SDGs and city networks

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1. ICLEI is privileged as we work with committed and advanced cities
2. ICLEI was part of SDG development, focus on #11
3. SDGs are the best we could reach at this time
4. Basic approach and content of SDGs is basis of ICLEI’s work for last 25 years
5. Our Sustainable Development definition puts natural resources in the center as the basis for economy and society
Integration of sustainability principles and practices: Economy determines sustainability

New governance
Equity
Justice

Sustainable
Eco-efficient
Labour-intensive

Self-regulation
Carrying capacity

Natural systems as resource base
Natural resources: sun, soil, water, air, climate, species and habitat, human health
Capacity: sinks, absorption, mineralisation, biodegradation

Economy
Processing of natural resources to goods and services

Society - Human life
Human wellbeing, food, shelter, culture, social life

Sets framework
Delivers goods, services, jobs
Delivers resources
Respects carrying capacity
6. ICLEI’s 10 Urban Agendas help to implement the SDGS and New Urban Agenda

- Sustainable Cities
- Low Carbon Cities
- Resilient Cities
- Resource efficient & productive Cities
- EcoMobile Cities
- Happy & Healthy Cities
- Sustainable Economy & SPP
- BiodiverCities
- Smart Cities
- Sustainable Cities & Regions
7. ICLEI is globally active in all 5 fields mentioned by Mariam
   • Raising awareness
   • Advocacy
   • Implementation support
   • Monitoring (and: reporting)
   • Moving advancement

• See: www.iclei.org
8. The most difficult of the SDGs is the need for integrated policies and actions

9. Full agreement with Martin Herrndorf: differences in interests, disputes, conflicts exist. SDG implementation does not only reflect win-win situations

10. Unsustainable development has reasons!
What we as ICLEI fo and will further do:

• Supporting our cities in such conflictual situations, in engaging stakeholders.

• Sharing learnings from LA 21 processes.

Courageous mayors need engaged and courageous citizens. Civil society must drive governments.
SDGs discussion points:

What is the right government level for approaching the SDG implementation?
→ There is a parallelity of localization and regionalization.

What is the right balance between new policy approaches and (lighthouse) projects?
→ Wise combination, never projects alone.

How do we best implement locally?
→ shall we refer to „global SDGs – or often better to local improvements? Lets avoid „UN jargon“.

Disagreement to Mariam: smart city with big data is not the overall goal of SDG # 11.