



# SDG implementation in G20 countries

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# Germany – UNSDSN SDG Index Ranking

**Global Rank: 6 (out of 149)**

## Key challenges for Germany:

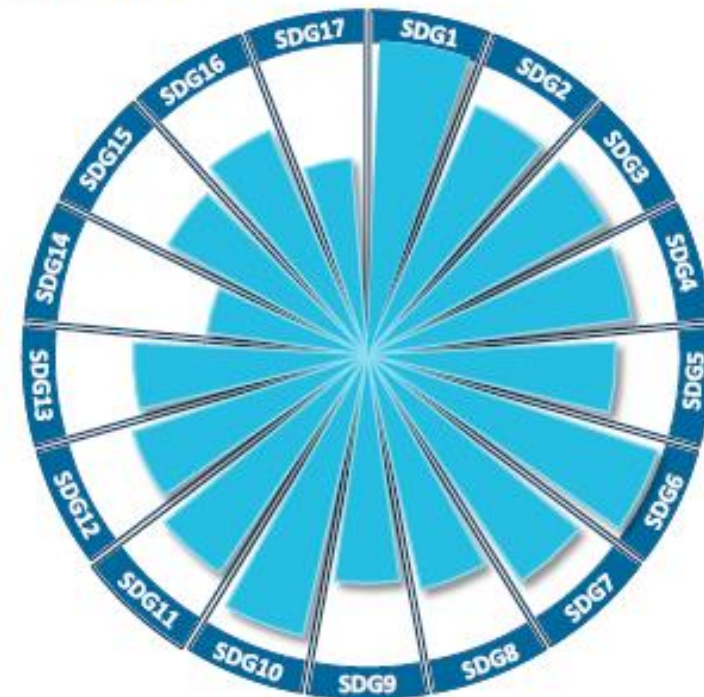
SDG 9 Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure

SDG 13 Climate action

SDG 14 Life below water

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OVERALL SDG PERFORMANCE	Global rank	Score or value	Regional average
SDG Index	6 (of 149)	80.5 /100	75.3 /100
Comparison with other development metrics			
Human Development Index, 2014	6 (of 188)	0.92 /1	0.88 /1
Subjective Wellbeing, 2015	26 (of 149)	6.8 /10	6.6 /10
GDP per capita, PPP, 2015	15 (of 149)	US\$ 47033	US\$ 40671
Global Competitiveness Ind., 2016	4 (of 140)	5.53 /10	4.9 /10
Environmental Perf. Index, 2016	30 (of 180)	84.3 /100	84.4 /100
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG			





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- German National Sustainable Development Strategy, adopted in January 2017, sets out concrete implementation measures for 17 of the SDGs.
- State Secretaries Committee for Sustainable Development, comprised of representatives from all federal ministries & chaired by the Head of the Federal Chancellery, steers implementation.
- A Parliamentary Advisory Council on SDGs advises on legislation.
- Engages in continuous dialogue with different stakeholder groups/civil society & reports progress every four years.



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- Key principles guiding national sustainability policy:
  - intergenerational equity,
  - quality of life,
  - social cohesion,
  - international responsibility





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- Key priorities of German development policy:
  - Combating the structural causes of hunger/malnutrition & eradicating extreme poverty,
  - Creating sustainable opportunities for the future, particularly for young people, & tackling the causes of flight (especially through education/training, employment & structural investments in the green economy, social infrastructure & good statehood),
  - Equitable globalisation through the promotion of fair trade & sustainable livelihoods with particular emphasis on responsible supply chains & minimum social/environmental standards,
  - Promotion of sustainable development in the private sector, private investment & the ability of partner countries to contribute financially to their own development,
  - Climate change mitigation/adaptation & conservation of natural resources. Germany aims to double its international climate finance by 2020, taking 2014 as a base year.

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- As a member of the EU, Germany is working on a new strategic EU framework to realise the 2030 Agenda.
- Promotes continuous increase in spending on development cooperation including the promotion of private sector involvement.
- Aims to contribute to each SDG and considers impacts and actions at three levels:
  - in Germany,
  - in other countries & on global public goods (for ex. through international trade or climate policy)
  - support for other countries
- In the National Sustainable Development Strategy, for every SDG, there is at least one indicator-based political objective and corresponding actions.



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- German National Sustainable Development Strategy promotes:
  - implementation of internationally accepted human rights standards in global value & supply chains & human rights due diligence
  - gender equality & good governance
  - combating illegal financial flows & money laundering
  - transparent & independent certification systems
  - Global shift towards renewable energy, greater energy efficiency & reduced energy consumption
  - sustainable lifestyles & production methods through a functional regulatory framework that incentivizes sustainable procurement
  - Multi-stakeholder alliances
  - Sustainable business models
  - Disaggregation of data to help ensure no one is left behind



# Germany – Examples of what business can do

- Support implementation of the **national action plan on business and human rights** through the adoption of sustainable practices across supply chains
- Promote sustainable & resilient food systems through **sustainable agricultural practices & knowledge sharing**. The German Government supports **climate-smart agriculture** as well as the integrative **nexus approach** to make use of synergies in the fields of water, energy & food security.
- Develop & invest in **low carbon technologies** to support Germany's energy transition.



- Enforce the principle of **equal pay for equal work or work of equal value**. The Act on Equal Participation of Women and Men in Executive Positions in the Private and the Public Sector (May 2015) aims to raise the percentage of executive positions held by women.
- Support government efforts in developing & testing **forward-looking technologies & transferable concepts** on the **sustainable management of water**.
- Apply **comprehensive waste water management** across operations