

SDG Workshop – 13 January 2021

Summary of findings in the discussion groups

SUB-THEMES: Zero Hunger and WASH

1. What do you need on these sub-themes in terms of instruments/tools/data in the field of SDG-implementation from the inception and planning through to the evaluation phases?

- SDGs/ state of affairs at this moment
- Looking at SDGs in other sectors/ countries
- COVID-19: would that negatively affecting the SDGs
- Enablers of SDGs/ Think about the enablers
- Hans Rossling writes on data of the last 150 years, where are we in the world
- Sicherheit Neudenken - about security in the world

There is also a need for updates on latest thinking on SDGs and how they are in alignment. A quick overview.

- **SDG Enablers to facilitate the process of reaching the SDGs**
On LinkedIn there was a post that mentioned that SDGs are very difficult to reach, especially in this COVID-19 time. For that reason, it was suggested to work with SDG Enablers. The rationale being that if we don't follow these enablers, we will never reach the SDGs. COVID-19 is limiting the process.
Example of an enabler (there are 18): among others 'face the facts', 'inter reciprocity', 'life centricity', 'respect for elders'.
The link to the LinkedIn discussion on 'SDG enablers' is this one:
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kees-klomp-5029b54_de-hele-wereld-bewust-maken-van-en-samen-activity-6754292058925621248-1z-l
- **Example: WASH Joint Monitoring Program**
In a previous SDG workshop the Joint Monitoring Program in WASH was discussed, where WHO & UNICEF collect and compare data on progress on SDGs (previously on MDGs) in countries (rural/urban and lately also between different income groups) and between countries. This might also be a useful approach in some others sectors. But too difficult in other sectors, for instance: how to compare peace between two countries?
- **Example: Rethinking security**
There is a framework 'rethinking security' (Netherlands version also exist). It is a movement in various countries. Like the SDGs they have a number of goals and a framework. If you want to achieve these goals in 40 years, how do you count back on what you need? This could also be applied to the SDGs: counting back on milestones to see what progress is.
- **Data on SDGs and achievements**
There is interest in data that are gathered on SDGs. Members would need an overview of data at global, country, and sector level: where to get that information? Most likely this information is sector/country specific, so each consultant will have his/her own sources of information and tools.

2. If a NEDWORC volunteer is going to work on this, what is the volunteer expected to deliver in order to meet the needs of the members? What is the desired deliverable/output?

In the previous SDG workshop participants came to realize that there was a lot of data sources that are actually already available to explore (UN, SDG website etc). The volunteer could build on the information on the SDG working group information (this and previous network group sessions). To identify a clear focus. And probably make another, specific, needs assessment.

3. Priorities?

4. Suggestions for SDG themes and speakers, to hold more workshops about SDG's?

- Share interesting video's, like those on gapminder.org
 - A link to the video that Jur Schuurman presented (26th October), in which Ola Rosling presented the SDGs at the UN Global Goal Meeting in 2020 (on www.gapminder.org).
 - There are also videos of his father Hans Rosling presenting progress on health, life expectancy etc. over the last 100 years. Hans Rosling, was a Swedish physician, academic, and public speaker. He was a professor of international health at Karolinska Institute and was the co-founder and chairman of the Gapminder Foundation, which developed the Trendalyzer software system, who made statistics 'sexy'. See youtube videos of him presenting progress over the last 50-100 years in health & income on a global level on www.gapminder.org.
- Speakers
 - Look for people from universities that teach/lecture on SDGs, for instance on Larenstein.

SUB-THEMES: Climate action, work and economic growth, consumption and production

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- Websites with examples
- Good practices in their context
- List of local experts
- Best practices (per theme and sector)
- Organizations working specifically with SDG's and even focused on this matter.
- Data sources per SDG, including research results and PME findings
- SDG Impact measurement tools, like the SDG Impact Assessment Tool on <https://www.unsdsn-ne.org/our-actions/tools-for-assessing-sdg-achievement/>
- Share reports and findings by NEDWORC members, in which SDGs and SDG tools are reported or analysed
- Connect with European Network van SDGs
- <https://www.unsdsn.org/join-the-sdsn>

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- Inventory of SDG-knowledge and reports about SDGs in NEDWORC
- Summary of where data sources can be found per country and sector, including statistics, etc.
- Make linkages with other SDG networks (European network for SDGs) and see if we can team up with these.

- Broader needs assessment among NEDWORC members
- Make available the sources where information about SDGs can be found

3. Priorities?

- Inventory of SDG-knowledge and SDG-linked reports within NEDWORC, so far still unknown.
- Summary of data sources per SDG
- Links to other SDG networks (like the European Network on SDGs; <https://www.unsdsn.org/join-the-sdsn>; SDG Academy) and try to cooperate with these, as NEDWORC.

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- These can be distilled from activity/task 1 from within NEDWORC – membership.
- Experts from outside NEDWORC that have a critical look at things from the outside.
- No names mentioned other than CBS-experts and national SDG-coordinator.