



Supporting the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Seeking Interlinkages between Specific SDGs and Strategic Environmental Policy Processes

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) constitute a milestone of multilateralism and will play a key role in many policy fields and international cooperation throughout the following decades. The goals are to be implemented in and by all countries. Due to its integrative and holistic approach the SDGs are highly interdependent, of equal importance and indivisible. Therefore, the 2030 Agenda promotes integrated thinking in the implementation of relevant policy frameworks that are captured within the SDGs – e.g. the Paris Agreement on Climate Change or the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Accordingly, seeking synergies and integrating implementation processes promise to become key factors for both achieving the SDGs as well as other targets, such as the Nationally Determined Contributions of the Paris Agreement and the Aichi Targets of the CBD. Multi-fold challenges undeniably exist and the search for good practices and supportive methods and tools has begun.

Against this backdrop, the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) commissioned the project “Support to SDG Review- and Implementation Processes” within the International Climate Initiative (IKI). The project will run until May 2022.

Besides strengthening national SDG review processes through BMU’s involvement in the transnational multi-stakeholder network “*Partners for Review*”, the project serves as a platform for exchange. It seeks to support structures and capacities for an integrated policy design and reporting on the SDGs and assists the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) in related activities.

Scope of the “SDG-Helpdesk”-Service

In general, the “SDG helpdesk” assists institutions in partner countries in striving for SDG implementation.

Accordingly, the scope of service includes inter alia:

- Deliver demand-oriented analyses and methodological support for SDG implementation and strategic environmental policy processes such as the implementation of national contributions on climate change (NDC) and the Aichi targets
- Develop knowledge products such as concepts, materials and guidelines to improve methods and approaches for SDG implementation
- Provide demand-oriented specific technical advice for SDG relevant institutions in partner countries
- Promote knowledge sharing and the exchange of experiences through stakeholder dialogues and other exchange formats and disseminate good practice examples with focus on synergies in policy planning and implementation
- Facilitate stakeholder dialogues in partner countries in close coordination with BMU

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