The 2016 review of the German National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS)

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Continuity and Progress since 2002

2002

2004

2008

2012

Next Progress Report

Autumn 2016
Our task:

to further develop the NSDS in the light of the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development

- based on public dialog which started on 29 October 2015
Germany will set a good example and will yet in 2016 as one of the first states internationally present its implementation efforts [at HLPF].
Common understanding:

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda on SD is a very important task, requiring collective action across all policy areas.

The NSDS will be an essential framework for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The NSDS needs to be carefully reviewed in all its essential elements and where necessary to be further developed.
Where do we stand?

Essential elements of the current NSDS:

✓ 3 Institutions
✓ 10 Management rules
✓ 38 indicators and targets
✓ SD Impact assessment for draft legislation
✓ international Peer Reviews 2009/2013
✓ Regular reports
Indicator Report 2014

Target will be achieved or nearly achieved (16)

Development in the right direction, but gap between 5 and 20% will remain (6)

Development in the right direction, but gap of more than 20% will remain (10)

Development in the wrong direction (6)

Independent analysis by the Federal Statistical Office
What is missing?

• No clear definition of strategy/report
• Indicators and targets are not closely linked to measures and activities
• Efficient steering role of the NSDS is questioned
• NGOs require dialogue with the government
Where do we want to go?
Cornerstones of renewed NSDS 2016

- Shorter, more action orientated strategy
- Adapt existing sustainability architecture to make sustainability governance fit for
  - multi-stakeholder exchange
  - international reporting
  - effective steering of implementation
- Strengthen international dimension
- Reflection of New Global Partnership
- SDGs 1-17 as the new structure for targets /indicators
- Develop national targets and indicators further in the light of the SDGs/targets for 2030
important players in the process:
The State Secretaries‘ Committee

Chair: Peter Altmaier,
Head of the Federal Chancellery
Members: Sts of all ministries

- The Committee is in charge of the further development and monitoring of the national strategy.
- It meets about 4 times a year and discusses specific items (lately e.g. sustainable consumption, sustainable cities) with relevant experts from business, science, associations, the Länder or local communities.
Parliamentary Advisory Council

Chair: Andreas Jung, MoP
Members: 17 MoPs

- Gives the NSDS a parliamentary dimension
- Plays a role in developing goals, measures and instruments
- Enters into dialogue with other parliaments, particularly in the European Union
- Evaluates the sustainability impact assessment of the federal government
The German Council for SD

Chair: Marlehn Thieme
Members: 15 individuals (businesses, trade unions, churches, the media, associations, NGOs)

The Council works independently and has 2 major tasks:
• to advise the Federal Government on all matters relating to SD
• to promote the dialogue with stakeholders and civil society.

Examples: yearly conferences; elaboration of Sustainability Code with business, investors and civil society; dialogs with the 100 youngest local politicians and with mayors
• started in 2012 the yearly SD Action Day/Week
Council Recommendations of May 2015
„The German SD-Architecture and SDG“

Examples of the 41 recommendations:

• The government should broaden the public dialogue
• The NSDS is the appropriate instrument to implement the SDGs in Germany
• The SDGs require a review of the national targets and instruments
• The government should promote the establishment of SD strategies all over the world
Why running a stakeholder dialogue?

Sustainability can succeed only through collective efforts
Objectives of stakeholder participation:
- information
- awareness raising
- to advertise the strategy
- to create common understanding
- to promote discussions on SD
- to get feedback and input
Willkommen beim Bürgerdialog „Nachhaltigkeit“

Vielen Dank für Ihr Engagement!

In den vergangenen Wochen haben sich viele Bürgerinnen und Bürger an der Diskussion zur nachhaltigen Entwicklung unseres Landes beteiligt.

Die eingegangenen Stellungnahmen und Kommentare werden nun von den zuständigen Bundesministern ausgewertet und finden in die Arbeiten zum Entwurf des Fortschrittsberichts 2012 ein.

Die Bundesregierung wird in diesem Bericht eine aktuelle Bilanz der nachhaltigen Entwicklung ziehen und Schwerpunkte für künftiges politisches Handeln setzen.

Feb/March 2010 - Environment Ministry
Internet consultation and 3-days-workshop: „Have a say: where should the environmental focus of the strategy lie?“

September/November 2010 - Federal Press Office
Internet consultation
„What should be the main focus of the strategy?“

June/September 2010 - Federal Press Office
Internet consultation on the draft Progress Report
=> 72.000 users, 386.000 page views,
=> 1.600 opinions and comments

September 2011 - Federal Chancellery/Federal Press Office
Dialogue with about 40 associations and organisations

February 2012 – Cabinet Decision - Progress Report 2012
Stakeholder Dialogue 2015/2016

Globale Nachhaltigkeitsziele – nationale Verantwortung

Die deutsche Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie 2016

Einladung zur Dialogreihe


- Wie können die neuen globalen Nachhaltigkeitsziele auf nationaler Ebene umgesetzt werden?
- Was muss in Deutschland geschehen, um die nachhaltige Entwicklung weiter voranzubringen?

Die Bundesregierung will dies mit interessierten Bürgerinnen und Bürgern und Fachkreisen diskutieren und anschließend die nationale Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie fortschreiben. Dazu laden wir in fünf Städten zu Konferenzen ein:

- 29. Oktober 2015  Auftaktkonferenz in Berlin  - ausgebucht
- 25. November 2015  Dresden
- 11. Dezember 2015  Stuttgart
- 19. Januar 2016  Bonn
- 11. Februar 2016  Hamburg

Melden Sie sich an und diskutieren Sie mit!
Elements of stakeholder participation:

I. Phase:
- stakeholder information (E-Mail)
- regular newsletter (every 5/6 weeks)
- serie of 5 stakeholder conferences
- comments collected by electronic letterbox

II. Phase - Draft
- dialogue meeting with Länder (2016)
- dialogue meeting with associations and organisations (2016)
Kick-off Dialogue Conference

„Globale Sustainable Development Goals – National Responsibility“
Berlin, 29 October 2015

Structure: Key-note - panel discussions - 6 Workshops
Questions of the Workshops?

WS 1: How should the new global partnership be implemented in Germany?
WS 2/3: How could and should sustainable economic activities and sustainable consumption be promoted?
WS 4: What should be the main focus of sustainable cities and infrastructure?
WS 5: What are the interlinkages of poverty related questions and SD in Germany?
WS 6: How to strengthen vertical integration in Germany?
The results and findings of the conferences as well as further statements and comments via internet will be collected and evaluated for the further development of the NSDS.

In 2016 the draft Progress Report 2016 will be published and consulted via internet and discussed with Länder and stakeholder.

The review should be finalized in autumn 2016.
Thank you.

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