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The Bonn Symposium series

The Bonn Symposium has become well-established over the past four years as an international forum for dialogue on the local implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It provides a platform for the sharing of innovative ideas about the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a particular focus on the exchange of experience among representatives of the municipal level from various world regions. The Symposium also fosters dialogue among local, national and international stakeholders.

This year's Symposium

This year's Bonn Symposium will focus on the role of local partnerships in SDG implementation. What are good examples of partnerships within and between municipalities worldwide? What can be done to build on existing partnerships? Which factors determine the success of local partnerships for sustainable development, and what are the specific challenges? What can be done to facilitate better knowledge sharing among municipalities worldwide – and how can networks of cities make a contribution here? These are the key questions to be explored at the two-day Symposium.

A radical shift towards more sustainability can only succeed if society commits all its energies to the pursuit of this objective. Indeed, a partnership-based approach to SDG implementation is enshrined in SDG 17 as a self-standing goal. At the international level, knowledge and technology transfer – between all regions of the world – is the main focus of attention here.

But at the local level too, cities and municipalities, civil society groups, the academic community and business must work together with citizens in the interests of sustainable development. In practice, numerous local partnerships for sustainable development have existed within and among cities, municipalities and regions for a very long time, involving a range of stakeholders and covering various policy fields. Very few of these alliances identify specifically as partnerships within the SDG framework. In most cases, the primary motive for establishing the partnership is pragmatic: to cut urban traffic congestion, save energy or reduce waste. Nevertheless, these innovative models involving a range of stakeholders working together offer great potential for local engagement in SDG implementation.

In terms of the one world concept, international partnerships between cities are a very valuable resource for shared creative thinking about ways of implementing the SDGs at the local level. Increasing numbers of municipalities are also actively engaged in regional or international networks of cities and are thus helping to shape policy at these levels.

At the Bonn Symposium, experts from various regions of the world will discuss how Agenda 2030 can be implemented through local partnerships. We hope you will join us.

: Tuesday, 5 December 2017

10.00 hrs Registration

Symposium Chair

Patrick Leusch

Head European Affairs
Deutsche Welle, Bonn

10.45 hrs Welcome

Christian Gramsch

Director
DW Akademie, Bonn

Renate Hendricks

Former Member of the Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia
Chairperson of the Executive Committee
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

Dr Jens Kreuter

Managing Director
Engagement Global gGmbH– Service for Development Initiatives, Bonn

11.00 hrs Opening

Dr Stephan Holthoff-Pförtner

Minister for Federal, European and International Affairs of the
State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

KEYNOTE

IMPLEMENTING THE SDGS THROUGH MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS IN COMMUNITIES AND REGIONS?

11.20 hrs

Professor Gesine Schwan

President, Humboldt-Viadrina Governance Platform
Co-Chair, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Germany, Berlin

KEYNOTE

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS: A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO AGENDA 2030 IMPLEMENTATION?

11.40 hrs

Mariam Yunusa

Former Director, Partners and Inter-Agency Coordination UN Habitat
Former Director, World Urban Forum, Abuja

INTERVIEW

WHAT DO THE OUTCOMES OF THE BONN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE MEAN FOR MUNICIPALITIES?

12.00 hrs

Interview with

Ashok-Alexander Sridharan

Lord Mayor of the City of Bonn
First Vice-President, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

12.30 hrs

Lunch

SPOTLIGHT

DANCING AND FIGHTING. LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SDGS

14.00 hrs

Input

Martin Herrndorf

Co-Founder

Colabor | Raum für Nachhaltigkeit, Cologne

PLENARY

BEST PRACTICE: LOCALISING THE SDGS – THE PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

The advantages of local partnerships for sustainable development are self-evident: even ambitious goals can be reached if a variety of stakeholders bring their particular strengths to the process. Are there any good examples of local partnerships for sustainable development within municipalities or metropolitan areas around the world? In which policy areas are they particularly effective? And how can these partnerships be coordinated, made more systematic and, if appropriate, integrated into an institutional framework?

14.15 hrs

Round table discussion

Abdihakim Yusuf Ali

Principle Founder

iRise Hub, Mogadishu

Gabrielle Guimarães

Senior Advisor for Multilateral Cooperation and Planning

Rio de Janeiro City Hall

Stine-Lise Hattestad Bratsberg

Chief Executive Officer, Pure Consulting, Oslo

Principle Adviser to the Mayor of New Asker

Dr Peter Pluschke

Deputy Mayor for Environment and Health, City of Nuremberg

Executive Director, Forum Climate Protection and Sustainable Development

MetropolitanRegion Nuremberg

followed by Discussion
15.30 hrs Coffee break

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

LOCALISING THE SDGS – WHO ARE POTENTIAL PARTNERS?

The Small Group Discussions will offer an opportunity to showcase innovative projects and strategies, followed by an interactive discussion in which participants can outline some of the challenges arising in their own work and devise new solutions.

16.00 hrs **GROUP A** **ROOM 108 – TRINCOMALEE**

Producing municipal sustainable development strategies – the partnership approach

(German)

Many municipalities are currently producing their own sustainable development strategies. Others did so many years ago. Some municipalities have also introduced “low-threshold” programmes, often with the same objectives. What has changed as a result of Agenda 2030? How can global responsibility be built into sustainable development strategies and other documents? How successful is a collaborative approach to developing targets and actions for sustainable development within municipalities? Are there any good examples of participatory, inclusive and strategic engagement for sustainable development at the local level?

Ariane Bischoff

Office of the Mayor, Division for Sustainable Development
City of Solingen

Evelyn Wurm

Division of Participation
City of Solingen

until 17.30 hrs Chair

Annette Turmann

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

16.00 hrs **GROUP B** **ROOM 110 – ANTIGUA**

Collecting local data and developing indicators – the partnership approach

(English)

The statistical information required to measure progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals at the local level is rarely available. How can local partnerships support data collection and the development of suitable indicators? Above all, how can the global responsibility that is built into Agenda 2030 be quantified and measured? Do any innovative data collection strategies exist? And does “open data” offer opportunities for creative dialogue between municipalities and local citizens?

Melika Edquist

Program Manager
Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), New York

Camilo Andrés Gamba Gamba

Bogota’s Public Innovation Lab - Mayor’s Office Bogotá

until 17.30 hrs Chair
Sebastian Dürselen
 Project Manager Global Sustainable Communities
 Service Agency Communities in One World(SKEW)/ Engagement Global gGmbH, Bonn

16.00 hrs **GROUP C** **GREMIENSAAL**
Funding local sustainable energy through partnerships **(German/English)**

A transformation of our energy systems plays a key role in the transition to sustainable development. In Germany, this “energy turnaround” – the Energiewende – is being driven and funded to a large extent by citizens themselves. Cooperatives and citizens’ initiatives see themselves as key pillars of an independent, local and renewable energy architecture. How does the funding of local sustainable development work in practice? How are these cooperatives and citizens’ initiatives working together with the municipalities? Which of the lessons learned can be transferred, if appropriate, to other policy areas?

Tasneem Essop
 Founding Director
 Energy Democracy Initiative South Africa, Johannesburg

Ramon Kempt
 Managing Director, Board Member
 Energiegewinner eG, Cologne

until 17.30 hrs Chair
Irene Knoke
 Südwind e.V., Bonn

PLENARY
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, OPEN DATA, ENERGY

17.45 hrs Lessons Learned from the Small Group Discussions

until 18.15 hrs

followed by Walk (10 minutes) to the
 Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany

EVENING PROGRAMME AT THE ART AND EXHIBITION HALL

18.45 hrs Art break at the exhibition “Weather Report. About Weather Culture and Climate Science”

19.30 hrs Reception in the “Speisesaal” at the invitation of the City of Bonn

: Wednesday, 6 December 2017

09.00 hrs Registration

Symposium Chair

Patrick Leusch

Head European Affairs
Deutsche Welle, Bonn

PLENARY

BEST PRACTICE: IMPLEMENTING THE SDGs THROUGH CITY TWINNING

Many cities have well-established twinning partnerships, while others are fairly new. Regardless of duration, topic and distance, city twinning can play an important role in enabling municipalities to work with local citizens to achieve the goals they have set themselves. Which new opportunities do the SDGs offer for existing partnerships between cities? How can these partnerships help to fill the local SDG agenda with life? And how can knowledge sharing be established on a more systematic basis and utilised for the benefit of other cities as well?

9.30 hrs Round-table discussion

Dr Gabriele Goldfuß

Head of Division International Cooperation
City of Leipzig

Desiree van de Ven

Coordinator International Affairs
City of Utrecht

Igor Viktorovich Yurkewich

Deputy Chairman
Minsk City Executive Committee

followed by Discussion

10.45 hrs Coffee break

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**CITY PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS IN PRACTICE**

The Small Group Discussions will offer an opportunity to showcase innovative projects and strategies, followed by an interactive discussion in which participants can outline some of the challenges arising in their own work and devise new solutions.

11.00 hrs

GROUP D**ROOM 104 – KIGALI****Local partnerships for sustainable development:
a shared pathway towards Agenda 2030****(German)**

In local partnerships for sustainable development, two cities, municipalities or districts work together on a regular basis and in a structured way on practical aspects of Agenda 2030. In addition to sharpening the strategic focus, the two partners implement a pilot project on a priority SDG. Which initial results have been achieved and which lessons have been learned from these partnerships? And what advice would stakeholders give to other municipalities interested in this approach?

Theobald Abenstein

Chairperson of the Bavarian Working Group Democratic Circles, City of Pfaffenhofen

until 12.30 hrs

Chair

Vera Strasser

Project Manager Municipal Partnerships for Sustainability

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

11.00 hrs

GROUP E**GREMIENSAAL****Municipal climate partnerships:
how does technical collaboration work?****(German/English)**

Municipal climate partnerships offer German cities an opportunity to work with local governments in the Global South on the more technical aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation. The municipalities concerned develop joint policy programmes with targets, actions and allocated resources. Which initial results have been achieved and which lessons have been learned from these alliances? How can this form of technical collaboration be integrated into existing partnerships? And what advice would stakeholders give to other municipalities interested in this approach?

Eckhardt Huber

Head Public Utility

Horb am Neckar

Bernard Nenghabi Tosam

Mayor of the City of Belo

until 12.30 hrs

Chair

Joël Kossivi Agnigbo

Project Coordinator for Municipal Climate Partnerships

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

11.00 hrs

GROUP F**ROOM 110 - ANTIGUA****Ecomobility: what can networks achieve?****(German)**

Ecomobility is a challenge for cities and municipalities around the world. Environmentally friendly mobility is not only about cutting emissions: it is about making the switch to local public transport, cycling and vehicle sharing as easy and appealing as possible. Are there any good examples of partnerships working for more ecomobility within municipalities? What role do networks of cities play in fostering dialogue on shared challenges and best practice?

Heinrich Bruns

Head of Department Green Spaces, Environment and Sustainability
City of Münster

Mirko Heid

Head of Dstrategy Department
SWB - Stadtwerke Bonn GmbH, Bonn

until 12.30 hrs

Chair

Monika Zimmermann

Deputy Secretary General
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Bonn

12.30 hrs

Lunch break with light refreshments

PLENARY**SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIPS, CLIMATE PARTNERSHIPS, ECOMOBILITY**

13.15 hrs Lessons Learned from the Small Group Discussions

PLENARY**BEST PRACTICE: PROGRESSING THE SDGS VIA NETWORKS OF CITIES**

Regional and international networks of cities offer a valuable opportunity for the sharing of experience. Joint projects can support local partnerships. In addition, networks of cities are important voices in the international dialogue on SDG implementation. How can the experience gained with local partnerships for sustainable development in city networks be utilised in a more systematic manner and integrated into an institutional framework? How can networks of cities support local partnerships? And what are these networks' demands in the international dialogue on the implementation of Agenda 2030?

13.30 hrs Round-table discussion

Stacey-Leigh Joseph

Executive Manager Governance & Communications
South African Cities Network, Johannesburg

Laia Vinyes Marcé

Project Officer
Platforma. Local & Regional International Action, Brussels

Monika Zimmermann

Deputy Secretary General
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Bonn

followed by Discussion

INTERVIEW**WRAP-UP**

14.45 hrs Interview with

Dr Michèle Roth

Executive Director
Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), Bonn

Dr Stefan Wilhelmy

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

15.00 hrs Symposium ends