Stakeholder Dialogue and Forum for Sustainable Development in Switzerland

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Strengthening environmental and sustainable development dialogue in Europe in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
The renewed Sustainable Development Strategy 2016-2019

- Sustainable Development Strategy as the common roof for the coordination of the domestic implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- National Action Plan (9 policy fields)
  - Visions (long term)
  - Challenges
  - Goals (2030)
  - Actions (legislative period)
- International chapter: major foreign policy contributions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
Transition phase for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (2016-2017)

- Baseline assessment / gap analysis (in sectoral policies)
- Define monitoring and review mechanisms
- Clarify stakeholder involvement (national and international focus)
- Build a stable policy cycle for the next 15 years

→ Government decision on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in 2018
Stakeholder Dialogue for the renewal of the SD Strategy 2016-2019

Primary goals:
• Develop a shared view on sustainable development in Switzerland
• Integrate interests of stakeholders on the national level to improve the action plan and make it realistic
• Improve the further implementation of the strategy

Secondary goals:
• Make the strategy better known
• Enable the national «SD community» to exchange on their visions and possible contributions
«Facts and figures»

Participants
150 national representatives of civil society (NGOs and associations), science, cantons, communes and the federal administration

Process
2 Events, 27 workshops in nine thematic fields (such as consumption and production, natural resources, health, social cohesion, economic and financial system)
The long-term view

- The vision defines the long-term perspective
- The goals define priorities for the next generation
- The measures define the priorities for the next legislative period
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Process overview strategy renewal

Draft SDS

SDS

Viewpoint of Stakeholders

Forum 3

Action Plan

Consultation

Affirmation

Summary: Viewpoint of Stakeholders

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Evaluation and learnings of the stakeholder-dialogue

General results:

• Participation is an essential requirement for sustainable development and an important instrument to mobilize stakeholders for partnerships
• The goals of the process were reached and there is a strong interest to build up on the results and to continue the dialogue
Evaluation and learnings of the stakeholder-dialogue

Difficulties:

• The program was very full: WS-sequence had to be adapted which complicated the process
• Bottom-up process was difficult since stakeholders often have no clear mid-term goals in their own agendas: The results were considered as non-systematic
• A consultation of the final SDS was not possible: opposition
• Federal representatives had difficulties to understand their role
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Learnings:

• Stakeholders have clear expectations concerning participative processes. Unusual processes need very good communication.
• Discussions should be based on clear propositions from the federal administration.
• A bottom-up process cannot replace a consultation.
• A clear communication of the added-value of sustainable development and the SDS is crucial for including a representative spectrum of stakeholders, in particular economic players.
Continuation of the dialogue in a SD policy-cycle – first considerations

Gap Analysis

Evaluation

Monitoring of SD

Priorities of action «national goals»

Planning (SDS): Measures

Implementation

1: Consultation
2: Consultation
3: Partnerships
4: Survey

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Subnational implementation

Federal Level
- Federal offices
  - ISDC
- Strategies
  - Sustainability strategy
- ARE
  - Indicators and Assessment Instruments

Cantonal Level
- Strategies Concepts
  - Local Agenda 21
- Cantons
  - Implementation projects

Local/Regional Level
- Local Agenda 21
- Cities
  - Implementation projects
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