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Social Inclusion, 2030 Agenda and SDGs

The relevance of the local level

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- „Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development“:
25 – 27 September 2015, New York
- 17 (*Sustainable Development*) Goals, 169 targets
und equal number of indicators
- Successors of *Millennium Development Goals*
(*MDGs*) formulated in 2000



- Universal character
- Focus on sustainable development
- Recognition of the importance of cities and municipalities for a sustainable global development
 - > SDG 11 (the sub-national or urban goal)
 - > most other goals also have an urban dimension



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Topical fields



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Goal 5	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
Goal 6	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
Goal 7	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
Goal 8	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
Goal 9	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
Goal 10	Reduce inequality within and among countries
Goal 11	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
Goal 12	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
Goal 13	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
Goal 14	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
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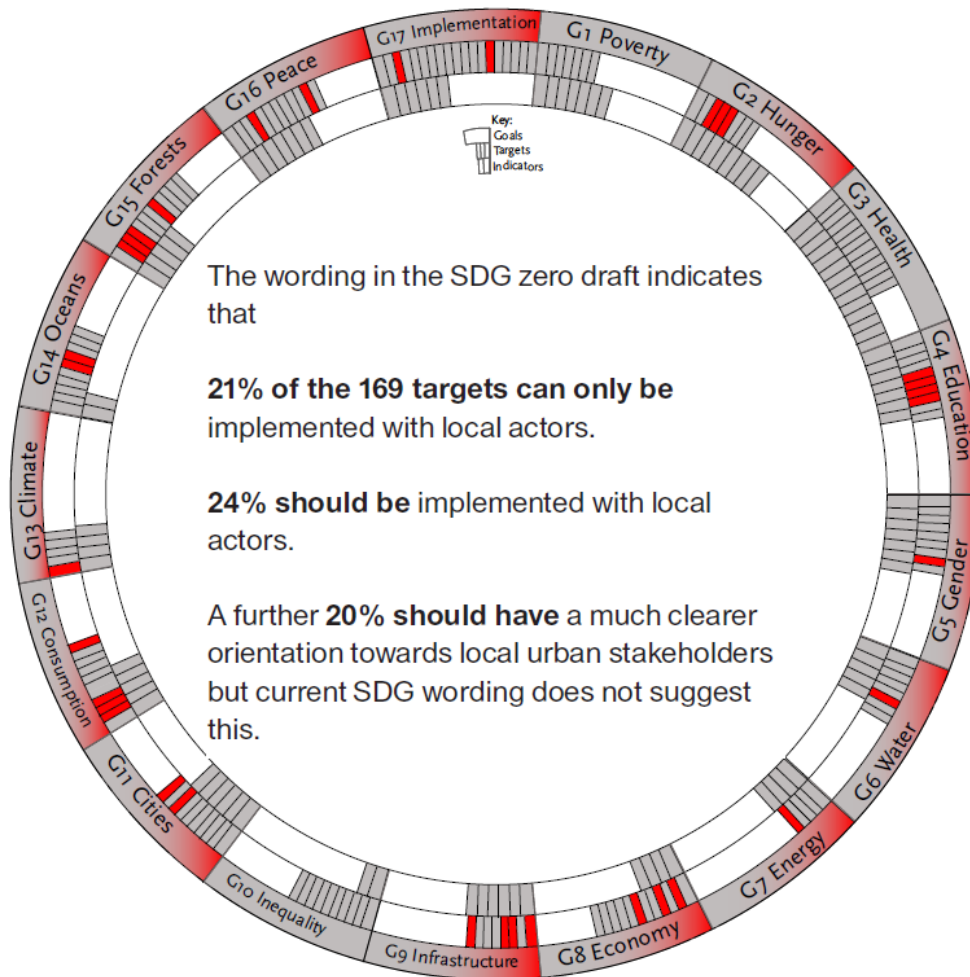
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Why are cities and municipalities important for the SDGs?



Source: Misselwitz, P., Salcedo Villanueva, J.: 2016: The urban dimension of the SDGs: Implications for the New Urban Agenda. P. 7



- Places with particular challenges for sustainable development:
 - > more than 50 percent of the global population lives in cities (2050: almost 70 percent)
 - > more than 60 percent of the world's refugees live in cities
 - > often extreme social inequalities in urban areas
- ... but also potentials:
 - > huge leverage
 - > 80% of global GDP in cities
 - > centres of (social) innovation



„Reduce inequality within and among countries“

Tasks of cities and municipalities:

- Provision of basic services (education, health, water etc.)
- Promotion of local economic growth and inclusive housing
- Encouragement of participation of minorities in local consultations, positions and elections



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Why are the SDGs important for cities and municipalities?



- Offer orientation for sustainable and integrated development planning
- Are a point of departure for monitoring in (locally) relevant areas
- Allow linking up to sources of development finance
- Provide a basis for inter-municipal exchange and networking



What does this mean?

- Local „translation“ of the SDGs

Important steps?

- Sensitization and awareness raising
- Advocacy with national strategies
- Planning for implementation
- Monitoring and evaluation

Internal und external influencing factors



- Existing local development plans
- Degree of decentralisation
- Availability of resources
- Existence and quality of data



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- Cities and municipalities are of central importance for implementation of SDGs
- But SDGs do also have an added value for municipalities
- Necessary condition is adjustment of SDGs to local conditions -> „localisation“
- Municipal partnerships can support this localisation process

Localisation of SDGs in Cologne, Germany



Source: Own photos

Thank you very much for your attention!

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