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Invitation

Laws for Sustainability – Empowering Parliaments to Push the SDG Implementation

When? July 14th 2023, 08:00 – 09:30 am

Where? Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Foundation Office New York, 220 East 42nd Street

Seven years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the implementation of the SDGs in Germany and around the world continues to face major obstacles. Although most states have by now embedded the SDGs in national contexts, e.g. by introducing national implementation plans or sustainability strategies, the core problem in implementing the 2030 Agenda remains its non-binding nature. Non-compliance with the SDGs is without consequence. With only seven years remaining, we now need legally binding commitments for the full SDG implementation at all levels. Up to now, one actor remains underrepresented in its role in implementing the SDGs: parliaments. In their democratically important function as legislative, monitoring and representative bodies, national parliaments have an essential function in integrating the SDGs into corresponding laws or legal frameworks. Putting these two findings together, the German NGO Forum on Environment and Development, together with the input from over 60 experts, has released the publication [„Laws for Sustainability“](#). This publication features proposals for laws for the 20th legislative period of the German parliament. Their adoption would substantially boost progress towards the respective SDG. Although the proposals focus on German law and the German parliament, we believe that the overall understanding that we need legally binding, regulatory processes to be able to achieve the SDGs, is relevant for all countries throughout the world. In this side event we first want to present overall findings from this publication regarding SDG implementation and afterwards discuss with experts from around the world a) different ways to make the SDGs more binding and b) how we can better engage parliaments in SDG implementation.

Programm

08:00-08:05	Welcoming remarks & introduction to side event	Tabea Waltenberg, SDSN Germany
08:05 – 08:20	Presentation “Laws for Sustainability”	Eileen Roth, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

<p>08:20 – 09:15</p>	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we make the SDG implementation more binding in the second half? • How can we better engage parliaments in SDG implementation? <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleida Ferreyra, Global Lead Democratic Institutions and Processes in a Digital Era, UNPD • Fenna Timsi, UN youth delegate from the Netherlands • Rainer Kern, Representative of the Mayor of Mannheim, Global Parliament of Mayors and Member of the SDGs Team Agenda Mannheim 2030 • Leida Rijnhout, Chief Executive World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) 	<p>Moderator: Fidelis Stehle, Youth Delegate for Sustainable Development</p>
<p>09:10 – 09:30</p>	<p>Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Fidelis Stehle, Youth Delegate for Sustainable Development</p>
	<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>Oliver Hasenkamp, United Nations Association of Germany</p>