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[Spotlight Report 2020 - Shifting policies for systemic change - Lessons from the Global COVID-19 crisis](#)



On the eve of the (virtual) United Nations 75th anniversary event and the Global Goals Week authors presented this year's global civil society report Spotlight on Sustainable Development.

If you missed the virtual launching event you can watch the [recording here](#).

Find the [report & further information here](#).

Five years of SDGs - Little progress so far

Jens Martens of GPF was interviewed by Deutsche Welle on the progress of the SDGs.

Listen to the full interview [here](#).

No Business as usual – Patents kill: For the suspension of patent protection on all essential medicines!

The world has become a patient. The new corona virus is a global medical riddle that governments, pharmaceutical companies and international organizations are trying to decipher in a unity rarely seen before. The level of cross-border exchange of data, research methods and evidence underlines the crucial role played by transnational communities of scientists* and experts*. With the development and the clinical testing of a vaccine, many hope that the virus will be all but contained, the rest a matter of logistics.

Unfortunately, it is not that simple.

Civil Society Call for a global fund for social protection

Over 200 civil society organizations and trade unions unite to call for a Global Fund for Social Protection to protect the most vulnerable during COVID-19 and beyond.

The COVID-19 crisis has driven economies and health systems around the world to the brink of collapse, pushed millions into extreme poverty and deepened deprivations experienced by many more. These devastating consequences could have been avoided if people had been supported by robust and comprehensive social protection systems that ensure income security for all during such crises. But this is precisely what has been lacking in many low-income countries where only a small proportion of the population is covered by social protection.

The role of IFIs in a world of intersecting conflicts and crises in the Middle East and North Africa - Side event during the Civil Society Policy Forum at the 2020 IMF-WB Annual Meetings.

This session will assess IFIs' policies in contexts of crises and conflicts, mainly in the Arab region, by examining the existing policies and their impact on inequality. It aims also to look into countries with ongoing IMF negotiations, in light of country specific contexts, such as the economic failure in Lebanon and the inability to negotiate, and the case of emergency lending in Egypt. Finally, it will assess IMF policies on a regional level as they relate to the effect of the pandemic.

Global Policy Watch

Re-inventing multilateral solidarity: rhetoric, reaction or realignment of power? - 20/09/20

By Barbara Adams

Multilateral solidarity is gaining traction as the slogan for mobilizing support for international cooperation and for the UN. Is it replacing or merely renaming cross-border obligations – many of which have been enshrined over decades in UN treaties, conventions and agreements, and the principle of common but differentiated responsibility in their implementation?

From 2020 HLPF to the first annual “SDG Moment” - 18/09/20

By Elena Marmo

The first annual SDG Moment is set to take place on 18 September 2020, designed to reinvigorate efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Marking the last decade in which to achieve these goals, the moment will: “Set out a vision for a Decade of Action and recovering better from COVID-19; Provide a snapshot on SDG progress; Highlight plans and actions to tackle major implementation gaps; and Demonstrate the power and impact of action and innovation by SDG stakeholders.”

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EINLADUNG Webseminar - Öffentliche Ressourcen sichern - Illegitime Finanzströme bekämpfen



Seit Anfang des Jahres befasst sich ein Expert_innenpanel bei den UN mit der Frage, wie gegen Steuerflucht & Korruption vorgegangen werden kann. Das High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI-Panel) sucht nach Lösungen wie illegitime Finanzflüsse bekämpft werden können.

Krisenmanagement weltweit koordinieren - Deutschland muss den UN helfen, eine multilaterale Antwort auf die Corona-Krise zu finden

Gastbeitrag von Bodo Ellmers, Global Policy Forum in der Frankfurter Rundschau

Der Gipfel der UN am heutigen Dienstag zur Entwicklungsfinanzierung ist eine einmalige Chance.

Der Gipfel kann verhindern, dass die Corona-Krise noch mehr Menschen in armen Ländern in Leid und Elend stürzt.

Arme Länder benötigen mehr Gelder für öffentliche Gesundheit

epd-Gespräch mit Bodo Ellmers, Global Policy Forum

Die Bundesregierung sollte nach Ansicht des Experten für Entwicklungsförderung, Bodo Ellmers, in der Corona-Pandemie die Sozial- und öffentlichen Gesundheitssysteme armer Länder stärker unterstützen.

Eine gescheiterte Agenda?

Artikel von Jens Martens im Südkompass-Magazin

Von der »Transformation der Welt« ist die Agenda 2030 nach fünf Jahren noch weit entfernt. Am 25. September 2020 jährte sich zum fünften Mal die Verabschiedung der Agenda 2030 und ihrer 17 globalen Ziele für nachhaltige Entwicklung (Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs) durch die Vereinten Nationen. Eine erste Zwischenbilanz nach einem Drittel der Wegstrecke liefert ein ambivalentes Bild.

Wichtiger Schritt für die menschenrechtliche und ökologische Ausrichtung der Weltwirtschaft

Stellungnahme der Treaty Alliance Deutschland zum zweiten überarbeiteten Entwurf für ein verbindliches UN-Abkommen zu Wirtschaft und Menschenrechten (»Second Revised Draft«)

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