

## Cornerstones for the Organisation

Resolution of the Inaugural Meeting of April 14th, 2014 (as amended on 30 September 2016)

In the summer of 2012, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) was established under the auspices of UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon. Membership of the global SDSN is open to universities, research institutions, civil society organisations (CSOs) and other knowledge centres engaged in the field of sustainable development. The SDSN Executive Committee makes decisions regarding membership applications. Within the framework of SDSN rules, network members may form national and regional SDSNs under the umbrella of the global network.

On March 4th, 2014 in Berlin, in the presence of the SDSN Director (Professor Jeffrey Sachs) and SDSN Executive Director (Guido Schmidt-Traub) German representatives from science, business, society and politics agreed to establish a German SDSN. On April 14th, 2014 the founding members of the German SDSN laid down the organisational cornerstones of SDSN Germany. The cornerstones were last amended on 20 September 2016.

### 1. Objectives

SDSN Germany stands for the sustainable development of Germany and for German involvement in sustainable development worldwide. In doing so it pursues the following objectives in particular:

- a. To foster the debate on sustainable development within German academia, society and politics;
- b. To promote practical solutions for sustainable development within Germany and across the globe;
- c. Introduction of German expertise and experience in the global SDSN and the worldwide discussion on the implementation of the universal 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- d. To support cooperation among German SDSN members in general as well as in the global SDSN context, and to foster exchange with German business, politics and society.

### 2. Members and Partner

- a. The membership of the SDSN Germany is made up by all German members of the global SDSN (cf.No.1).
- b. Institutions from Germany which would like to support the aims and work of the SDSN without being members of the global SDSN can be invited by the Leadership Council (comparison see No. 3) to be partners of SDSN Germany (cf. No.2).

- c. Institutions, units, facilities and individuals who wish to support the objectives and work of the SDSN without being members or partners of SDSN Germany may be included in the work on individual terms by the chairpersons (cf. No 3) (project partners).

### **3. Organisation of SDSN Germany**

- a. The German SDSN members make up the German SDSN Assembly which meets at least once a year with the participation of the partners of SDSN Germany. It elects the Leadership Council of SDSN Germany for two year at a time which itself meets at least twice per year.
- b. The Leadership Council comprises up to twelve members, the majority of which representing German SDSN membership organisations. In addition, representatives from various strands of society are to be chosen as members of the national Leadership Council.
- c. The Leadership Council shall elect one or two chairperson(s) from of its academic members for the duration of its term of office and appoint the executive director of SDSN Germany.
- d. The Leadership Council shall appoint up to twenty additional personalities, especially from politics and other areas beyond the members and partners of SDSN Germany, in an Extended Leadership Council, which in particular serves the regular exchange and dialogue with representatives beyond the members and partners.
- e. The Leadership Council entrust for three years one or two member organizations to perform the coordination and secretarial functions within SDSN Germany, as well as to the global and other national or regional SDSNs (German SDSN Center)<sup>1</sup>. The office established there is managed by the executive director. The office works closely with 'SDSN focal points' in the member and partner organizations.

### **4. Financing**

Members and partners of SDSN Germany are essentially themselves responsible for the costs of their participation in the SDSN. The aim is to have a fair distribution of financial burden in the case of joint activities and for any coordination and secretariat functions. SDSN Germany seeks financial support of its work from public and private sources both at home and abroad.

### **5. Public Relations Work**

Public declarations on the part of SDSN Germany shall be made in accordance with a procedure determined by the national Leadership Council.

Within the scope of their public relations work, especially via their websites, the members of SDSN Germany shall refer to the work of the global SDSN as well as the SDSN Germany. The website of SDSN Germany is run by the German SDSN center.

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<sup>1</sup> Currently the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) serves as the German SDSN Center.

## Memberorganisations Status: 31.05.2017

Adelphi Research
Bertelsmann Stiftung / Bertelsmann Foundation
Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) / German Development Institute
Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW Berlin) / German Institute for Economic Research
Deutsches Netzwerk Wirtschaftsethik (DNWE) / European Business Ethics Network Germany
Germanwatch
Hochschule Bonn Rhein Sieg - Internationales Zentrum für Nachhaltige Entwicklung (IZNE) – International Centre for Sustainable Development
HUMBOLDT – VIADRINA Governance Platform
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
Kieler Exzellenzcluster “Ozean der Zukunft” / Kieler Excellence Cluster “The Future Ocean”
Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change
Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung (PIK) – Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
Reiner Lemoine Institut
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) / German Institute for International and Security Affairs
Universität Göttingen – Fachbereich für Entwicklungsökonomik / University of Göttingen – Department of Development Economics
Universität Stuttgart - Fachbereich für Internationalen Städtebau / University of Stuttgart – Department for International Urbanism
Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie / Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, Energy
Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung (ZEF) – Centre for Development Research

## Partnerorganisations Status: 31.05.2017

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen (DGVN) / United Nations Association of Germany
Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission (DUK) / German Commission for UNESCO
Deutscher Naturschutzring (DNR) / German League for Nature, Animal and Environment Protection
Deutsches Komitee für Nachhaltigkeitsforschung in Future Earth (DKN-Future Earth) / German Committee Future Earth
econsense – Forum Nachhaltige Entwicklung der Deutschen Wirtschaft / Forum for Sustainable Development of German Business
Engagement Global
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung / Heinrich-Böll-Foundation
ICC Germany – International Chamber of Commerce
Stiftung 2° - Deutsche Unternehmer für den Klimaschutz / Foundation 2° - German CEOs for climate protection
Umweltbundesamt (UBA) – Federal Environment Agency
Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband (vzbv) / Consumer Center Federal Association
Verbraucherzentrale NRW / Consumer Center NRW