ESDN Conference 2016

Vertical integration in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD
Addressing the role of sub-national and local levels

Agenda

10-11 November 2016, Bern, Switzerland

Fabrikhalle 12, Fabrikstrasse 12, 3012 Bern

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
in cooperation with the
Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Sustainable Development Section
Wednesday, 9 November 2016

17:00-18:45  Internal meeting of the ESDN Steering Group

19:00-21:00  Evening reception for ESDN Conference participants with the Mayor of Bern (Erlacherhof, official seat of the mayor, Junkerngasse 47, Bern)

Thursday, 10 November 2016

08:15-09:00  Registration
09:00-09:30  Opening and Orientation

09:00-09:15  Welcome address by the Swiss host and overview of the conference objectives
   DANIEL DUBAS, Head of the Sustainable Development Section, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland

09:15-09:30  Welcome address by the ESDN co-chairs
   ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

09:30-10:30  Session 1: Current status of 2030 Agenda and SDGs activities at the UN level

09:30-10:00  Follow-up activities on the 2030 Agenda and High Level Political Forum on SD outcomes
   THOMAS GASS, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA

10:00-10:30  Q&A

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-12:45  Session 2: National activities for implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs – update, future plans and vertical integration efforts

11:00-11:15  Overview of SDG implementation and review activities at the regional level
   MONIKA LINDBLOM, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland

11:15-12:15  Activities and plans on how to implement the 2030 Agenda at the national level, incl. role of sub-national levels in the implementation efforts
   VANESSA LORIOUX, Ministry for Ecology, Energy and the Sea, France
   ANNIKA LINDBLOM, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland
   JÖRG MAYER-RIES, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
   ALESSANDRO GALLI, Ministry for Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro
   TILL BERGER, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland
   HERMAN BAVINCK, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, The Netherlands

12:15-12:45  Sharing experiences on national planning for 2030 Agenda/SDGs in European countries
   Interactive exchange with participants

12:45 – 14:00  Lunch break
Session 3: Role and activities of the sub-national levels in the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation

14:00-14:15 How to move from Local Agenda 21 to the new 2030 Agenda for SD? Importance of the local level
   WOLFGANG TEUBNER, Director of ICLEI Europe

14:15-15:30 ConverStation round one 
   (regional and local activities in the context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs)
   Participants select 3 from 8 ConverStation topics. Each ConverStation lasts 30 minutes, including a presentation and discussion

   (1) Activities in North Rhine-Westphalia to implement the 2030 Agenda
   MARC-Oliver PAHL, Unit VIII-4 Sustainable Development, Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Consumer Protection of North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany

   (2) The 2030 Agenda: transforming Catalonia, improving the world
   ARNAU QUERALT-BASSA, Director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Spain

   (3) Transitioning to SDGs in Gironde
   Bénédicte PACHOD, Ministry for Ecology, Energy and the Sea, France

   (4) Welsh Government – legislating for sustainable development
   MATTHEW QUINN, Environment and Sustainable Development, Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs of Wales, United Kingdom

   (5) The SD Initiatives in Tyrol
   SUSANNE FENKART, Sustainability Coordinator, Department Regional Development and Sustainable Strategy of Tyrol, Austria

   (6) The new Walloon SD Strategy
   MICHEL AMAND, Director of the Sustainable Development Strategies Unit of Wallonia, Belgium

   (7) Localizing the SDGs: the case of the Basque Country
   LEYRE MADARIAGA, Basque Government, Spain

   (8) Regional hubs for SD strategies in Germany: fostering vertical integration and a multi-stakeholder approach
   SABINE GERHARDT, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), Germany

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:45 ConverStation round three: regional and local activities in the context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs (continue)

16:45-17:30 Panel Discussion: reflections on activities to implement the 2030 Agenda for SD
   Lutz Ribbe, Vice-President of the EESC’s Sustainable Development Observatory
   Anna Bombonato, Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, Italy & ESDN Steering Group
   Monika Linn, Principal Adviser & Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

18:30 Evening Program: City walk (starting at 18:30 in front of 'Zytglogge', the clock tower; leaving from venue at 17:45)

19:30 Joint dinner (Restaurant Kornhauskeller - Kornhausplatz 18, Bern)
### Session 4: Vertical Integration and cooperation between different political levels

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