

## What is your contribution to sustainability?



Everyone can do something to help achieve the SDGs: What and how we shop, travel, heat, how much we consume – all these things influence people's lives worldwide. Our day-to-day actions impact how we live together.

### And the most important thing?

We want to live off the output of our resources, not off the resources themselves.

## Have you heard about our newsletter?



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## We look forward to your suggestions

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# Global Goals – National Responsibility

National Sustainable Development Strategy 2016

## Sustainability – A global issue

In September 2015 the United Nations (UN) adopted new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at its summit in New York. The international community has pledged to implement the Agenda for Sustainable Development by 2030.

Each state will determine how it intends to achieve each of the 17 SDGs set out in the Agenda, including ending poverty and hunger and fighting inequality.



Further information on the SDGs is available online at: [www.bmz.de/agenda2030](http://www.bmz.de/agenda2030)

**The Federal Government is revising its National Sustainable Development Strategy in light of the 2030 Agenda.**

## What is the National Sustainable Development Strategy?

The Strategy provides the guideposts for government policy. It serves to drive forward sustainable development in Germany.

The concepts of intergenerational equity, quality of life, social cohesion and international responsibility are central to the Strategy. It provides the framework for aligning economic, environmental and social interests.

## How does the Strategy work?

The Strategy sets out the Federal Government's national SDGs and measures for implementing them. Indicators help show where Germany is on the road to achieving its goals.

To ensure reliable measures the Federal Statistical Office is assigned to collect data and publish them in a report every two years. The Federal Government reviews and updates the Strategy every four years.

## Who is responsible for the Strategy?

The Federal Chancellery draws up the indicators and the progress reports on the Strategy in cooperation with the federal ministries.

The State Secretaries' Committee on Sustainable Development, which is chaired by the Head of the Federal Chancellery, is responsible for developing the Strategy. Other bodies which are involved are the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development in the German Bundestag and the Council for Sustainable Development. The latter, an independent body, advises the Federal Government and raises public awareness for the issue, for example by organising the German Days of Action on Sustainability.

## What is the current status of the new Strategy?

The Federal Government has so far held five dialogue events in various regions across Germany. More than 1,200 participants from all over the country discussed ideas and suggestions for taking the Strategy forward.

The relevant ministries were sent these comments and are now evaluating them. The results are available online at [www.deutsche-nachhaltigkeitsstrategie.de](http://www.deutsche-nachhaltigkeitsstrategie.de). The draft version of the new Sustainability Strategy will also be published there.

## How can I get involved?

The Federal Government welcomes your involvement. Sustainable development will only succeed if everyone joins in.

**Please send your comments on the draft version of the new Sustainability Strategy as well as your ideas and suggestions to: [nachhaltigkeitsdialog@bpa.bund.de](mailto:nachhaltigkeitsdialog@bpa.bund.de).**

## Road map to the National Sustainable Development Strategy 2016

