency Communities in One World/Engagement Global gGmbH, Bonn

followed by plenary discussion

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12.30 HRS.

**PART IX: OUTLOOK**

**ON THE WAY TO HABITAT 3**

**Priscilla Arhin**

Mayoress

City of Cape Coast

**Franz-Birger Marré**

Head of Division

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn

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13.00 HRS.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY THE ORGANISERS**

**Dr Michèle Roth**

Executive Director

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

followed by

Light refreshments