ESDN Conference 2018

Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in the Age of the SDGs: What new approaches are required to be successful?

Agenda

1-2 October 2018, Vienna, Austria

Austria Center Vienna,
Room G1 (brown level, floor -2)
Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
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Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourisms
Official event of the Austrian EU Presidency 2018
Monday, 1 October 2018

09:00-09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Welcome Address by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism
Josef Plank, Secretary General, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

Welcome Address by ESDN Steering Group Co-Chairs
Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN co-chairs, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

09:30-10:50 Session 1: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation – What has changed with the SDGs?

Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for SD: Past Experiences and New Requirements in the Age of the SDGs – Where do we come from and where are we going?
Monika Linn, Principal Adviser & Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in the Age of the SDGs: Experiences, Practical Examples, and Impulses for Future Success
Günter Bachmann, Secretary General, German Council for SD, Germany

Plenary Discussion on Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in the Age of the SDGs

10:50-11:20 Coffee Break

11:20-12:45 Session 2: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation on SDG Implementation in the European Union

Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs: Purpose, Functionality, and SDG Implementation Activities
Marcel Haag, Chair of the Management Committee of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs, Director Policy Coordination, Secretariat-General, European Commission

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC): Representing Stakeholders in EU Policy-Making
Brenda King, Member of the EESC, UK
Plenary Discussion on Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation on SDG Implementation at the EU Level

12:45-13:00 Teaser Presentations from the Project Exhibition

Short overview presentations of the institutions and projects displaying their work at the Project Exhibition

Localizing the SDGs: How it can be done - practical examples from Flanders
Hanne Albers, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, Belgium

Making SDGs count: data and indicators shaping policies
Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Austria

Growth in Transition
Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

From Governance to Leadership for the SDGs
Joachim Monkelbaan, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12) – a common Nordic challenge and priority
Trine Schmidt, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark

The SDGs in Education: The FORUM Umweltbildung and its didactic suggestions to convey the importance of the 17 UN Global Goals
Rebecca Zeilinger, FORUM Umweltbildung (Environmental Education FORUM), Austria

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:20 Session 3: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for the SDGs – Perspectives of Governance

Panel Discussion with representatives of national government ministries and stakeholders on governance issues

- Eili Lepik, Strategy Unit, Government Office of Estonia
- Sigrid Solnik, Coordinator of the Estonian Coalition for SD

- Annika Lindblom, Secretary General of the National Commission on SD, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- Jussi Kanner, NGO Platform KEHYS, Finland
15:20-15:45  Coffee Break

15:45-17:15  Session 4: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for the SDGs – Effectively Tapping into Stakeholder Energy

Panel Discussion with representatives of national government ministries and stakeholders on effectively tapping into stakeholder energy

- Simon Callewaert, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium
- Wiske Jult, 11.11.11 (the coalition of NGOs, unions, movements and various solidarity groups in Flanders), Belgium
- Stéphane Bernaudon, Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition, France
- Sarah Schönfeld, Comité 21, France
- Anna Bombonato, Technical Assistance Unit Sogesid S.p.A - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- Giulio Lo Iacono, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS)

17:15-17:30  Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation – Main Insights from Day 1

Important insights from the presentations and discussions of Day 1
André Martinuzzi, Head of the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business & Coordinator of the ESDN Office

17:30  End of Day 1

- Overview on Day 2
- Information on the Conference Dinner

19:30  Dinner Invitation from the Austrian Minister for Sustainability and Tourism, Elisabeth Köstinger, at Palais Pallavicini
Josefsplatz 5, 1010, Vienna
Tuesday, 2 October 2018

09:00-10:30 Session 5 (part 1): ConverStations - Stakeholder activities and initiatives for the SDG implementation (Rounds 1+2)

12 ConverStations, 1st and 2nd round

(1) Global Reporting Initiative and their SDG Work
   Pietro Bertazzi, Head of SD, Global Reporting Initiative-GRI

(2) Engaging CSO stakeholders in SDG Activities
   Wiske Jult, 11.11.11 (the coalition of NGOs, unions, movements and various solidarity groups in Flanders), Belgium

(3) Experiences with stakeholder activities/initiatives for the 2030 Agenda Implementation in the context of the UN Environment Assembly
   Alexander Juras, Chief, Civil Society Unit at the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

(4) Transnational Multi-Stakeholder partnership on Agenda 2030 Implementation – the Baltic Sea Region example
   Krista Kampus, Head of Baltic 2030 Unit

(5) Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development: Better and more coherent policies through stronger civil society involvement
   Jussi Kanner, NGO Platform KEHYS, Finland

(6) European Youth Forum and the 2030 Agenda
   Jan Mayrhofer, Policy Officer on Sustainable Development, European Youth Forum

(7) Activities of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) & the Italian SD Festival
   Giulio Lo Iaco, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS)

(8) SDG Watch activities on the European and national level
   Leida Rijnhout, SDG Watch Europe Steering Group

(9) SDGs “Tour de France”
   Sarah Schönfeld, Comité 21, France

(10) Estonian Coalition for Sustainable Development: Heightened Integration of Stakeholders and Policymakers
    Sigrid Solnik, Coordinator of the Estonian Coalition for SD

(11) UK Multi-Stakeholder Project on 2030 Agenda Implementation
    Farooq Ullah, Co-Chair of UK Stakeholder for Sustainable Development (UKSSD)

(12) Activities of the sub-national level for the 2030 Agenda, SDG implementation and the cooperation with stakeholders
    Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 Session 5 (part 2): ConverStations - Stakeholder activities and initiatives for the SDG implementation (Round 3)

12 ConverStations, 3rd round

11:30-12:45 Session 6: Developing the Ingredients for Successful Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in SDG Implementation

Interactive Group Work: Developing the most important elements for a successful stakeholder-policy cooperation

12:45-13:00 Conference Closure

- Conclusions
- Next ESDN activities

13:00 End of the Conference and Buffet Lunch

14:00-16:00 ESDN Steering Group Meeting (internal meeting)