



## **Cornerstones for the Organisation**

Resolution of the Inaugural Meeting of April 14th, 2014 (as amended on 19 November 2018)

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 cornerstones of the German SDSN organisation. The cornerstones get in by resolution of the members in November 2018 updated.

### **1. Objectives**

The German SDSN 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 SDSN context, and to foster exchange with German business, politics and society.

### **2. Members and Partners**

- a. Members of the German SDSN are all german members of the global SDSN (cf.No.1)
- b. Institutions from Germany who 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 the German SDSN (cf. No.2).
- c. Institutions, units, facilities and individuals who wish to support the objectives and work of the SDSN without being members and partners of SDSN Germany, may be included in the work on individual terms by the chairpersons (comparison see No 3) (project partners).

### **3. Organisation**

- a. The German SDSN members make up the German SDSN Assembly which meets at least once a year with the participation of the German SDSN partners. It elects the Leadership Council of the German SDSN for one 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 represent German SDSN membership organisations. In particular, representatives from various strands of society are to be chosen as additional members of the national Leadership Council.
- c. The Leadership Council shall appoint one or two chairperson (s) from the center of his / her scientific members for the duration of his / her term of office and shall appoint the managing director (s) from the German SDSN.
- d. The Leadership Council shall appoint up to twenty-five 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 calls for three years one or two member organizations to perceive the coordination and secretarial functions within the German SDSN, as well as to the global and other national or regional SDSN (German SDSN Center). The office established there is managed by the managing director. The office works closely with 'SDSN focal points' in the member and partner organizations.

### **4. Financing**

Members and partners of the German SDSN 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. The German SDSN seeks financial support of its work from public and private sources both at home and abroad.

### **5. Public Relation Work**

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

Within the scope of their public relations work, especially via their websites, the members of the German SDSN shall refer to the work of the global, as well as the German SDSN. A website for the German SDSN is currently under construction.

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Currently is the German Development Institute allocated with the tasks of the German SDSN-Center.

## Memberorganisations Status: 01.2019

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

## Partnerorganisations Status: 01.2019

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