Milestones

The **2030 Agenda** applies to all countries of the world. It was approved by the UN member states after a transparent and inclusive process. Its centrepiece comprises 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs), to be implemented by 2030.

Equally seminal for the future of our planet is the **UN climate agreement signed in Paris**. This saw the world community agree on key issues such as pursuing efforts to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees above the pre-industrial level, where possible.





New York September 2015 Dezember 2015



A common path

2030 Agenda

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Theme: Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world

2018

2017

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Theme: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

2019

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Theme: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

2020

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development will be repeated annually

2030

The 17 goals of the 2030 Agenda and the national plans for implementing the climate agreement (nationally determined contributions, NDCs) need to be realised together and cannot be regarded separately from one another. This applies not only to goal 13 of the 2030 Agenda, which is dedicated specifically to climate protection, but also to other goals. For example:



Climate protection reduces the risk of

parts of the population.

The expansion of renewable energies helps to fulfil

goal 7 and tackle climate change. However, at the

same time this expansion can also cause trade-offs

with regard to claims to water and land resources.

weather-related natural disasters, thereby also

promoting the **food security** of vulnerable



2018 Facilitative dialogue

Paris Agreement

2017

Countries take stock on their intended nationally contributions on mitigation to achieve the long-term goals.

2020

Submission of NDCs Countries update or renew their

national determined contributions – from now on every five years.

First global stock-take

A collective progress to review nationally determined contributions towards achieving the long-term goals.

2025

Reviewed NDCs

The countries are bound to increase their ambitions of their NDCs in regard of the global stocktake (ratchet mechanism).

Second global stock-take

Again a collective progress to review nationally determined contributions towards achieving the long-term goals.

But how?

Protecting forests contributes both to the preservation of biodiversity and

the combating of climate change.

- > Public awareness needs to be raised regarding the interconnections between the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Integrated and fair policy processes should pave the way for the sustainable achievement of the goals.
- > There are not only possible synergies between the two major agendas, but also trade-offs, which should be managed by being recognised and dealt with at an early stage.
- > Non-governmental and sub-national actors such as companies, NGOs or cities offer immense potential for realising the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. It is imperative that this potential is utilised.

"This is the time for implementation and action action that science informs us must be swift, decisive and sustained."

Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change