

Germany's Second Voluntary National Review

Taking stock and looking ahead at the beginning
of the Decade of Action and Delivery for the SDGs

Invitation

Virtual HLPF Side Event of Germany
July 15, 13h00 – 14h30 EDT / 19h00 – 20h30 CEST

One year after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, Germany presented its first Voluntary National Review. Now, five years later, Germany presents its second report, showcasing trends of SDG implementation, lessons learned and outlines key areas of transformation. Based on the revised German Sustainability Strategy, adopted in March 2021, the second VNR looks at the efforts to meet the SDGs in Germany, globally and with partner countries over the past five years, as well as at challenges and priorities for the coming years.

With nine years left to achieve the SDGs, during the United Nations Decade of Action and Delivery from 2020 to 2030, all relevant actors must deliver ambitious action and transformational solutions for sustainability issues, including efficient measures for the net decarbonisation of our economies and societies. The recovery from the pandemic can play a key role in the Decade of Action and Delivery when designed well. After all, the pandemic has further increased the pressure for action worldwide. At the same time, it has highlighted the need for comprehensive solutions to global problems and to the vulnerabilities exacerbated by unsustainable actions. Today's priorities and actions therefore have to be brought in line with the interests of future generations.

Implementation over the coming years needs to be highly inclusive, engaging all relevant stakeholders and following the principle of 'green and better recovery'. The event therefore seeks active interaction with high-level representatives from government, civil society, private sector, science, trade unions and youth from Germany and other UN member states. For the German government, Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter (Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety) and Dr. Maria Flachsbarth (Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) will present the VNR. Against this backdrop, the side event provides an important platform to discuss challenges and opportunities for Germany's future implementation efforts, as well as approaches to a green and better recovery, especially in those areas of the 2030 Agenda in which progress has been too slow so far.

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Programme

I. Setting the scene

13:00 – 13:03 EDT

Introduction and welcome

19:00 – 19:03 CEST

Dr. Sabrina Schulz, Moderator, Executive Director, SDSN Germany

II. Short presentation of the second German VNR

13:03 – 13:13 EDT

Joint VNR presentation by

19:03 – 19:13 CEST

1. Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
2. Dr. Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Outlook on German Sustainability Policy by

3. Dr. Gesa Mieke-Nordmeyer, Director-General for Social, Health, Labour Market, Environmental and Societal Policy, Federal Chancellery

III. Panel: Discussing the way forward into the Decade of Action

13:15 – 14:24 EDT

Inputs by international stakeholders

19:15 – 20:24 CEST

1. Eugene Owusu, Presidential Adviser on the SDGs, Office of the President of Ghana
2. Ana Toni, Executive Director, Instituto Clima e Sociedade (ICS)
3. Dominic Waughray, Managing Director, World Economic Forum

Panel discussion with stakeholders and responses by the German Government

4. Sophia Bachmann, German Youth Delegate on Sustainable Development
5. Franz-Josef von Kempis, Senior Manager Environment, technology and Sustainability, Federation of German Industries (BDI)
6. Jenna Abel, Member of the General Council, United Services Trade Union (ver.di)
7. Dr. Luise Steinwachs, Deputy Chair of the Board, Association of Development and Humanitarian Non-governmental Organisations (VENRO)
8. Marie-Luise Abshagen, Head of Sustainability Policies, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development (FUE)

Final observations by

9. Alicia Maldonado, UN Youth Delegate, Peru

IV. Wrap-up

14:24 – 14:30 EDT

Closing Remarks

20:24 – 20:30 CEST

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