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Leave no one behind.

Agenda 2030: a social policy mandate for the local level

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BACKGROUND

The Bonn Symposium series

The Bonn Symposium has become well-established over the past three years as an international forum for dialogue on the local implementation of Agenda 2030. The Symposium's main and overarching objectives are to share information about the implementation and monitoring of Agenda 2030, to facilitate a global exchange of experience on current local engagement, and to channel discussion outcomes into the national and international process.

This year's Bonn Symposium

The United Nations (UN) adopted the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in autumn 2015. Since their adoption, the question of precisely how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are to be implemented at the various policy levels has been the subject of debate in numerous international bodies, first and foremost the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). It is also intertwined with other global political processes such as the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).

This is because the 17 Sustainable Development Goals defined in Agenda 2030 expressly aim to balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. 'Leave no one behind' is a cross-cutting principle running through the whole of Agenda 2030. Narrowing social inequalities is thus Agenda 2030's social policy mandate for all policy areas.

The social (policy) dimension of Agenda 2030 is evident inter alia in the commitment to ensuring inclusive quality education (SDG 4), achieving gender equality (SDG 5), promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all (SDG 8), reducing inequality (SDG 10), implementing planned and well-managed migration policies (SDG 10.7), making cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (SDG 11), ensuring access to adequate, safe and affordable housing (SDG 11.1), and revitalising the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development (SDG 17).

The May 2016 draft of Germany's National Sustainability Strategy also emphasises the social policy dimension of sustainable development. Specific measures include promoting economic and social participation, improving equality of opportunity at the national level, and supporting partner regions' efforts to reduce income and wealth inequality and establish social protection systems.

The local level has a key role to play in implementing Agenda 2030, especially in relation to the social dimension of sustainable development. On the one hand, it is here that the fault-lines within society manifest themselves in the form of exclusion, divisions, lack of social participation, and inequality of opportunity. Changing family structures, migration and the challenges of demographic change are most palpable at the local level. On the other hand, the local level is where social cohesion is built, with sports clubs, churches, trade unions and business welcoming people from diverse backgrounds. The municipalities' social policy agendas thus have immense potential to make a difference, provided that the right conditions are in place.

This year's Bonn Symposium will therefore explore ways of implementing Agenda 2030's social policy mandate at the local level. To what extent do municipal authorities and other local stakeholders have powers and responsibilities to heal the fault-lines within society, and how much scope for action do they have? How can conflicts of interests be dealt with? What are examples of best practice in implementing the SDGs' social policy mandate at the local level? How can the municipalities learn from and support each other through global dialogue?

: Thursday, 24 November 2016

10.30 hrs Registration

Conference chaired by

Kate Müser

Deutsche Welle, Bonn

11.00 hrs

Welcome

Christoph Jumpelt

Media Spokesperson and Head of Corporate Communications

Deutsche Welle, Bonn

Opening

Renate Maria Hendricks MdL

Chairperson of the Executive Committee

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

Dr Jens Kreuter

Managing Director

Engagement Global – Service for Development Initiatives, Bonn

SESSION I

AGENDA 2030 IMPLEMENTATION AS A SOCIAL POLICY MANDATE

What is the nature of the transformative social policy mandate created by Agenda 2030? What kind of strategies and measures are needed for its implementation? How much progress has been achieved since the adoption of Agenda 2030 in autumn 2015? What kind of social policy mandate can be identified in the New Urban Agenda to be agreed at Habitat III? What role do cities and municipalities worldwide play in SDG implementation as a task for the whole of society?

11.15 hrs

Introduction

Jens Martens

Executive Director Global Policy Forum

Member of the Advisory Board

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

11.30 hrs

Keynote Address

Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick

Mayor of Teveragh-Zeina, Nouakchott

followed by

Q & A

12.30 hrs

Lunch

SESSION II**INEQUALITY AS A CHALLENGE FOR ALL POLITICAL LEVELS**

One of Agenda 2030's key goals is to reduce inequality within and among countries (SDG 10), for social inequality in many countries, regions, cities and municipalities has widened dramatically in recent years. Which specific challenges arise in reducing inequality at the international, European, national and local level? How can coherence across the various policy areas be increased? What can be done to improve the frameworks for action by cities and municipalities in this context? How can municipalities support each other across countries and continents?

14.00 hrs Round-table discussion

Dr Tausi Kida

Executive Director

Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), Dar es Salaam

Dr Heike Kuhn

Head of Division "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Reduction of Poverty and Inequality"

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

Paul Ladd

Director

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva

followed by Plenary

15.30 hrs Coffee break

SESSION III**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

During the small group discussions, the local authorities' main fields of action relating to Agenda 2030's social policy mandate will be discussed.

16.00 hrs

GROUP A**ROOM 108 – TRINCOMALEE****Equality of opportunity in education for children and youth****(German)**

In many countries, marginalised children and young people are not given enough support. This perpetuates existing inequalities and denies many of these children and young people opportunities to improve their situation or even to participate in society.

How can municipalities' integrated strategies help to improve equality of opportunity in education? How can they integrate the topic in their development policy activities?

Werner Rybarski

Office Manager

Executive Department Zukunftsstadt 2030+ & aGEnda 21-Bureau, Gelsenkirchen

Tanja Stark-Kantar

Project „Die Begleiter“

Office for Equality of Opportunity and Diversity of the City of Erlangen

until 17.30 hrs Chair

Stephanie Widholm

Project Leader Education for Sustainable Development

Engagement Global, Bonn

16.00 hrs

GROUP B**ROOM 110 – ANTIGUA****Preventing child and youth crime and violence****(German/English)**

Youth crime is a massive challenge for municipalities worldwide. Inter-institutional networking, particularly by local authorities, social services, schools and the police, is one of the many measures needed in response to this challenge.

How can the municipalities implement targeted crime prevention? What action should be taken to establish, strengthen and expand local crime prevention networks? And how can the municipalities benefit from global shared learning?

Patrick Burton

Executive Director

Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention (CJCP), Cape Town

Marcus Kober

Managing Director

European Center for Crime Prevention (EZK), Münster

until 17.30 hrs

Chair

Dr Michèle Roth

Executive Director

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

16.30 hrs

GROUP C**GREMIENSAAL****Gender equality****(German/English)**

In many countries, women still lack equal opportunities to participate in political, economic and public life. Local equality policy has a particularly important role to play in advancing this social dimension.

What kind of targeted measures and projects are appropriate at the local level in helping to strengthen gender equality in employment and social participation? How can prevention and intervention reduce violence against women and girls? What can be the contribution of transnational cooperation?

Ursula Bauer

Project Manager Section Gender Mainstreaming

Chief Executive Office, City of Vienna

Dr Gerrit Kaschuba

Gender research institute tifs e.V., Tübingen

until 17.30 hrs

Chair

Anna Schwachula

Researcher

Secretariat of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Germany

German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn

SESSION IV**STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN LOCAL POLITICS**

Implementing Agenda 2030 requires a high degree of cross-departmental cooperation, due to the need to integrate the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability. At present, however, there is a risk of conflicts of interest arising between the different policy areas.

Which strategies exist to deal with conflicts of interest in local politics and administration? What structures must be established? How can the various policy areas cooperate more effectively, with a view to achieving coherence?

17.45 hrs Round-table discussion

Justice Amoah

District Coordinating Director
Nadowli-Kaleo District

Erik Lierenfeld

Mayor of the City of Dormagen

Rehana Moosajee

Founder
Rehana Moosajee Consulting, Johannesburg

Followed by Plenary

until 19.00 hrs

19.10 hrs Walk (10 minutes) to the
Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany

SESSION V**EVENING PROGRAMME AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

19.30 hrs Guided Speed Tour through the Exhibition “The Rhine. The Biography of a European River”

20.00 hrs Reception hosted by the City of Bonn

Welcome by Mayor Reinhard Limbach

: Friday, 25 November 2016

8.30 hrs Registration and welcome coffee

Chair

Kate Müser

Deutsche Welle, Bonn

SESSION VI

AGENDA 2030 – A SOCIAL POLICY MANDATE FOR NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA

9.00 hrs Opening session

Dr Marc Jan Eumann

State Secretary

Ministry for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW),
Duesseldorf

followed by Q & A

SESSION VII

THE SDGS AS LOCAL SOCIAL POLICY – BEST PRACTICES

Despite facing often adverse conditions, many municipalities have impressively demonstrated how to harness the potential for innovation in reducing social inequalities. As the prerequisite, sustainable development policy must be understood as social policy in the broadest sense and a dense stakeholder network must be established.

What examples are there of local social policy initiatives involving partnerships of policy-makers, public authorities and civil society? What lessons can local authorities in Germany and Europe learn from social programmes in the Global South? Which factors determine the success of integrated local social policies?

9.30 hrs Round-table discussion

Alison Howland

Research Assistant

Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, Baltimore

Dr Zoleka Sokopo

Acting Director-General

Department of Human Settlements, South Africa, Pretoria

Dr Ilcheong Yi

Senior Research Coordinator (Social Policy and Development Programme)

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva

Birgit Zoerner

City Councillor and Head of the Department for Labour, Health,

Social Affairs, Sport and Leisure of the City of Dortmund

followed by Plenary

10.45 hrs Coffee break

SESSION VIII

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

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11.15 hrs

GROUP D

GREMIENSAAL

Demographic change and Migration

(German/English)

High birth rates on the one hand, and ageing and migration on the other, are changing the composition of local populations all over the world. While many industrial nations have ageing populations, many countries in the Global South face the challenges posed by a rapidly growing youth population. In addition, various regions are confronted with the conflicting challenges of immigration and out-migration.

How can local authorities establish the conditions needed to make productive use of demographic change and migration? How can the cooperation between host communities and communities of origin be strengthened?

Dr Andreas Hollstein

Mayor of the City of Altena

Dr Ramy Lakkis

Director

Lebanese Organisation for Studies and Training (LOST), Baalbeck

Salah Zeaier

Project Manager Networks of Peace (NOP) Project, Baalbeck

until 12.40 hrs

Chair

Martin Schön-Chanishvili

Scientific Project Manager LAG 21

Sustainability Network NRW, Dortmund

11.15 hrs	<p>GROUP E</p> <p>Affordable housing</p> <p>The availability of affordable housing has become one of the key challenges facing many municipalities worldwide in recent years, not least as a result of changing living patterns in cities. The need to make provision for newly arrived refugees poses additional challenges in many areas.</p> <p>How can the demand for affordable housing be met? How can unused land and buildings be utilised effectively? Which additional support and resources do local authorities need? How can the exchange of experiences among municipalities be fostered?</p> <p>Gerhard Joksch Mayor of the City of Münster</p> <p>Joseph Inyas Shewiyo Zonal Commissioner for Lands Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Dar es Salaam</p>	<p>ROOM 110 – ANTIGUA</p> <p>(German/English)</p>
until 12.40 hrs	<p>Chair</p> <p>Annette Turmann Team Leader, Local Sustainable Development Service Agency Communities in One World(SKEW)/Engagement Global, Bonn</p>	
11.15 hrs	<p>GROUP F</p> <p>Fair procurement</p> <p>Public procurement has immense purchasing power. In recent years, it has thus become an increasing focus of attention alongside private consumer behaviour, and many local authorities have already begun to take action in this area.</p> <p>What kind of strategy is useful in promoting socially responsible procurement by local authorities? How can such procurement be supported? Which cities lead the way in promoting fair procurement, and what can other local authorities learn from them?</p> <p>Christoph Bartscher Head of Procurement City of Bonn</p> <p>Christina Kulmann Competence Centre for social responsible procurement Free Hanseatic City of Bremen</p>	<p>ROOM 108 – TRINCOMALEE</p> <p>(German)</p>
until 12.40 hrs	<p>Chair</p> <p>Ann-Kathrin Voge Project Coordinator Fair Trade and Fair Procurement Service Agency Communities in One World(SKEW)/Engagement Global, Bonn</p>	
12.45 hrs	<p>Coffee break with light refreshments</p>	

SESSION IX**MIGRATION – INTEGRATION – PARTICIPATION**

Increasing global migration movements present many local authorities with difficult challenges. Besides the provision of accommodation and initial assistance, there must also be a discussion about managing future community relations. Local refugee dialogues are one of many options for promoting a participatory approach to refugee and migration policy.

What can be done to ensure that community relations and integration, as a cross-cutting task for the local level, are a success? How can migrants and their organisations be more fully involved in local politics, thus ensuring that their needs and interests are represented? Which financial and other forms of support are needed by the local authorities in this context?

13.30 hrs

Input

Dr Ramy Lakkis

Director

Lebanese Organisation for Studies and Training (LOST), Baalbeck

followed by

Round-table discussion with

Paulino Miguel

Project Manager Diaspora, Migration and Development Cooperation

Forum of Cultures Stuttgart e.V.

Eshetu Wondafrash

Consultant for the Programme MiGlobe

Member of the Integration Council of the City of Aachen

followed by

Plenary

SESSION X**WRAP-UP**

14.45 hrs

Dr Michèle Roth

Executive Director

Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

Dr Stefan Wilhelmy

Director

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

15.00 hrs

Symposium ends