

INFO NOTE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS IN BONN

New UN Agenda for sustainable development approved in New York: Bonn based UN agencies form part and parcel of the 2030 Agenda

(Bonn, 28 September 2015) – Following its slogan “Shaping a Sustainable Future”, the United Nations in Bonn supports governments and people to find answers and ways for a sustainable future on planet earth. Herewith it has a crucial share in the Sustainable Development Goals that have been adopted this weekend at the UN Headquarters in New York.

More than 150 world leaders attended the UN Sustainable Development Summit at the UN Headquarters in New York to adopt a new sustainable development agenda. The summit outcome document, entitled “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, was agreed on by the 193 UN Member States in August this year and has now been formally adopted. The 2030 Agenda includes 17 global goals and 169 targets for sustainable development and expands over the next 15 years. It will serve as the launch pad for action by the international community and by national governments to promote shared prosperity and well-being.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) build on the achievements of the concluding Millennium Development Goals (MDGs 2000-2015). The ambitious agenda is unique in that it calls for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income. It recognizes that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with a plan that builds economic growth and addresses a range of issues. Centered on areas of critical importance - People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership - the goals tackle issues like consumption, education, health, biodiversity, climate change, environmental protection, resilience as well as sustainable cities and communities.

The United Nations in Bonn (UNBonn) is right on target of the adopted development agenda, since its scope of work is covered in the SDGs. With nearly 1000 staff members across 17 UN agencies, the Bonn based entities work towards a sustainable future in the fields of climate change, land degradation, biodiversity and ecosystem services, wildlife conservation, volunteerism, health, human security, disaster risk reduction, tourism, education and training. This not only includes the sustainable use of natural resources and their preservation for future generations but also the global fight against poverty.

From Bonn, particular efforts are made to....

...combat climate change, describe adaptation measures, but also deal with the damage that now seems inevitable (covered under goal 13);

...protect one billion people from land degradation and global environmental change (covered under goal 15);

...strengthen disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness and response by facilitating access to space-based information (covered under goals 11 and 13);

...support UN peace & sustainable development efforts through thousands of UN Volunteers in over 100 countries (covered across all goals);

...save migratory wildlife species from extinction and protect ecosystems that are vital for human beings (covered under goals 14 and 15);

...promote skills for work and life for greening technical and vocational education as well as to promote research in several fields of sustainable development (covered under goal 4).

Humankind is facing unprecedented global challenges which require an unprecedented global response. Protecting the climate as well as nature in all its diversity is one of these challenges.

Already today two thirds of the services provided by nature to humankind are in decline. The UN forecast on world's population growth predicts 8.5 billions people on the planet until 2030. That is 1.2 billion more than today (9.7 billions in 2050 and 11.2 billions in 2100). Until 2030 the demand for food will increase by 50%, for water by 30% and for energy by 45%. Climate change impacts are projected to slow down economic growth, make poverty reduction more difficult, further erode food security, as well as to prolong existing and create new poverty traps. Climate change will jeopardize sustainable development. Disasters' impacts are felt across the world, in both developed and developing countries. Economic losses have reached an average of \$250 to \$300 billion a year, a strong indicator of unsustainable development.

The United Nations has consolidated key resources in Bonn to help face these challenges. The United Nations organizations make Bonn a global centre for creativity and cooperation. Furthermore the combination of overall technical expertise and political will existing in Bonn creates a unique opportunity for partnerships. UNBonn with its partners is working towards a world where all have a chance to live decent lives now and in the future. It will continue to play a crucial role when it comes to the implementation of SDGs in the years to come.

Background:

UNBonn agencies matching Sustainable Development Goals ¹

Goal 1	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	UNV
Goal 2	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	UNFCCC, UNCCD, UNV
Goal 3	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	UNV, WHO-ECEH
Goal 4	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	UNV, UNU-EHS, UNU-ViE, UNESCO-UNEVOC
Goal 5	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	UNFCCC, UNCCD, UNV, WHO-ECEH
Goal 6	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	WHO-ECEH, UNV
Goal 7	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	UNU-IAS SCYCLE
Goal 8	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	UNU-IAS SCYCLE, UNV, UNESCO-UNEVOC
Goal 9	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	UNU-EHS, UNISDR, UNV
Goal 10	Reduce inequality within and among countries	UNV
Goal 11	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	UN-SPIDER, UNV, UNISDR, WHO-ECEH, UNU-EHS, UNU-ViE
Goal 12	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	UNV, UNU-IAS SCYCLE, UNWTO
Goal 13	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	UNFCCC, UNU-EHS, UNU-ViE, UNISDR, UN-SPIDER, WHO-ECEH, UNV
Goal 14	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	IPBES, UNU-EHS, UNU-ViE, UNEP-CMS, UNEP-ASCOBANS, UNEP-AEWA
Goal 15	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	UNCCD, IPBES, UNEP-CMS, UNEP-ASCOBANS, UNEP-EUROBATS, UNEP-AEWA, UNISDR, UNV, UNWTO
Goal 16	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	UNV
Goal 17	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development	UNV

Sustainable Development Summit: http://www.unbonn.org/SDS_Overview.pdf

FAQ Sustainable Development Summit: http://www.unbonn.org/SDS_FAQs.pdf

Factsheet Sustainable Development Goals: http://www.unbonn.org/SDG_Factsheet.pdf

Further information: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/summit/>

2015 Report Millennium Development Goals: http://bit.ly/UNDP_MDG_report

Bonn based UN Organizations: http://www.unbonn.org/UNBonn_2014.pdf

¹ The full list of goals including targets are to be found here:

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>, (S. 16 pp).

Activities of Bonn based agencies around the SDGs:

- UNCCD: <http://195.37.114.45/>
- UNESCO-UNEVOC: http://bit.ly/UNESCO-UNEVOC_strategy
- UN University: http://bit.ly/UNU_GlobalGoals
- UN Volunteers: http://bit.ly/UNV_SDG
- UNEP family: http://bit.ly/CMS_SDS
- UNISDR: <http://www.unisdr.org/archive/45308>
- WHO-EHEC: http://bit.ly/WHO_EHS_SD
- UNFCCC: <http://www.climateneutralnow.org/>