Leveraging Interlinkages Among SDGS Through Inclusive Partnerships with Local Communities

SDG interactions concepts, tools, and processes that partnership practitioners can use to account for SDG interlinkages in implementation

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SDG as integrated network

Source: elaborated in GSDR 2015 based on ICSU
Inequality: links to other goals

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SDG TRANSFORMATION MEANS CHANGE!!

HOW TO GET FROM A TO B? FROM NON-SUSTAINABLE TO SUSTAINABLE FUTURES??
System Theory

CURRENT STATE + INPUTS → CHANGE PROCESS/RESISTANCE INEVITABLE → OUTPUTS FUTURE STATE
Setting National Priorities (ex. Switzerland)

5 Principles:
- Human Rights
- Ecological limits
- Universality
- Social Inclusion & equality
- Policy Coherence

- 16 Thematic Core Objectives (Targets)
- 4 Goals: Water, Health, Gender Equality, Peace, and inclusive societies
- 3 transversal Concerns:
  - Reducing Risk of Catastrophies
  - Migration and Development
  - Sustainable Consumption and sustainable production (footprint)

- 3 central Implementations:
  3-Dimensionality (Triple bottom line), Financing (public and private sectors); Monitoring & Accountability
Trade offs & Synergies

**Trade Off:** Zero Hunger (SDG 2); overuse of pesticides to increase crop production resulting in environmental pollution (SDG 15)

**Synergy:** Purifying industrial water and stop wasting industrial water (SDG 6) generating better health in population (SDG 3)
Trade-offs & Co-Benefits

GSDR, P.6 using the 7-point scale developed by the International Council for Science (ICSU)

Policy Integration of SDGs:

• **Horizontal integration**: coordinating /steering structures or mechanisms for SDG implementation, alignment of SDGs and national strategies and plans, identification of priorities for addressing synergies, trade-offs; inter-ministerial coordination

• **Vertical integration**: negotiations, collaboration and hierarchical decision making between central government and provinces/regions/municipalities. At issue are mix of autonomous SDG implementation versus nation-wide concentration of SDG policies

• **Diagonal integration**: consultations with private sector organisations and representative associations e.g. chamber of commerce and with civil society organisations. At issue are subsidies by central government for implementation of its priorities and direct self-financed contributions of non-state actors

• **Transversal integration**: Negotiations and harmonization of SDG implementation with neighbouring countries e.g. regarding use and protection of joint water ways, borders, trade and people mobility across borders

• **International integration**: Negotiations and coordination with larger international organisations like UNECE (regional) and UN (global) on SDG related topics like migration, science and technology, health etc.

(source: Saner, 2023)
Finland VNR 2017

Agenda2030
National implementation and follow-up

Implementation

Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development Development Policy Committee (DPC)
Implementation

1. YEAR
Annual Report to the Parliament
- Sustainable development incorporated into the ARG
- DPC report on development policy
- Statement of the National Audit Office (NAO) on ARG

2. YEAR

3. YEAR

4. YEAR
Re-examination of priority areas

Evaluation of national implementation
NAO’s impact assessment

Reporting to the UN - Possibly reporting to the Parliament

Parliamentary elections

The State and Future of Sustainable Development in Finland” event/dialogue
- Indicator data + interpretations
- Foresight work
- Views of stakeholders & the SD Expert Panel

Gov. budget session
Parliamentary communication to Gov. on ARG
Financial and action planning in ministries
Policy Making Process & Governance

1. Policy Initiation
2. Policy Formulation
3. Policy Implementation
4. Policy Evaluation
5. Governance Architecture

Ownership + Coherence + Relevance = Quality

Governance Outcomes

Inter-Ministerial Coordination
Multi-Stakeholder Consultation

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Shaping Switzerland’s financial policy and economic diplomacy
Policy Coordination and Consultation (PCC) and related governance architecture are crucial for SDG implementation and system transition

1. Clarify role of Ministries (who leads-supports)???
2. Improve credibility and competence of government in its dialogue with domestic and international stakeholders
3. Design and manage consistent inter-ministerial SDG policy cooperation based on policy coordination and consultation mechanisms
4. Ensure effective SDG implementation of SDGs at national level with adequate monitoring for constant SDG policy updating and fine-tuning
5. Institutionalise the agreed policy, process, procedures and traceability through a well honed quality management system
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