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Spotlight on Sustainable Development 2019



“The world is off-track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Most governments have failed to turn the transformational vision of the 2030 Agenda into real transformational policies. Even worse, xenophobia and authoritarianism are on the rise in a growing number of countries... The implementation of the 2030 Agenda is not just a matter of better policies. It requires more holistic and more sweeping shifts in how power is vested, including through institutional and governance reforms... A simple software update is not enough – we have to revisit and reshape the hardware of sustainable development, i.e. governance and institutions at all levels.” This is the main message of the Spotlight Report 2019, one of the most comprehensive independent assessments of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The report is launched on the day before the opening of the High Level Political Forum at the United Nations in New York by a global coalition of civil society organizations and trade unions.

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Global Civil Society Report on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

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With contributions from



Who is paying the Bill? (Negative) impacts of EU policies and practices in the World

Launch: Spotlight Report on Sustainability in Europe



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted unanimously at the United Nations in September 2015 is highly ambitious. It should also form the basis for all policies of the European Union. But four years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda the world is off-track to achieve the SDGs. Most governments have failed to turn the transformational vision of the 2030 Agenda into real transformational policies. The EU is still lacking a comprehensive strategy on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its ambitious commitments to action. On average, the EU has one of the world's worst environmental footprint per capita, with our unsustainable lifestyles based on resource and labour exploitation in other parts of the world.

The economy of the future needs to take into account the environmental and social impact beyond our borders rather than living in the illusion of a low-carbon, resource efficient Europe that exports resource-intensive production to other parts of the world. At the launching event on July 15th in New York authors of the Spotlight Report Sustainability in Europe will present in some important policy areas where there is an urgent need for action, because the external effects of European policies are not sufficiently taken into account.

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Church Center - 10th floor, New York | Monday 15th of July - 16.30-18.00h

[Download the invitation here \(pdf, 316KB\).](#)

Global Policy Watch

The HLPF review has to match the ambition of the 2030 Agenda

by Barbara Adams, Global Policy Forum



The 2030 Agenda and the SDGs have also captured the attention of many parts of the UN system, which are slowly restructuring their work plans towards their achievement. This fact can be seen in negotiations on UN development system reform and country-level reporting; on the push for a Data Revolution as well as Information and Technology. The VNRs are being analysed by civil society groups as well as the UN Committee on Development Policy to see the extent to which they are focused on leaving no one behind, and tackling the furthest behind first, as well as the extent to which they address trade-offs between

the goals and especially spillover effects from global policies that impede their achievement.

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Infos zu den SDGs

Spotlight on
Sustainable Development
Report by the Reflection Group
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Deutschland und die
globale Nachhaltigkeitsagenda

What's new

Open Letter: World leaders must stop fuelling inequality



Fight Inequality

As governments and global leaders gather in the coming months at several summits and meetings, from the UN High Level Political Forum in New York, to the G7 summit and the UN General Assembly, fighting inequality will once again be high on the agenda. But they are failing to deal with inequality crisis. This open letter is written by the growing global movement to fight inequality - to call out the failure of the current approach by governments and to set out a vision for radical change. Leadership is coming from people on the frontlines of inequality, not politicians. Governments and leaders must follow their calls to truly #fightinequality.

Overcoming barriers to reduce inequalities: Policies to leave no one behind and achieve greater equality



The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs (VENRO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) are hosting a side event on Reducing Inequalities within and among countries (SDG 10). Reducing inequalities is essential for overcoming extreme poverty (SDG 1) and a successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda as a whole. Many countries experience high and increasing inequalities. A reversal of this trend is not in sight. Therefore, it is paramount to take political action towards reaching this central goal of the 2030 Agenda.

A tale of multiple disconnects: Why the 2030 Agenda does not (yet?) contribute to moving German gender equality struggles forward



A new discussion paper by UN Women, authored by Hannah Birkenröter, Gabriele Köhler and Anke Stock, addresses the percolation and domestication of the United Nations' "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Transforming our World" in Germany with a view to understanding its impact on domestic gender equality policies. Concentrating on federal-level policymaking, the main finding of the study is that the 2030 Agenda and SDG 5 have, as of yet, not had a discernible impact on domestic gender equality struggles. This is surprising, since the 2030 Agenda offers a holistic conception of sustainability, and thus has the "value added" advantage of merging and transcending the rather disjointed gender, social justice, and ecological sustainability policy strands.

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