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RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE OF JUNE 10, 2021

The Heads of Government of the Federal States adopt the following resolution:

The Heads of Government of the Länder, in continuation of their previous decisions on development cooperation, reaffirm that the Länder will continue to make their contribution to addressing development challenges in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) until 2030.

They agree to proceed with the development cooperation of the federal states on the basis of the position paper „Contribution of the German Federal States to Sustainable Global Development“ and to strengthen cooperation with the federal government.

Annex

CONTRIBUTION OF THE GERMAN STATES TO SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

I. Tasks of the German States

In times of a changing world order and global challenges, it is necessary for the federal states, too, to clearly define their position in order to provide future generations with a just future worth living. All political levels as well as society are called upon to implement the 2030 Agenda in their areas of responsibility.

The countries are convinced that the obstacles to sustainable development in many parts of the world can be overcome in a joint effort. These are, in particular:

The Corona pandemic threatens the health of the world's population. It exacerbates existing health risks in the global South and endangers the economic as well as the social basis of vulnerable population groups in particular.

Protectionism, trade conflicts and disadvantageous trade conditions for countries of the Global South endanger their economic and social development and thus, in the long term, our livelihoods.

Social inequalities, including gender inequalities, are increasing.

Climate change, overexploitation of natural resources and progressive loss of biodiversity threaten natural livelihoods.

Continued population growth in some regions of the world poses a major challenge, also in terms of job creation and opportunities for participation.

These developments also lead to violent conflicts, human rights violations, humanitarian emergencies and refugee movements within states and across borders. The greatest possible joint efforts of all social actors worldwide are needed to overcome the global challenges.

The countries therefore reaffirm their will to make effective contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through their multifaceted development policy engagement, within the scope of



their competencies and political options.

The countries have specific experience and competencies to make a sustainable development policy contribution to more resilient societies in the global South. It is therefore important to adopt partnership-based approaches that allow countries to generate sufficient sustainable revenues of their own, independently of financial contributions.

II. Core competencies and fields of action for the development-policy commitment of the federal states

Against this background, the countries concentrate on the following core competencies and fields of action in accordance with their respective development policy preferences and their personnel and budgetary capacities.

1. Climate Protection, Adaptation to Climate Change and Protection of Natural Resources

The countries are committed to climate protection in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement.

Energy efficiency, the use of renewable energy, and sustainable land management measures are key development policy issues that can help limit climate change and adapt to climate change impacts. Through technology and knowledge transfer as well as research cooperation, countries can also promote sustainable energy supply, the careful use of resources and environmental protection and nature conservation in the countries of the global South.

2 Global Health Policy

The Corona pandemic has clearly demonstrated the vulnerability of humanity. For people in the global South in particular, Corona is another health threat, in addition to the often-neglected tropical diseases and health hazards from lack of food and water.

The international cooperation and the very rapid successes in vaccine development, which have impressively demonstrated the capabilities of pharmaceutical science and industry, are encouraging. The goal must be equitable distribution of vaccines worldwide.

The countries reaffirm the „One Health Approach“ supported by the G20 heads of state and government under the German presidency as a suitable way, for example, to combat zoonoses and prevent antibiotic resistance. They welcome the German government's capacity-building efforts and express the countries' willingness to cooperate.

At the same time, the countries see that, in line with the SDGs, increasing resilience, providing basic health services, and immunization are the most important for improving the health situation of people in the countries of the global South.

3 Sustainable Economic Development

Globalization needs to be embedded in close and fair economic de-



velopment. This requires a strengthening of multilateral cooperation. Very central in this context are sustainability and the protection of human and labor rights at all stages of global value chains.

Despite the expected transformation costs, a transformation toward a sustainable economy offers considerable economic opportunities for both the German countries and the countries of the global South.

This includes coordinating foreign trade promotion and development cooperation as well as efforts to align economic promotion more closely with global sustainability criteria. In this way, small and medium-sized enterprises in particular can be persuaded to become involved in the global South.

Digitization can offer great potential for the labor market and also the employment market in the global South if workers are appropriately qualified. The private sector is an important partner for development policy when it comes to using digital technologies in a way that takes account of sustainability goals and creates new jobs.

At the same time, the countries of the Global South must also be supported in preparing for the fundamental upheavals for employment in the course of digital transformation processes.

4. Fair Trade and Sustainable Procurement

The countries support the diverse activities of civil society, business and municipal initiatives to promote fair trade. In the context of public procurement policy, the federal states are committed to taking social, ecological and human rights criteria into account, regularly exchange information on this and will base their own procurement practices on this.

5. Scientific and Technological Cooperation

The countries see international cooperation between universities and partners in the countries of the global South as an important instrument of development policy. To this end, the universities not only provide study and research places for international students, researchers and teachers, but also promote their international exchange. The countries support the establishment and expansion of scientific structures in their partner countries and regions. Cooperation with the countries of the global South should also serve to mutually strengthen promising and sustainable innovations.

6. Democracy, Rule of Law and Good Governance

A strong civil society, democratic structures, good governance and an established rule of law at all levels are indispensable for sustainable development. Independent, regional and local self-government can offer a contribution to supporting the rule of law. The countries support the efforts for good governance in the partner countries and regions with their experience. In this context, the legal and practical equality of all social groups must be promoted.

Because of their position in the German federal system, the states



have special expertise in supporting their partners in establishing local and regional administrative structures and in making an active contribution to capacity building. Many countries of the global South face considerable challenges in local services of general interest. The know-how of the federal states and municipalities can help them learn from each other and develop sustainable solutions. The federal states will encourage the local authorities here to participate and support them in this together with the federal government.

It is particularly important for the countries of the global South to set up their national budgets sustainably and independently of external financial support. This also includes effective taxation. The states in particular can offer valuable support with their expertise in this area.

7. Art and Culture

Intercultural exchange promotes peaceful and democratic development and contributes to international conflict prevention. Intercultural dialogue and the consideration of art and culture are an important concern of development cooperation. The countries attach great importance to the responsible handling of cultural assets from colonial contexts. They intend to intensify cooperation with the federal government on this issue.

8. Partnerships

An important concern of the Länder is to initiate, coordinate and support partnerships at various levels. The partnership activities with states, regions and provinces in the global south must be further consolidated and expanded. Municipalities play an important role in this process. Both sides benefit from mutual learning in overcoming common global challenges and from the exchange of experience. The civic engagement, expertise of civil society and migrant communities are of great value here.

9. Migration and Development

A climate of appreciation and respect is the basis for cooperation in partnership. The countries advocate a differentiated understanding of migration and reject exclusion and racism as well as xenophobia. Migrant organizations can make valuable contributions to development education and development cooperation through participation and strengthening of civic engagement.

10. Development Policy Information and Education Work

Within the framework of education for sustainable development, global learning is seen as an educational response to the challenges posed by the increasing globalization of all life processes.

A jointly supported and broadly based development information and education work in the school and extracurricular sector as well as in the sector of vocational and individual training and further education is therefore of great importance. In the context of the National Action Plan on Education for Sustainable Development and



the adoption of the „Orientation Framework for Global Development Education,“ the German states have made a major contribution to the development of education for sustainable development.

The states have taken joint steps with the federal government within the framework of the National Action Plan on Education for Sustainable Development and the adoption of the Orientation Framework for Global Development Education, as well as the One World Promoter Program. These approaches have high priority and will be continued. The commitment of civil society, development partnerships and a wide range of extracurricular educational opportunities in this area are also appreciated by the states. In particular, new target groups with little interest in development policy are to be reached.

III Development Policy as a Shared Responsibility

The diverse contributions of the Länder are an important part of German development policy and indispensable for achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

In this context, the Länder formulate goals and measures, for example in their sustainability strategies or development policy guidelines. They are aware of the importance of a coherent policy oriented toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and of their role as role models.

The federal states welcome greater involvement of municipalities, civil society, science and business in development cooperation and support them within their means. Likewise, the states welcome the good cooperation with the federal government, which can be further expanded. The states offer their cooperation to the federal government in implementing the SDGs, especially in the context of information and education work.

Proven regional and supraregional structures in the field of development education work and in the further training of experts and managers in Germany are of great importance to the states.

Through joint development policy efforts by the federal, state and local governments, Germany can succeed in assuming responsibility for global sustainability and make an effective contribution to sustainable development in the countries of the global South.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES - 01.06.2017

PREPARATION OF THE MEETING OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR WITH THE HEADS OF THE FEDERAL STATES

PARTNERSHIPS OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL STATES AND OF THE MUNICIPALITIES WITH AFRICA

The heads of the Federal States recommend the following resolution to the Federal Chancellor:

1. The heads of the Federal States welcome the impetus of the Federal Government for a strengthened partnership with Africa. They agree that there is a need for a large-scale discussion process about how Africa and Europe can develop new dimensions of cooperation, in light of the new and common challenges faced by both of them.
2. The Federal States agree upon continuing their manifold commitment for sustainable development in Africa, especially in terms of partnerships of the Federal States and of municipal partnerships. The present instruments as well as existing and planned cooperation projects shall be developed further in exchange and coordination with the Federal Government.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES - 17.03.2016

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN 2016

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States take note of the submitted report on the Federal States' contribution to the Progress Report 2016 and kindly ask the Conference-Presidency to convey it to the Federal Government.

The Federal States agree upon reasonably taking into consideration all three dimensions of sustainability (environmental, social and economic) in their future contributions.

Contribution of the Federal States to the implementation of the guiding principle of Sustainable Development and of the Sustainable Development Goals

1. SHARED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL STATES

The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations' General Assembly in September 2015 gave the sustainability policy new momentum und new impulses on the global, but also national and subnational level. The 2030 Agenda further develops the guiding principle of sustainable development, which was adopted during the World Summit in Rio in 1992 and which is also acknowledged and implemented on the German Federal States' level.

In the resolution of the Minister Presidents of the German Federal States of June 12th, 2014 and of the Bundesrat of February 6th, 2015 (Drucksache 622/14), the German Federal States have determined that the progress achieved through the 2030 Agenda towards global sustainable development goals also involves a paradigm shift to a far reaching transformation of the economy and society in both Global North and South with the goal of assuming common responsibility for a sustainable and just world.

Thus, the German Federal States explicitly welcome the fact that the United Nations has established an ambitious sustainability framework through the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and especially of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The German Federal States are convinced that a successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires coordinated, common actions of the Federal Government and the Federal States as well as cooperation with the municipalities, civil society, economic players and churches. Many of the SDGs touch on jurisdiction aspects of the German Federal States. Thus, Germany can only successfully exercise its international responsibility for a worldwide sustainable development by implementing the 2030 Agenda in joint efforts with of the Federal Government and the Federal States.



The German Federal States have already made important contributions to the sustainability process and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the past. They are willing to continue this process concerning the implementation of the SDGs in Germany and in the international context.

Thereby, they identify the following topics as central action fields: inequality in and between countries; sustainable cultivation and efficient use of natural resources; increasing the proportion of renewable energies and significantly enhancing the energy use efficiency as well as strengthening the resilience and adaptability against climate-induced hazards. The German Federal States are aware of their international responsibility. They take a stand for a global responsible use of available natural resources, for sustainable production and consumption patterns that comply with global social standards.

All Federal States have already taken substantial action to promote a sustainable development through laws, strategies, aid programs as well as communication and participation activities on important sustainability topics such as climate protection and climate adaptability, renewable energies, biodiversity, resources protection, education and science, sustainable consumption, nutrition and mobility, social cohesion and social changes. So far, two-thirds of the Federal States have adopted sustainability strategies.

Over the past four years since the last contribution of the German Federal States to the progress report on the Federal Sustainability Strategy, new developments have taken place in many of the Federal States. Those developments are partly based on the impulses of the Rio+20-Conference in 2012. So far, some Federal States have seized on the SDGs and their implementation in their sustainability strategies¹.

The sustainability strategies of the Federal States and similar strategic documents cover a wide spectrum of issues (similar to the Federal Sustainability Strategy), but are partially more focused thematically. The spectrum of instruments used for the implementation of the strategies varies (sustainability checks, interdepartmental coordination, dialogues with stakeholders, advisory committees). Some strategies are strongly guided by the Federal Strategy; other Federal States have developed separate instruments (for example through sustainability conferences bringing together governmental

1 For example: the new sustainability strategies of Baden-Württemberg (2012) and Bavaria (2013); the strategic reorientation of the Hesse's sustainability strategy as well as the redraft or update of the strategies of Saxony (2013), Brandenburg (2014) and Rhineland-Palatinate (2015). Further Federal States have released sustainability progress and indicators reports (Thuringia - 2012; Berlin - 2014; Hesse - since 2009; Saxony-Anhalt - 2015). North-Rhine-Westphalia has presented a preliminary sustainability strategy which is supposed to be adopted subsequent to a consultation round in early 2016. This is the second sustainability strategy which picks up on the SDGs after the one in Rhineland-Palatinate. At the moment, Berlin is working on its sustainability profile which will be released in early 2016 and will pursue a methodological way based the Berlin Strategy / Berlin City Development Concept 2030 adopted by the Senate in 2014.



representatives and stakeholders or youth participation formats). The cooperation with the municipalities and the civil society plays an important part in the view of the Federal States. Some States have established special cooperation forms with economic players. The topic of awareness-raising among the population is a special focus area in some of the sustainability strategies of the Federal States (for example the Sustainability Week or the Day of Sustainability).

2. SELECTED THEMATIC FOCUS TOPICS OF BUND-FEDERAL STATES COOPERATION

a) Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

Building on previous experiences and existing structures of the implementation of the UN-Decade “Education for Sustainable Development” (2005-2014), the German Federal States express their wish to consolidate their efforts on the basis of the current World Action Program “Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)” (2015-2020). ESD deals with global interconnections and challenges and with the related environmental, economic and social consequences. ESD contributes to raising awareness on sustainable lifestyles among the population. This makes ESD a central instrument to pave the way towards sustainable development, next to political agreements, financial incentives as well as technological solutions. Some of the Federal States have developed their own ESD-strategies and measures to implement the ESD-World Action Program.

Pursuant to the World Action Program’s priority action fields, the German Federal States will focus in the future on promoting the holistic transformation of learning and teaching environments as well as developing competencies among teachers and promoters on all educational levels from early childhood, school, vocational training up to university-level. The strengthening and mobilization of youth towards creating own possibilities of participation and of responsibility taking also play an important part. In addition, political support and the promotion of civic engagement and of participatory as well as cooperative processes remain central elements.

The German Federal States support the Bund in implementing the ESD-World Action Program and in developing a National Action Plan for ESD through their contributions in the National Platform, the thematic forums and partner networks. Due to the high relevancy of formal education for ESD, the German Federal States underline the necessity of additional political exchange between them and the Bund in order to formulate and implement the National Action Plan with equal consideration given to formal and informal fields of education.

b) Sustainable Public Procurement

The sustainable public procurement has been an important focus point of the Bund-Federal States' cooperation in sustainability matters over the past years. Many Federal States have worked together with the Bund on the "Alliance for Sustainable Procurement", initiated by the federal government. The Alliance made joint conclusions to important topics possible, for example the procurement of public transportation means and of electro mobiles as well as the introduction of sustainable construction standards. Still not satisfactory is the data basis on sustainable procurement which would otherwise allow a strategic steering of procurement proceedings. The ongoing amendment (2015/2016) of the federal public procurement law will enable taking account of environmental and social aspects in all phases of procurement proceedings and, for example, make it easier to take environmental and Fair Trade labels into consideration.

All these sustainability aspects operate only as "can"-regulations (optional regulations) on the federal level and therefore allow public contractors the freedom to take them into account in the suitable phases of procurement proceedings. Some Federal States have partially established further-reaching laws and regulations on public procurement. The Federal States expect that the Bund establishes a positive framework to ensure the continuation of sustainable procurement practices in the future.

c) Sustainability indicators

The topic of sustainability indicators has also been a topic in focus in the sustainability cooperation between the Bund and the Federal States over the past years. Many of the sustainability strategies and / or reports of the Federal States include indicator catalogues. Those catalogues are on the one hand inspired by the Federal Sustainability Strategy, yet often also contain additional priorities, specific to the respective Federal State. The work on a joint catalogue of sustainability indicators of the Federal States was continued in the reporting timeframe under the surveillance of the Heads of the Chancellery's Conference and of the Heads of the Federal States' Chancelleries.

Some strategies of the Federal States also include concrete, quantified and scheduled targets which can be determined and measured by using these indicators. Considering the challenge that progress reporting on the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and of the associated sub-goals and indicators will pose, enhanced efforts by the Bund and the Federal States will be required to ensure a high compatibility of the indicator systems. The Federal States therefore expect, in line with the vertical integration principle, that the Bund will enable an intensive coordination to ensure that indicator calculations on the federal level are also representable, where appropriate, on the Federal States' level and optimally on the municipality level. If target and indicator systems are compatible and therefore developments on the federal and Federal States' level comparable, the complementarity of the activities of



the Bund and the Federal States will improve along with the chances to achieve the SDGs. This would possibly require a political prioritization, which would still not imply that Germany will not comply with its comprehensive reporting obligations on the 2030 Agenda. Besides this strategic task, a further joint function of the Bund and the Federal States is the communication work on the SDGs and on the measures and instruments to achieve them. For the purpose of communication work it possibly might be important to bold and simple highlight selected indicators. Also, composite indicators such as the Prosperity Index might play an important part.

3. FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BUND AND THE FEDERAL STATES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The reliable cooperation within the framework of exchange of experiences between the Bund and the Federal States under the chairmanship of the Federal Chancellery Department and that of the Conference of the Minister Presidents should be further pursued in the future. The involvement of the State/Senate Chancelleries of the Federal States and of the Federal Chancellery Department as well as of relevant federal and Federal States' ministries can guarantee that the sustainability process and the 2030 Agenda is addressed in a thematically comprehensive manner. This exchange on the working level can when necessary, as suggested by the Bundesrat, be complemented by an exchange on the political level between the State Secretaries' Committees on sustainable development or within the framework of relevant ministries.

For the implementation of the SDGs on the European level, a new strategic framework for sustainable development is advisable. A consistent and politically visible implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the European level, for example through a new EU-Sustainability Strategy or an effective embedding of the SDGs within the new "Europe 2030-Strategy", could substantially advance Germany's efforts, especially on the implementation of the European structural and investment policies.

The Federal States will therefore promote, together with the Bund, the realization of such a strategic framework on sustainable development on the EU-level.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES - 12.06.2014

The contribution of the German Federal States to the post-2015 sustainable development agenda

1. The Minister Presidents of the Federal States of Germany welcome the comprehensive process initiated by the United Nations towards working on a new sustainable development agenda for the time after 2015. This agenda will merge the expiring Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the discussion on the further stage post-MDGs as well as the current work within the Rio Conference of June 2012 on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Besides the existing core themes, global sustainable goals will in the future also include social, environmental and economic aspects of sustainability. This development represents a paradigm shift towards an extensive transformation of the economy and the society both in the global North and South, in order to jointly take responsibility for a sustainable, fair future.

2. Through the Post-2015 agenda the role of the Federal States in the field of development policy - according to the core competencies and fields of action adopted in 2008 - wins further importance. The development policy of the Federal States as well as the cooperation between the Federal States, the Federal Government and further actors will be facing new challenges in the next years, such as:

- The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) increase the demand for coherency in the policies of the Federal States, in order to achieve these goals on the Federal States level.
- Sustainable behavior patterns in Germany, such as consumption, energy expenditure, mobility, diet, health and economic conduct will become increasingly important.
- Education for Sustainable Development and Global Learning will become important topics in both school and extra-school education.

In order to implement these goals in Germany it is necessary to coordinate the common policy areas both between the Federal Government and the Federal States in the established education focus areas (e.g. Human Capacity Building) or the development partnerships of the Federal States as well as between municipalities, the civil society, the economy and the church.

3. The Minister Presidents of the Federal States reinforce their willingness to contribute to the achievement of the common global development goals within the frame of their possibilities by taking appropriate measures. The cooperation between the 16 Federal States as well as between the Federal States and the Federal Government has proven effective in joint programs. This cooperation will remain important in the work to achieve the new global SDGs.

4. The Minister Presidents of the Federal States deem local, regional, national as well as international cooperations on all levels as important components for the advancement of the SDGs. They require from the other conferences of the ministries that these cooperations be supported within their jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES - 22-24.10.2008

The heads of the state governments of Germany hereby agree that their cooperation in the area of development policy will be based on the report „Ensuring sustainability - development policy as a common responsibility of the Federal Government, the Federal States and the municipalities“. In so doing, they expect the Federal Government to co-operate with and support them.

Ensuring sustainability - development policy as a common responsibility of the Federal Government, the Federal States and the municipalities

I. Global challenges and the role of the Federal States

The fight against starvation and poverty, climate change as well as global increase in migration pose new challenges for development policy. In order to cope with economic, environmental and political upheavals worldwide, not only nation states and international institutions but also the Federal States need to expend more effort.

Recalling the Millennium Development Goals (2000) and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005), the Federal States decide to use their specific competencies in addition to the activities undertaken by national and international actors in development processes, without wishing to compete with these actors as donors. The main task of the Federal States is therefore to support, define the parameters for and co-ordinate development partnerships. Partnership activities of the Federal States and municipalities with cities, local areas, bigger regions and other countries of the group of developing and emerging countries should be hereby expanded.

Through their multifaceted commitment to global sustainable development the Federal States recognize their common responsibility and simultaneously contribute to securing their own social and economical sustainability. In light of the increased importance of knowledge, innovations and intercultural competences for the competitiveness of Germany as an attractive location and with regard to the huge growth potential of many developing countries, development aid will have a positive influence on the Federal States themselves.

II. Core competencies and fields of action for the activities of the Federal States

Stressing the background described above and regarding their preferences in development policy, their personnel capacities and their budgets, the Federal States agree to concentrate on the following core competencies and fields of action:

1. Climate protection and energy

Climate protection, energy efficiency and the use of renewable energies have become key issues of development policy. Thanks to their wide range of experiences and their proximity to economic actors in this field the Federal States are predestined to make a contribution in tackling the challenges of climate change.



2. Food security and rural areas

The Millennium Development Goal of reducing the percentage of starving people in the world by 50 percent by the year 2015 is at risk. In the spheres of consultation, education and science, the Federal States are able to offer a variety of proposals on how to improve the agricultural productivity as well as the standard of living in rural areas of developing countries.

3. Migration and development

The interface of development policy, migration and integration offers new tasks and opportunities for the Federal States. Collaboration with the Diaspora can reveal new opportunities for economic and cultural cooperation with developing countries and is a way of strengthening the competence of migrants as bridge-builders to their home countries.

4. Scientific-technological cooperation

The Federal States have decided to intensify the use of scientific knowledge and the competences of institutions of higher education for development cooperation and make their institutions of higher education more attractive for foreign students and scientists. In this way, they shall contribute to the improvement of international education and scientific-technological cooperation.

5. Sustainable economic development

Sustainable economic development is an important premise for the fight against poverty and for tackling climate change. The development cooperation we do today is the foreign trade of tomorrow. The Federal States plan to better combine foreign trade and development cooperation and use their economic support more directly for small and medium-sized enterprises in developing countries.

6. Good Governance and decentralisation

Thanks to their experiences and competencies in the federal system, the Federal States are able to support developing countries in terms of Good Governance and the creation of decentralised administrative structures. They are also able to make an active contribution to capacity building.

7. Culture and Development

Cultural exchange promotes international understanding and contributes to international conflict prevention. Hence, intercultural dialogue and the consideration of cultural aspects in development cooperation are becoming increasingly important, especially considering the UNESCO Convention for Cultural Diversity (2005). The Federal States, in cooperation with the Federal Government, aim to increase the cultural cooperation with developing countries.

8. Development Policy: Information and Education Work

It remains the important task of the Federal States to encourage



the information and education work on development policy and the social engagement in this field. At the same time, the Federal States welcome the involvement of the Federal Government in this area.

It is of great importance that the information and education work on development policy be well supported and far-reaching in both curricular and extracurricular domains. It must be linked with the efforts of the countries to implement the UN-Decade of “Education for Sustainable Development” as well as with the new “Orientation Framework for the Learning Area of Global Development” (Orientierungsrahmen für den Lernbereich globale Entwicklung).

III. Collective Responsibility for Development Policy

The efforts of the Federal States, in their substance and variety, are indispensable for the development policy. At the same time, they open new perspectives for more involvement of all parties. The Federal States are willing to continue taking responsibility for the development policy and to play an active role in this political field.

The Federal States consider the municipalities’ contribution to the partnership with developing countries to be very important. This is especially true for the information and education work, for the cooperation with migrants from developing countries, for Good Governance and decentralisation as well as for capacity-building for administrative structures at a municipal level.

The Federal States expect cooperation and support from the German Federal Government. In particular, this includes:

- › In areas where the Federal States are especially committed with regard to certain target countries or issues, or where they have a particularly high level of expertise, the Federal Government should involve the Federal States more in the bilateral and international development cooperation (Dialogue with third countries; teams for special topics; cooperation with the German Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM), the German Development Service (DED), German Society for Technical Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit - GTZ), InWEnt (Capacity Building International), the German Reconstruction Loan Corporation (KfW) etc.).
- › Regional and national structures in the area of development policy and education work, in addition to the area of educational training for qualified workers and executive managers in Germany, are of great importance for the Federal States. These structures must remain in place and be strengthened.
- › Strengthening the city of Bonn as the German host city of the United Nations and international competence centre for development cooperation and sustainable development can prove beneficial for all Federal States. In the light of this, the Federal States request the Federal Government to promote the settlement of further international organisations in Germany. Only the joint development



policy efforts of the Federal Government, the Federal States and the municipalities can help Germany preserve its future viability in global competition.

MEETING OF THE HEADS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OF THE FEDERAL STATES: 17.06.2004

Implementation of the commitments agreed upon in the framework of the Millennium Agenda - Review Conference 2005

1. The heads of the Federal Government and the Federal States note that considerable efforts and joint action are required in order to implement the commitments of the Millennium Declaration of 2000, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) deriving from the Declaration, and the Monterrey Consensus of 2002.
2. The German Chancellor emphasised the important role of the Federal States for the German development policy in the fields of development cooperation as well as education and information work. He welcomes the contribution of the Federal States to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to reach the German ODA/GNI (official development assistance) ratio of 0.33% (of the gross national income) by 2006.
3. The German Chancellor points out that the German Federal Government has increased its budget for development aid by about EUR 16 Mil in 2004 (about +0.4% compared to 2003), whereas the national budget decreased by 1.1%. Furthermore, Germany increased its ODA /GNI ratio from 0.27% in 2002 to 0.28% in 2003. He calls on the Federal States to make a special effort themselves in the area of development cooperation.
4. The Minister Presidents of Federal States recall the Resolutions of 1988, 1994 and 1998 with the goal of contributing their part to reaching the MDG as well as the German ODA ratio - within the framework of their competence and possibilities. At the same time, they underline the fact that, given the tight fiscal situation in Germany as a result of the country's economic development, maintaining the status quo already constitutes an ambitious goal.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES: 09.07.1998

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States agree that with regard to development cooperation abroad and development policy in Germany, more opportunities for cooperation and the division of labour should be achieved by means of the mutual exchange of experiences and by efficiently joining forces in order to meet the increased demands.

They take note of the report presented on 22 June 1998 by the working group “Coordination and cooperation in development work of the Federal States in the Federal Republic of Germany”.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States appeal to the Federal Government to include the Federal States - with their experiences and resources - even more than before in the conceptual deliberations with foreign partners in development cooperation (national strategies and sector strategies), and to promote more coherence between the Federal Development and Foreign Policy in order to ensure sustainable development.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States ask the Federal Government and the European Union to support the educational and information work for development cooperation with additional measures and, most importantly, to promote the projects of NGOs and initiatives due to their exceptional importance.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES: 01.12.1994

With their resolution of 28 October 1988, the Minister Presidents of the Federal States have once again emphasised their willingness to contribute to resolving current problems in North-South relations. At the same time, they confirmed the resolutions of 3-4 May 1962 and 26-28 October 1977. They consider these resolutions to still be a suitable basis for the development cooperation of the Federal States.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States stress the importance of the process following the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro for the Federal States and will strongly support it within the scope of their competences.

They regard the results of the UNCED as unequivocal support for their own position which is aimed at including not only the partners in the South in the necessary process of change, but also especially the people in their own countries intensively and at all levels. Without the participation of the population and without transparency concerning the necessary processes of change, these aims will not be realized, either in the North or in the South.

The “Rio Declaration on Environment and Development” defines the future development goals in principles and specifies the political priorities and the responsible structures in the so-called “Agenda 21”.

The joint development process that was agreed upon at the UNCED requires the willingness to jointly develop adapted as well as environmentally and socially sustainable life models for future generations of humans living together on this planet. Therefore, development cooperation has to become a cross-sectional task that aims to achieve coherence in the major areas of public policy.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States wish to fully support this innovative stimulus, thereby contributing to a sustainable, socially fair development of our One-World.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States offer their cooperation in the processes following the UNCED and expect the Federal Government to promote the necessary implementation process after this conference. In addition, they expect the Federal Government to do everything in its power to actively include the Federal States, municipalities and social groups including non-governmental organisations in this process, especially in Germany’s reports to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES: 28.10.1988

The cooperation with the developing countries has gained increasing economic, social and cultural importance.

Regardless of the basic jurisdiction of the Federal Government in the area of development policy, the Federal States have made a significant contribution to establishing and fostering relations with the developing countries through their various achievements.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States consider the relations between the industrial and developing countries to be an important part of a policy that is aimed at international cooperation. It is in the interest of both parties to expand and deepen this cooperation. However, the policy is exposed to growing qualitative and quantitative challenges.

Despite global efforts, the situation of a large number of developing countries has deteriorated over the last years. International indebtedness, budget deficits, inflation, increasing poverty, further damages to the environment and the insufficient efficiency of state institutions are at the same time the causes and the effects. The gap between many developing countries and the industrial countries has increased. The Minister Presidents of the Federal States demand that the Federal Government and the European Community make joint proposals with the developing countries for a sustainable expansion of their relations and create appropriate framework conditions for improving the economic and social development of Third World countries.

Within their constitutional competences and possibilities and in coordination with the Federal Government, the Federal States are willing to contribute to solving current problems of North-South relations.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States confirm their willingness to continue the cooperation with the developing countries based on their resolutions of 3-4 May 1962 and 26-28 October 1977.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States state that the focus of the development cooperation work of the Federal States should continue to be the promotion of:

- Vocational education and training for skilled workers and professionals both in Germany and in the respective countries;
- Personnel aid (Knowledge transfer)
- Implementation of projects in developing countries
- Development education and information work

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States consider these measures to be a significant contribution to the independent development of Third World countries and their participation in world trade.

Considering the global economic and social changes, the Minister Presidents of the Federal States deem necessary to expand the cooperation between the Federal States and developing countries in the following areas:

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- Cooperation in education including vocational education
 - Scientific cooperation
 - Academic research with relevance to developing countries
 - Technical cooperation including development and transfer of appropriate technology
 - Promotion of small and medium-sized businesses, craft industries, and cooperative associations
 - Environmental protection and resource conservation
 - Rural and urban development
 - Performance enhancement of public services and of business development facilities
 - Health promotion
 - Cultural cooperation

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States believe that cooperation with developing countries is not to be borne by the Federal Government and the Federal States alone but also by the civil society. Therefore, the Federal States welcome and encourage the active participation of NGOs and churches in development cooperation work as well as the involvement of municipalities and civic initiatives.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States plan to promote a more intensive integration of development policy into education and information work both in and outside the classroom in order to increase awareness and understanding of the problems in Third World countries. To date, the Federal government and the Federal States have informed each other about their respective development policies, which has proven very useful. However, with regard to the entirety of development policy activities of the European Communities, the German Federal Government and the Federal States, this communication needs amplification and improvement in terms of its content. The Federal States agree to expand the exchange of information about important projects concerning development policy.

The Minister Presidents of the Federal States welcome the proposition of the Federal Government to establish an information system within the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and further express their willingness to work together on this system. The information system will serve as a focal point for development policy projects of the Federal Government and the Federal States.

The Federal Government is asked to inform the Federal States in a timely manner on new measures and modifications that might concern the focus of the development policy of the Federal Government, its institutions dealing with development work and international organisations.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES: 26.-28.10.1977

On the basis of the resolution of 3-4 May 1962, the Minister Presidents of the Federal States express their general willingness to continue the cooperation between the Federal Government and the Federal States concerning development aid. According to this resolution, the Federal Government is asked to inform the Federal States regularly about the baselines of the development policy and measures in the area of capital grants, aid for trade and technical aid. This includes questions of extraordinary political significance in talks between the German Chancellor and the Minister Presidents of the Federal States, as well as other politically significant questions arising in the concerned conferences of the ministers, especially during the conference of the Ministers of Economy and the conference of the Ministers of Finance.

RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTER PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERAL STATES: 03.-04.05.1962

On 26 January 1961, the Minister Presidents of the Federal States acknowledged that the development policy comes within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. They further declared the willingness of the Federal States to contribute to development aid within the framework of their responsibilities and capabilities. Starting from these basic ideas, the Federal States Commission for Development Aid (Länderkommission für Entwicklungshilfe), appointed by the Minister Presidents of the Federal States, has discussed the question of the cooperation between the Federal Government and the Federal States and negotiated the terms with the Federal Government. On the strength of these discussions, the Minister Presidents of the Federal States agreed to the following resolution:

1. In the opinion of the Minister Presidents of the Federal States, carrying out measures of development aid abroad is principally the responsibility of the Federal Government. In accordance with the Federal Government and its development policy, the Federal States will provide technical support in developing countries, especially educational and vocational aid. In any of these actions by the Federal States, the Federal Government will be the official representative agency.
2. The Minister Presidents state that close cooperation between the Federal Government and the Federal States is vital to ensure the involvement of the Federal States in development policy. This includes regular and full reports by the responsible federal offices, especially the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, on the broad lines of the federal development policy and federal measures in areas such as capital injections and aid for trade, and especially in the field of educational and vocational training support.
3. General questions regarding this cooperation will be discussed in the Federal States Commission for Development Aid (Länderkommission für Entwicklungshilfe). For the ongoing cooperation between the Federal Government and the Federal States, the Minister Presidents of the Federal States suggest creating a Federal States Committee for Development Aid (Länderausschuss Entwicklungshilfe) within the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.
4. The Federal States are prepared to help establish information and knowledge centres about the states as well as a central institution for professional support and employment. The questions of location, areas of jurisdiction as well as organizational structures are to be left to the Federal States in consultation with each other as well as with the Federal Government. In this context, the objectives set by the German Foundation for International Development are generally welcomed.
5. The Minister Presidents of the Federal States attach special importance to the work in the area of educational and vocational training support. The Federal States will provide suitable personnel for these tasks. The principles outlined in the enclosure shall be applied individually.

Appendix

Principles for the work of the Federal States in the field of educational and vocational training support.

1) When providing personnel for development aid tasks, the following information shall be taken into account:

a) The Federal States are to reserve an adequate number of positions for public servants who have been temporarily transferred abroad in order to enable them to return to their previous positions upon completion of their assignments. In that respect, the Federal States expect that the salary of personnel sent abroad within the framework of federal measures will normally be paid by the German state for the time in question. Civil servants both on a federal and state level shall be treated equally. Corresponding guidelines for this equal treatment will have to be worked out.

b) For personnel outside the civil service, questions concerning their demands shall be dealt with using the same standards.

c) In order to enable the Federal States to meet with the expected contributions in the form of personnel in the requested time, the Federal Government has to inform the Federal States at the earliest possible stage about any planned measures and the corresponding staff needs.

2) The Federal States support citizens of developing countries who come to Germany for their vocational training.

When choosing trainees who will be invited by the Federal States and whose training will be financed by them, the Federal States agree to work together with the Federal Government on questions of the sending country and training measures. So called free trainees (that is to say, trainees who do not come to Germany through inter-governmental agreements) are also eligible for funding by the Federal States. The Federal Government should, however, bear the entire lodging, training and personal support costs for trainees it invites. In the future, the selection of trainees should become more demanding and better language training should be ensured.

3) Subsidies by the Federal States for organisations worthy of financial support - because they dedicate themselves to supporting trainees and students in general and also because they set up contact with citizens from developing countries residing in Germany - shall be co-ordinated between the Federal States.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL STATES TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION*

Federal State	1962-2010**	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Baden-Württemberg	521.516	4.755	2.314	3.459	2.775	2.921	3.462	5.536	4.912	7.588	5.007	5.404
Bavaria	201.625	4.553	4.179	4.409	2.941	3.101	5.231	9.652	13.360	10.012	14.483	10.747
Berlin	223.045	1.978	1.940	1.973	804	1.427	1.831	779	871	759	1.868	2.733
Brandenburg	8.726	126	277	166	185	307	407	468	613	516	607	307
Bremen	43.733	825	870	763	627	473	692	615	557	361	756	663
Hamburg	192.624	3.302	3.546	3.789	3.952	9.518	9.581	9.750	9.685	9.241	9.680	10.111
Hesse	136.390	3.304	2.138	2.172	2.358	1.697	2.045	2.920	2.739	3.125	2.964	3.112
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	4.131	416	432	524	261	639	317	700	621	662	583	670
Lower-Saxony	109.173	802	1.086	580	689	771	600	801	1.505	945	775	1.231
North-Rhine-Westphalia	511.626	13.255	11.747	10.673	8.478	9.526	9.137	10.818	10.298	8.910	11.026	10.560
Rhineland-Palatinate	85.352	2.560	1.901	2.782	1.648	1.794	1.718	1.544	1.633	1.721	1.802	1.815
Saarland	14.061	834	588	216	285	107	138	241	156	156	260	118
Saxony	13.856	289	312	104	113	195	301	523	565	774	1.153	1.119
Saxony-Anhalt	3.854	152	186	188	202	199	213	270	298	366	272	231
Schleswig-Holstein	28.700	1.002	851	847	1.426	1.122	983	1.267	1.145	1.142	1.370	735
Thuringia	5.100	53	76	84	81	83	99	121	303	132	663	469
Total	2.103.512	38.204	32.442	32.730	26.825	33.881	36.935	46.004	49.261	46.412	53.270	50.025

Source: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ (27.11.2023)

* in 1.000 Euro, excluding scholarship programmes

** in DM, recalculated and rounded in Euros

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The broad base and successful middle class of development policy characterise the situation in Baden-Württemberg. Traditionally, development cooperation in Baden-Württemberg is characterised by strong and efficient civil society, small and medium-sized organisations, networks and initiatives, which has a say in and commitment to the state's development policy.

In February 2013, the state government adopted new development policy guidelines for Baden-Württemberg, which were developed in a participation process that was unique in Germany at the time. More than 1,500 citizens from all over the state, as well as 120 organisations and associations, actively helped shape the state's development policy through the initiative Welt:Bürger gefragt! and continue to support it today. Even after the adoption of the Development Policy Guidelines, the development policy dialogue Welt:Bürger gefragt! will continue. At annual state conferences on development policy, the state's citizens review the implementation of the guidelines and develop new proposals for action. The Council for Development Cooperation (Rat für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit - REZ), which is made up of experts from the state's major networks active in development policy, also advises the state government on development policy issues.

On the state side, development policy in Baden-Württemberg is a cross-cutting task and in particular an opportunity for the classic core areas of state policy: For example, in education policy via the anchoring of global learning and study in the educational curricula of schools or in the curricula, research priorities and internationalisation strategies of universities; in economic policy in the areas of public procurement, (foreign) economic promotion; in the inclusion of companies in development policy or fair trade; in environmental policy via issues of ecological sustainability and climate protection; in social policy in matters of integration and participation.

In Baden-Württemberg, development policy is a joint task that is primarily supported by the efficient and professional commitment of small and medium-sized actors. The state promotes this commitment, but does not want to replace it. It creates reliable framework conditions to advance development policy and to network and support its actors. Around 3 million euros are available annually for this purpose:

The Stiftung Entwicklungs-Zusammenarbeit Baden-Württemberg (Baden-Württemberg Development Cooperation Foundation), a foundation established by the state of Baden-Württemberg, promotes, advises and supports the initiatives of small and medium-sized actors as a service centre. A department in the Ministry of State set up specifically for development policy is available to citizens, civil society organisations, ministries, municipalities and their umbrella organisations as well as the state parliament and the federal level as a direct and competent contact on the government side.

With the funding lines bwirkt! Partnerschaften/Ausland, bwirkt! Bil-

dung/Inland und bwirkt! Burundi, the state supports the grassroots and the middle class of development policy engagement: with an annual funding volume of around one million euros.

For a decade now, the state has also been working with the federal government to promote the One World promoters programme (Eine-Welt-Promotorinnen und das Promotorenprogramm) in Baden-Württemberg. With more than ten full positions at civil society organisations, the valuable work of the organisations, networks and initiatives in Baden-Württemberg is strengthened.

Every spring, the FAIR HANDELN trade fair offers all actors a forum for exchange, networking and joint initiatives - with a total of around 90,000 visitors. With more than 150 exhibitors, the trade fair has become a beacon of development policy commitment, especially in the field of fair trade, with an impact far beyond the borders of Baden-Württemberg. With the Future Fashion theme, the fair focuses on modern and fair-trade clothing and thus appeals especially to a young audience.

Another focus is on strengthening and promoting the self-organisation of the actors. The establishment of development policy actor networks for migrant and young commitment as well as for the commitment of universities, schools and companies has been advanced in recent years through joint, nationwide annual focal points. The existing civil society, municipal and church networks were also strengthened.

The three common focal points of the actors and the country are: relations with Africa and, as an outstanding focal point, the deepening of the partnership with Burundi. Secondly, young people's commitment and finally, commitment in the cities, municipalities and districts.

With the study Afrika im Blick, the Council of Ministers established an initiative in December 2019 that provides an overview of Baden-Württemberg's relations with our southern neighbouring continent and recommends concrete measures to expand cooperation with the African continent. Its cross-departmental and cross-actor implementation was initially adapted to the Corona pandemic and started in 2020. The focus is on the areas of scientific cooperation and colonial responsibility under the leadership of the Ministry of Science, foreign trade promotion at the Ministry of Economics and Partnership/Development Cooperation at the Ministry of State. In terms of partnerships, there is a focus on deepening the state partnership in development policy, which is favoured by the political thaw in Burundi and the lifting of EU sanctions and was bundled by the Baden-Württemberg Council for Development Cooperation in the Burundi Alliance. Through this dynamic, five priority areas have emerged since 2021: Agroforestry, Reconciliation, Governance, Education and Health. These are each being pursued by a coalition of actors. The Alliance's 2023 delegation trip to Burundi was an important milestone for these five clusters. The return visit and the 40th anniversary

of the partnership are scheduled for 2024.

Until the end of 2024, youth engagement is the focus of the pan-European MINDCHANGERS initiative. Young people will be strengthened in their commitment to the United Nations 2030 Agenda, especially in the areas of climate protection and international cohesion, and networked across Europe. The centrepiece is the funding of young projects across Europe, totalling several million euros. At a large youth meeting in Stuttgart in September 2023, the young actors from all over Europe were given a political stage, whereby a process for political co-design was initiated via the „Stuttgart Declaration“.

In the field of municipal engagement, a joint roadmap by the federal government, the state and municipalities (Kommunale Entwicklungspolitik Baden-Württemberg) has been in place since summer 2021 in the form of the Baden-Württemberg action plan for municipal development policy. It aims at better networking and more efficient cooperation. For the orientation of municipal actors, it contains an overview of successful examples as well as funding and networking opportunities. For this purpose, there is a working group on development policy of the three municipal state associations. Important concerns here are the design of joint initiatives: for example, on globally sustainable municipalities, on the state partnership with Burundi or on solidarity with Ukraine, on education for sustainable development, on intercultural opening and integration or on sustainable procurement. Since 2023, the State Ministry has been supporting partnership concerns in particular by funding a coordination office at the Baden-Württemberg Association of Cities, which is open to all cities, municipalities and districts and their citizens.



The aim of the Free State of Bavaria's development cooperation is to make a global contribution, within the scope of its possibilities, to the fight against poverty, to sustainable and peaceful development and to international understanding. The living conditions of people in developing and emerging countries are to be improved so that people see a perspective in their homeland. The Bavarian Africa Package (brochure) „Bayerische Afrikapaket“ adopted by the Council of Ministers on April 30, 2019, opens a new chapter in Bavaria's relations with African countries. The Free State of Bavaria specifically supports the development of individual African states, develops long-term partnerships and continues its existing intensive relations.

The Free State of Bavaria is involved in the field of development cooperation in a variety of ways and covers different thematic areas. These include in particular the four priority areas of the Africa package, which are based on Bavaria's competencies: Economic Relations and Vocational Training, School Education and Science, Agriculture and Environment, and Public Administration. Cooperation with selected countries takes place in a spirit of partnership, strengthens the ownership of the partner countries, offers help for self-help, pays attention to subsidiarity and compliance with international conventions and standards.

The maintenance and further development of relations with the partner regions of the Free State of Bavaria play a special role, as there is a high common interest in cooperation in these regions. In addition, the Free State of Bavaria is also open to cooperation with other countries.

The Free State of Bavaria also aims to achieve a better understanding of the problems of developing and newly industrializing countries among the local population, as well as to clarify the global interrelationships and interdependencies and to contribute to sustainable development worldwide. For this reason, the activities abroad are supplemented by domestic work such as school and extracurricular measures and cooperation with non-governmental organizations from the „Eine-Welt“ sector such as the Eine Welt Netzwerk Bayern e. V. („One World“ Network Bavaria).

Within the Bavarian State Government, the Bavarian State Chancellery has the coordinating function for the development policy measures and, if interdepartmental, the lead function. The State Minister for European Affairs and International Affairs, Melanie Huml, MdL, is the central contact person of the state government for non-governmental organizations in the field of development policy.



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations have become a strategic guideline for all countries. Cities are key players in achieving the SDGs - including Berlin.

The State Office for Development Cooperation (Landesstelle für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit - LEZ) at the Senate Department for Economic Affairs, Energy and Operations is the central coordination office for Berlin's development cooperation.

The Development Policy Guidelines provide the strategic framework. They were adopted in 2012 and supplemented in 2016 by the recommendations „Sustainable Federal Capital and its Responsibility in One World“ of the Advisory Council on Development Cooperation. The prioritized fields of action in the guidelines are thinking and learning in global contexts, international university cooperation, international economic cooperation, an open, tolerant and international metropolis, environmental and climate protection as well as urban solutions. For the coming years, it is planned to put the development policy guidelines to the test and further develop them in a broad-based participatory process.

More than almost any other German city, Berlin stands for internationality. The German capital is home to embassies, international organizations and major development institutions. People from over 190 nations live and work here and shape everyday life. Berlin is characterized by a high level of civil society commitment - more than 100 large and small development policy organizations are active in the city. In the state network of development policy non-governmental organizations of the Berlin Development Policy Council, work is continuously being done on the vision of the „One World City“.

The Advisory Council on Development Cooperation, which includes members from a wide range of institutions, advises the state of Berlin on the strategic development of its development policy.

Institutions such as the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Engagement Global gGmbH, the German Institute for Development, the Berliner Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit mbH, and the Seminar for Rural Development at the Humboldt University of Berlin are important cooperation partners in Berlin's development policy. Close cooperation also takes place with the ASA program and the alumni program of the Technical University of Berlin.

The State Office for Development Cooperation supports a large number of development policy projects of non-governmental organizations in Berlin in the areas of education, information and public relations work as well as in projects abroad in the context of school and city partnerships through grants. Special attention is paid to the promotion of global learning. The EPIZ - Center for Global Learning - is the central contact point in Berlin for questions concerning global learning. Through the program for the promotion of NGOs, the Landesstelle für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit can both help shape

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development education work and support a wide range of voluntary work. The funding of projects by development policy non-governmental organizations in Berlin was positively evaluated in 2019. In order to further promote the work of NGOs and interest even more citizens in getting involved in development policy areas, the LEZ is supporting the establishment of the One World Center Berlin Global Village. Numerous development NGOs have already found their new workplace there. The center provides office and event space for around 40 development policy and migrant-diasporic groups.

In 2020, the Senate Department for Economic Affairs, Energy and Labor launched a special fund to support Berlin NGOs affected by the Corona Pandemic, promote digitization and finance solidarity projects in the Global South. The North-South Bridges Foundation (SNSB) is responsible for advising NGOs and administering the project funding program for Berlin NGOs on behalf of LEZ.

On the initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), a promoter program was set up by the federal states. The One World Promoters work in development policy organizations and initiatives. As experts, they provide impetus for globally responsible thinking and action and mobilize people to get involved in sustainable development issues. The Berlin Promotor*innen program is coordinated by the Berliner Entwicklungspolitischer Ratschlag and administered by the Stiftung Nord-Süd-Brücken. In Berlin, eight promoters are currently working on the topics of strengthening civil society engagement, fair and sustainable business, decolonization and anti-racism, global learning, climate and resource justice, and municipal development cooperation.

Another important field of action for Berlin's development policy is Fair Trade and Fair Procurement. In 2018, Berlin was recognized as a Fairtrade Town for the first time - the state of Berlin is aiming for re-designation in 2020. To further strengthen fair trade, the Action Alliance Fair Trade Berlin was founded in 2019 with the support of the LEZ. The alliance networks and coordinates the numerous actors in fair trade and strengthens public relations - for example, through the campaign #fairmachtschule, a cinema spot and a social media clip. In 2020, the Fair Procurement Competence Center will also begin its work. It informs and trains Berlin's public procurement agencies around the possibilities of integrating social standards into public procurement projects.

The reappraisal of Berlin's colonial history is of particular concern to Berlin. For this reason, the LEZ supports the Decolonize Berlin coordination office. The office is supporting a city-wide process of coming to terms with colonial history with actors from the administration and civil society, and is helping to develop a concept for coming to terms with and remembering Berlin's colonial past.

Journalists around the world are threatened and prevented from doing their work. Freedom of the press is one of the most important prerequisites for a functioning democracy. The scholarship program,

which LEZ developed together with Reporters Without Borders, strengthens and supports digital journalists by inviting them to Berlin for a four-month sabbatical. In Berlin, they receive training and education on digital security, can network with colleagues from around the world, and recharge their batteries for their future work in a safe environment. For Corona's sake, the fellowship program in 2020 will only take place digitally. Starting in 2021, fellows will again be invited to Berlin.

As a city-state, Berlin works closely with its districts. Many districts now have their own development policy coordinators, so that a regular exchange of information and joint activities between the state and the districts anchor the development policy commitment in the city and make it visible. Since 2020, the LEZ has also been supporting development policy projects and activities through the district fund, which are initiated by one district but are exciting and attractive for the whole of Berlin. In addition, support is provided to Berlin districts that want to develop development policy activities in their district for the first time.

Berlin regularly participates in international projects. Currently, the federal-state project Female Entrepreneurship in Berlin and India (FEBI) is in its second project cycle. FEBI is supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the Landesstelle für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit Berlin and enpact e. V. The aim of the project is to bring women entrepreneurs in Berlin and India into contact with each other, to conduct training modules and to facilitate reciprocal delegation trips and exchanges. In this way, women are strengthened in the founding and management of companies and enabled to achieve economic independence.



Brandenburg's constitution clearly states the state's mission with regard to international cooperation, peace policy and human rights: The aim is to shape the state „as a living member of the Federal Republic of Germany in a unifying Europe and in One World.“

Brandenburg sees development policy as a cross-cutting task that encompasses a wide variety of policy areas and actors. The framework for the state's commitment - both internally and externally - is the United Nations' Agenda 2030 with its guiding principle of sustainable development. Furthermore, the resolution of the Conference of the Heads of Government of the Länder (MPK) of 21 June 2021 on development policy defines political priorities.

Concrete points of reference and priorities of Brandenburg for the „One World“ are also set out in the development policy guidelines of the state government. The implementation of these guidelines in concrete action is accompanied by a Round Table Development Policy Brandenburg. At the invitation of the state development network VENROB e.V. and the responsible ministry, civil society and the state government exchange views here every year. The Round Table is made up of representatives of civil society, associations, religious communities, administration and politics.

In Brandenburg, the focus of development policy is on domestic work, especially in the field of education. The aim is to sensitise Brandenburg citizens to issues of sustainable development, to inform them about global interrelationships and to show them how they can become active themselves. To this end, the state government works together with committed groups, initiatives and non-governmental organisations in the state. Brandenburg cooperates successfully with the federal level and other federal states in promoting the global engagement of local authorities and the „Eine-Welt-Promotor/-innenprogramm“ directed at civil society.

Brandenburg's foreign-related activities include the development policy youth volunteer programme „Youth for Development Cooperation“. This gives young people from Brandenburg the opportunity to gain their own experience in the Global South through learning and working encounters.



The Free Hanseatic City of Bremen has been involved in development cooperation for over four decades. In the sense of a common perception of our responsibility for the One World, in which fundamental political, social and economic changes are also required in the North, all social and political sectors in the state of Bremen are called upon to review and align their actions with regard to development, sustainability and equitable conditions. Accordingly, the performance of development policy tasks has always been centrally located in the Bremen administration.

In March 2015, the Bremen Senate adopted the Development Policy Guidelines of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen for the first time. They are the result of a broad participation process with civil society and form the basis for the development policy actions of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. These were fundamentally revised and updated in 2023.

With its commitment to development policy, Bremen is making a contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Senate is also committed to this at federal and EU level. The progress made in implementing the SDGs in the state of Bremen is also recorded every two years in an indicator report. In addition, there are training courses, public relations measures and events to raise awareness of the SDGs and to promote their implementation in all areas of society.

The three focal points of Bremen's development cooperation are domestic development information and education, projects abroad that promote social, environmentally sound and sustainable economic development, and support for fair trade in Bremen and at European level. Bremen was named „Capital of Fair Trade“ in 2011, and Bremen and Bremerhaven have also been certified as Fair Trade Towns since 2014.

The civil society commitment of numerous development policy initiatives and associations in the state of Bremen forms an important element of Bremen's development cooperation. Bremen therefore supports projects by these partners, such as development education work in Bremen and participatory project approaches in the countries of the South that support sustainable development on the ground.

Every two years, the Senate of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen awards the Bremen Solidarity Prize. It is intended to be an encouragement for individuals and groups who work in a special way to overcome injustice in North-South relations and the consequences of colonialism and racism, as well as for democracy and human rights. The first prize winners were Nelson and Winnie Mandela. The prize consists of prize money and a sculpture by the Bremen artist Altenstein, which takes up the motif of the Bremen Town Musicians as a symbol of the strength of solidarity-based action.

Moreover, our city partnerships and friendships are an important part

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of Bremen's international relations. They promote exchange and mutual learning at eye level. They are characterized by solidarity and by the commitment to common values of freedom, equality and democracy. Bremen has been cooperating with the cities of Durban/South Africa and Windhoek/Namibia for many years. Environmental protection and resource conservation, education for sustainable development as well as cultural and youth exchange play central roles in the cooperation. A partnership between the state and the oblast of Odesa has recently been added.



Hamburg has long been making a contribution to sustainable development in a global context. Development co-operation projects and measures abroad as well as development education and public relations work in Hamburg form the components of Hamburg's development policy.

The main focus of support for projects abroad is on measures to eliminate the causes of poverty, to promote gender equality, to improve health care and to protect the environment and resources, as well as to improve municipal infrastructure in large cities.

Of particular importance are measures to improve living conditions in León/Nicaragua, Hamburg's twin city since 1989, and Dar es Salaam/Tanzania (officially twin city since 2010, development of a municipal climate partnership since 2011). With the Hamburg Stiftung Asien-Brücke Foundation established in 2005, the Senate has created an independent funding instrument for sustainable development projects in South and Southeast Asia. The city also directly supports projects by non-governmental groups and initiatives. This encourages civic involvement and raises awareness of development policy in Hamburg.

Vocational training measures are an important addition to project funding. As part of a scholarship programme, mainly skilled workers from Nicaragua, Tanzania and India are invited to Hamburg to gain qualifications. At the same time, Hamburg participates in the ASA scholarship programme, in which young people from Hamburg are trained to recognise, understand and shape global connections through seminars and stays abroad.

Hamburg welcomes the development policy commitment of its citizens and cooperates in projects with numerous non-governmental organisations, initiatives and networks. In order to promote the cause of fair trade, the Senate has been involved in the 'Aktionsbündnis Hamburg mal fair' campaign alliance with local development information and education organisations since 2006. Since 2008, Hamburg's public procurement agencies have also required declarations of compliance with the ILO's core labour standards in the production process of the goods supplied in tenders, and since 2017 a state law has been in force requiring the preferential purchase of fairly traded products. Hamburg has been recognised as a 'Fairtrade City' since 2011. Hamburg organises a number of projects every year under this label, such as the 'Fair Week' or the 'Fair Beach Day'.

Hamburg is currently involved in the Eine Welt-Promotor*innen-Programm with four positions - Fair Trade, Global Learning, Migration and Development and Decolonial Perspectives in Development Policy Engagement.

The Senate consults the Hamburg Council for Sustainable Development Policy (RANEP), which it set up, on the direction of its development policy activities.



Furthermore, global justice is an important component of Hamburg's development policy. Since 2019, Hamburg has therefore been specifically supporting hamburg.global actors who support committed people, initiatives and organisations in Hamburg that are committed to global justice.

Hamburg's development policy also includes other areas in which the city has special resources or expertise. Examples include North-South research at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), cultural dialogue with countries in the Global South, the promotion of South-North trade and tropical medicine research and training.



Hesse is consciously facing up to the challenges of globalisation and has committed itself to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Agenda 2030 by adopting its guidelines on development cooperation. The guidelines of the Hessian state government state the principles to which Hesse is committed in development cooperation (DC), clarify the focal points of DC activities and explain the instruments used in this regard.

The state government promotes development policy projects at home and abroad. Particular importance is attached to strengthening the civic engagement of the numerous actors from Hesse for sustainable development in the Global South. Many activities of the associations, which often work on a voluntary basis, are only made possible through this.

The domestic projects are mostly educational projects. They inform about global interrelationships and show concrete options for action for globally sustainable development. Alternatives for a sustainable society are also communicated within the framework of the One World Promoter Programme. One World Promoters advise and network civil society organisations and initiatives that are involved in development policy. In Hesse, the Development Policy Network Hesse e. V. (Entwicklungspolitische Netzwerk Hessen e.V., EPN Hessen) coordinates this programme. EPN Hessen is the umbrella organisation for development policy organisations in Hesse. The state government works closely with development policy associations and organisations in Hesse.

The funded projects abroad cover a wide range, both geographically and in terms of content. They include investment measures such as the construction of school buildings, pilot plants for agricultural production or an orthopaedic workshop, as well as qualification measures such as the promotion of vocational training.

Further information on selected examples of development cooperation in the State of Hesse can be found [here](#).

As part of its cooperation with the federal government in development cooperation, the state of Hesse places a priority on promoting vocational training in partner countries in the Global South. The Hessische Landesstelle für Technologiefortbildung contributed its expertise to the implementation of projects of the Federal-Länder Programme in Ethiopia and India. In addition, another project of the Federal-Länder Programme in Vietnam on SARS-CoV-2 monitoring in wastewater was initiated in consultation with the Technical University of Darmstadt.

Since autumn 2019, the state government has been advised by the „Advisory Council on Development Cooperation of the Hessian State Government“ on the design of development policy activities. In autumn 2020, the committee in turn suggested recommendations on the planned federal law on strengthening corporate due diligence to prevent human rights violations in global supply chains (Supply Chain

Due Diligence Act). The Hessian state government lobbied for the genesis of the law in the Conference of Economics Ministers on 25 November 2020 and in the Federal Council.

Every two years, the Hessian State Government reports on its development policy activities. The second report of the Hessian State Government on development cooperation for the years 2020 and 2021 can be found [here](#).



Development policy in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

The Ministry of Science, Culture, Federal and European Affairs is responsible for development cooperation in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. It coordinates the tasks of development cooperation with the ministries involved and all social institutions concerned. The Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations for the period 2015 to 2030 serve as a guideline for political decisions. Fundamental development policy issues are coordinated with representatives of the ministries, the Association of Towns and Municipalities, the One World State Network, the Society for International Cooperation, RENN Nord and other responsible bodies at the annual „Round Table“.

Promoter programme

The One World Promoter Programme has been co-financed since 2014. Currently, there are three regional offices, one migration office and the state coordination office, with a total of 4.65 full-time equivalent positions. The promoters are based at decentralised agencies and are divided among nine people. They help people to broaden their understanding of democracy, human rights and social diversity and to deal with the issues of „One World“ (Eine Welt).

www.eine-welt-mv.de

One World Country Network (Eine-Welt-Landesnetzwerk)

The Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania One World Network brings together associations, initiatives and individuals from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania who are committed to global justice and sustainable development. The state network currently has 59 members, 41 of which are development policy groups and associations and 18 individual members. The state network bundles the offers of the One World groups and qualifies them. Ten staff members are currently employed in part-time project positions. The One-World Network is active in various bodies, such as the State Working Group on ESD, the NUN Commission, the NUE Award Council and the Board of Directors of the Nord-Süd-Brücken.

The One World Network coordinates the event series Weltwechsel (World Change) with an annually changing theme. The approximately 80 individual events are organised by 50-60 civil society actors. Through the project „Global Partnerships“, the Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania One World Network bundles the activities of around 75 non-governmental organisations, schools and municipalities from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania with South-North partnerships. The project Fair-trade City of Rostock takes care of municipal procurement, the visibility of Fair Trade and organises the state-wide networking of activists in the field of Fairtrade. The project Global Agriculture contributes to sustainable and globally just agriculture. The project „Arriving in MV“ makes the perspective of people with a history of flight and immigration visible within development policy work.

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The One World Network publishes a monthly email newsletter with around 700 addressees. The podcast GlobalLokal is also published.

Education for sustainable development in schools

Education for Sustainable Development/Global Learning is implemented in the Ministry of Education and Child Day Promotion via ESD regional advisors in the four State Education Offices, the Vocational School Inspectorate and is professionally supported in the Institute for Quality Development Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (IQ M-V). A state working group on Education for Sustainable Development (LAG BNE) with over 40 members from various ministries and non-governmental organisations works under its leadership.

www.bildung-mv.de/lehrer/schule-und-unterricht/bildung-fuer-nachhaltige-entwicklung/netzwerk-bne-schule-in-mv

The IQ Mecklenburg-Vorpommern organises an annual state-wide ESD (BNE) conference for schools together with the LAG BNE.

Within the LAG BNE, various working groups work on the topics of networking and public relations, lesson development, teacher training and certification of schools and daycare centres. Here, ideas, ways and concepts are developed on how, among other things, contents of development cooperation can be incorporated into lessons and teacher training and further education, and how the cooperation of school and non-school ESD actors as well as communication can be improved. New teaching materials have been developed in cooperation with universities, research institutions, museum educators and the Ministry for Climate Protection, Agriculture, Rural Areas and the Environment:

PlasticSchool: plasticschool.de

12 Forest education modules

www.bildung-mv.de/schueler/schule-und-unterricht/schularten/grundschule

To implement the Orientation Framework for Global Development Education in the context of an ESD, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, together with Engagement Global (EG), has implemented two state initiatives within the school programme of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). From 2017 to 2019, the three-year cross-state project „Fit for Tomorrow“ ran in vocational preparation at vocational schools. Using ESD teaching-learning concepts at one school each in Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the vocational orientation and motivation of young people without school-leaving qualifications and/or with refugee experience was improved. From September 2018 to the end of 2021, we implemented the model project „Schools of the Future - Self-Determined Pathways to High Achievers in Educational Landscapes in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania“ (ESD Model Schools M-V) at ten general education schools.

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These schools, together with cooperation partners and the LAG BNE, have set out to further develop and effectively implement the whole school approach in their schools.

Non-formal education for sustainable development

Education shapes the future. And it is „North German and sustainable - now“. The certification and quality development of non-formal education actors is being further intensified in the states of the nun partnership, Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The certification process helps to introduce and further develop quality standards for ESD in the non-formal and informal education sector. The tasks of the office have been taken over by ÜberMorgen gGmbH on behalf of the Ministry for Climate Protection, Agriculture, Rural Areas and the Environment. The network of certified non-school ESD providers in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania now numbers 31. The educational offers include seminars, courses, project days for schools, day-care centres but also for adults, in which future topics are taught.

www.nun-zertifizierung.de;

www.bnemv.de;

Über.Morgen (About.Tomorrow) - Advice | Education | Future Processes (uebermorgen.info)



Lower Saxony is primarily involved in development cooperation on the ground in Sub-Saharan Africa by supporting projects in the Eastern Cape (South Africa) and in Tanzania. In addition to development cooperation with partners abroad, the state supports development education and information work at home and promotes the Association for Development Policy of Lower Saxony (Verband Entwicklungspolitik Niedersachsen e. V. - VEN) in corresponding projects.

Since 1995, Lower Saxony has been working successfully with the Eastern Cape in the areas of qualified school/vocational education, university cooperation, expansion of renewable energies, youth encounters, culture and sports as well as in the field of health. Both partners support the exchange particularly intensively through voluntary services (e.g. „Weltwärts“) in sports and social projects. The partnership is characterized by a lively culture of mutual visits, especially at the political level.

Since 2010, Lower Saxony has been providing targeted support for projects in Tanzania that build on existing structures and develop them further. In terms of content, the focus is on the school and vocational education sector (including inclusion, development of a vocational training center), research (promotion of young scientists and research), health care (training and further training of specialists in special education, newborn hearing screening), school projects, the expansion of renewable energies and water supply, as well as the improvement of living conditions for people in rural regions and food security.

As an active contribution to the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the state of Lower Saxony adopted development policy guidelines in September 2015. In order to further strengthen civil society engagement, the Lower Saxony State Chancellery has set up a „round table“ with various social groups, non-governmental organizations active in development policy, leading municipal associations, churches and business associations. In 2017, the cabinet adopted a strategy with concrete recommendations for action to implement the Development Policy Guidelines, and a progress report was submitted in 2021.

The „Round Table on Development Policy Guidelines“ (Runde Tisch Entwicklungspolitische Leitlinien) now continues the dialog process with civil society and the specialist departments on current development policy topics through annual workshop discussions. The first workshop was held on 17 November 2022 on the topic of „Lower Saxony's food strategy - food security worldwide“.



The state government's development policy activities are based on the development policy priorities of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The priorities place the state government's development policy work in the context of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Commitment to development policy depends above all on a lively, strong civil society. In this respect, North Rhine-Westphalia has an extraordinarily diverse landscape. North Rhine-Westphalia maintains diverse international relations and is particularly committed to development policy in countries and regions with which it has special ties. Ghana has been a partner country of North Rhine-Westphalia since 2007, and a partnership with North Macedonia has been in place since 2021. In February 2023, the state government entered into a regional partnership with the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast in Ukraine.

- Further information on the country partnership with Ghana (<https://ez-der-laender.de/bundesland/nordrhein-westfalen/partnerschaft/ghana-nordrhein-westfalen-laenderpartnerschaft>)
- Further information on the country partnership with North Macedonia (<https://ez-der-laender.de/bundesland/nordrhein-westfalen/partnerschaft/nordmazedonien-laenderpartnerschaft-und-kosovo>)
- Further information on the regional partnership with the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast in Ukraine (<https://ez-der-laender.de/bundesland/nordrhein-westfalen/partnerschaft/ukraine-dnipropetrowsk-nordrhein-westfalen>)
- Further information on North Rhine-Westphalia's involvement in the Middle East and South Africa (<https://ez-der-laender.de/bundesland/nordrhein-westfalen/partnerschaft/naher-osten-und-suedafrika-nordrhein-westfalen>)

The Concrete Peace Service supports young adults from North Rhine-Westphalia. This support offers a travel allowance for various project assignments lasting between 25 days and twelve weeks. Participants plan their stays abroad on their own initiative and cooperate on an equal footing with organisations in the countries of the Global South. In addition, the Concrete Peace Service also has co-operations that enable young professionals, such as craftsmen and women or trainees from the caring professions, to take part in a project abroad. Mutual exchange to strengthen civil society actors in the Global South is also an integral part of the Concrete Peace Service.

With the programme for the promotion of development policy information and education work (EpiB), the state supports the development policy education work of North Rhine-Westphalian One World groups and non-governmental organisations. The aim is to create an awareness of global interrelationships among the people of North Rhine-Westphalia, to deepen knowledge about the situation in countries of the Global South, to prevent xenophobia and to awaken a willingness among citizens to make their own contribution to fair global development.

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The state government also supports development education work through the promoter programme, which provides civil society with a basic supply of expertise in this area. The programme is implemented by One World organisations throughout North Rhine-Westphalia. The programme is run by the One World Network NRW and Engagement Global, North Rhine-Westphalia branch office (Düsseldorf). Further information can be found at: www.einewelt-promotorinnen.de.

Municipal development cooperation is also supported in line with the development policy priorities of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Municipalities can make a very concrete and significant contribution to development partnerships - for example, when it comes to raising awareness of development policy and international interrelationships and the reciprocal impact of local action on the global world and vice versa. Municipal development partnerships build an important bridge between the people in North Rhine-Westphalia and those in the partner municipalities. One focus of state funding is on supporting municipal development cooperation with Ukraine in order to contribute to the reconstruction of the country. The state government would like to support the municipalities in aligning their tasks with the principles of the 2030 Agenda in order to fulfil their global responsibility.

With its foreign programme, the state government supports development policy projects of non-governmental organisations from North Rhine-Westphalia. The programme supports One World initiatives, associations, migrant organisations, church groups and others that work in cooperation with partner organisations in the Global South to sustainably improve local living conditions. The programme focuses on education, health, ecological sustainability, sustainable management and job creation.

With 26 United Nations (UN) organisations, the federal city of Bonn is now Germany's most important UN location and a unique centre of excellence for international cooperation and sustainable development. In addition, over 170 internationally active organisations, scientific and economic institutions as well as governmental and non-governmental organisations are dedicated to the pressing development policy and sustainability issues of our time. These include the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Engagement Global (EG) and the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS). In realising its development policy goals, the state government also works together with the North Rhine-Westphalia Foundation for Environment and Development (SUE), which is also based in Bonn. In close cooperation with the federal government and the city, the state government promotes Bonn's development by, among other things, establishing new UN secretariats and other international organisations as well as by organising events, various conference formats and projects that help to promote exchange on global sustainability issues.

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North Rhine-Westphalia is the largest of four founding states of the Development and Peace Foundation (sef:), which was established in 1986 and is based in the federal city of Bonn. The sef: sees itself as a forum for interdisciplinary and international dialogue on global challenges. Through its work, it aims to contribute to raising awareness of global interrelationships. In its events and publications, it brings together scientific findings with experiences from political practice.

The „North Rhine-Westphalian Academy for International Politics“ (<https://www.aia-nrw.org/de>) in Bonn, which was founded in 2021 on the initiative of the state government, is a further expression of the state's diverse commitment to supporting the expansion of Bonn as an international centre and at the same time actively striving for international exchange on key issues of the future.



With its development policy, the Rhineland-Palatinate state government aims to help fight poverty worldwide, make globalisation fairer and protect the environment. In doing so, it is guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in September 2015 as a reference framework for policy in Rhineland-Palatinate. Today, development policy is about more than just projects and programmes. It is about fundamental political, social and economic changes that need to take place worldwide. It is about socially and ecologically just globalisation, just trade structures, climate and environmental protection. And it is about changes to living and consumption patterns in Germany.

Against this backdrop, the country's development policy focuses on the following areas:

Sustainable procurement

Sustainable procurement helps to improve the living and working conditions of many people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. For this reason, state and local authorities in particular are required to include social and ecological criteria in public tenders. As part of our training project „Rhineland-Palatinate buys sustainably!“, which is organised in cooperation with the state development policy network ELAN, we show local authorities how sustainable procurement is possible in a legally compliant and practicable manner.

Municipal development policy

Local authorities are important players in development policy. We motivate and support municipalities in their endeavours to get involved with their own projects, e.g. in educational work, municipal partnerships or sustainable procurement.

Educational work in schools

The state government wants to raise awareness of the situation in other countries, but also of global interrelationships. Children and young people should learn what impact our actions have on people in other parts of the world and be sensitised to sustainable and socially just action.

Information events on development policy topics

Together with Rhineland-Palatinate partners, we organise information and discussion events on current development policy issues and participate in specialist conferences and presentations.

Cooperation with civil society

We support associations, local authorities, schools and churches in Rhineland-Palatinate that carry out development policy information and education projects in Germany or cooperate with partners in countries of the South.

Partnership with Rwanda

One focus of development policy in Rhineland-Palatinate is the partnership with Rwanda. In 1982, Rhineland-Palatinate and the

Republic of Rwanda sealed the first partnership between a German and an African country. From the outset, the basic idea was to develop a so-called grassroots partnership that was to be organised in a decentralised and citizen-oriented manner. This form of grassroots partnership is based on encounters with mutual respect and esteem and aims to go beyond pure development cooperation to become a partnership in everyday, social and cultural life. Today, it enjoys an excellent reputation among the Rwandan population and is also deeply rooted in the Rhineland-Palatinate population.

People from both countries endeavour to meet as equals, exchange ideas and develop joint projects. The structure of the partnership between Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda is organised in two parts: the Rwanda Department of the state government and the Rhineland-Palatinate/Rwanda Partnership Association (Partnerschaftsverein Rheinland-Pfalz/Ruanda e.V.).

The primary objectives of the measures are to improve education, support women and participate in the areas of health care and nature conservation.

As part of the approximately 190 school partnerships, the school situation in Rwanda is being sustainably improved. Personal contact between children and young people as well as between teachers and school administrators from Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda is also promoted. Vocational training is another important factor in the education of Rwandans. Only with suitable vocational training is it possible to train qualified skilled workers, who play an enormously important role in Rwanda's economic development.

Involving people with disabilities as important players in the partnership and thus further deepening cooperation between Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda is a new priority.

There are also more and more projects for the production of renewable energies and environmental protection. The Rhineland-Palatinate economy is involved in the partnership in order to further promote development in Rwanda.

The partnership is also becoming increasingly involved in the fields of art, culture and sport. They act as a bridge of understanding and promote co-operation with and between the partners. The many exchange trips in recent years have enabled young people in particular to familiarise themselves with the other culture and benefit from each other: Children and young people form the basis for the future of the partnership.

Further information:

Partnership Rhineland-Palatinate-Rwanda



Development policy in Saarland

Development cooperation in the Saarland is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The ministry's goal is to work closely with actors in civil society and at the municipal level who are active in development policy.

Together with these partners, the Saarland assumes global responsibility. This includes fostering partnerships with countries and regions of the Global South and promoting development policy information and education as well as civic engagement for the One World.

Carrying global responsibility

The development policy of the Federal Republic of Germany is the joint responsibility of the federal, state and local governments. In this sense, the government of the Saarland is committed to international solidarity and the creation of a just world order.

Global Education: Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Saarland.

Since May 2018, Saarland has had a state coordination for Education for Sustainable Development, which systematically and structurally anchors Education for Sustainable Development in the education sector. In order to link global interrelationships and individual behavior, children in Saarland's daycare centers as well as schoolchildren are to be sensitized to sustainable development. To this end, the Saarland umbrella brand „School of Sustainability“ was already established in 2019, which certifies schools for their holistic efforts to be sustainable places of learning. Analogously, the state umbrella brand „Kita der Nachhaltigkeit“ has been under development since the beginning of 2022.

Fair in Saarland and the Global South

There are also far-reaching efforts in the area of fair trade and sustainable procurement. The goal is for Saarland to become the first **fair trade state** in Germany. A steering group with representatives from politics, business, education and civil society as well as the cities, municipalities and districts that have already been designated as Fair Trade Towns is working intensively to achieve this goal. Already 74% of the people in Saarland live in certified Fair Trade Towns. The certification is intended to structurally anchor Fair Trade in Saarland.

The Saarland supports and promotes Fair Trade in order to achieve a fairer and more social life for the people of the Global South with fair wages for mothers and women, without exploitative child labor, with access for boys and girls to educational institutions and the expansion of health facilities.

Dialogue with development actors

Since development cooperation is above all a task for society as a whole, the successful work of private initiatives, the churches and other non-governmental organizations in particular receives financial

and non-material support. Saarland organizations working in and for South-North partnerships are networked, among others, in the **Netzwerk Entwicklungspolitik im Saarland (NES) e. V.** Together, the state government and civil society want to make a concrete contribution to fighting poverty worldwide, securing peace, realizing democracy and making globalization fairer.

Particular importance is attached to the open and cooperative exchange of all actors in development policy work, both in global partnerships and in information and education work. In order to promote this exchange, the Ministry of Education and Culture invites to the **open forum on development cooperation** twice a year.

Guidelines for development cooperation

The Saarland Development Cooperation Guidelines were adopted by the Saarland Parliament in March 2017 and are the result of a development process with the active participation of civil society and Saarland non-governmental organizations. They represent the framework of Saarland's development cooperation and are intended to strengthen existing structures, initiatives and activities. They serve as an orientation and form the basis for Saarland's future engagement relevant to development policy.

The fields of action of Saarland's development cooperation are:

- information, advisory and educational work in the field of development policy
- science, research and teaching
- international exchange
- economy, enterprises, public administrations and municipalities
- international trade and agricultural policy
- North-South partnerships/cooperations
- impact of European policies on countries of the Global South
- Guidelines for development cooperation

The guidelines of the Ministry of Education and Culture for the granting of subsidies for the promotion of projects within the framework of development cooperation provide, in addition to the promotion of foreign projects in the Global South, for the possibility of promoting cooperation projects of partner:s in the Global South and the Global North. Furthermore, projects in school, vocational and university education, extracurricular education projects for children and young people, further education and adult education projects or development policy measures and events for the broad civil society can be funded.

Advisory Council for Development Cooperation

The Advisory Board for Development Cooperation provides the Ministry with significant support in approving applications for

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development policy project and program activities. The projects to be included in the funding are selected in partnership with the development policy initiatives represented on the Advisory Board for Development Cooperation.



The Free State of Saxony supports the goal of sustainable development in favor of a sustainable society in the sense of the United Nations Agenda 2030 and the associated Sustainable Development Goals. In joint responsibility with the federal government and local authorities, Saxony will contribute its share to achieving the goals by 2030 and beyond. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted as part of the 2030 Agenda apply to all countries on earth. One important component is support for development cooperation. The development policy guidelines of the Free State of Saxony have been integrated into the Saxon Sustainability Strategy 2018. www.nachhaltigkeit.sachsen.de

Saxony understands development cooperation as a cross-sectional task and wants to implement it with the willing participation of the population, the Development Policy Network Saxony e. V. (Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerks Sachsen e. V. (ENS) and the other actors, such as the church development organizations or non-governmental organizations that are not organized in the ENS. The development cooperation of the Free State of Saxony is coordinated in the Saxon State Chancellery. Since 2017, the Free State of Saxony, in addition to long-standing and broad-based development education work at home, now also supports development projects and initiatives abroad. Development cooperation projects, for example in Lebanon, support countries facing major challenges due to increasing global migration. Through the North-South Bridges Foundation (Stiftung Nord-Süd-Brücken), civil society organizations from Saxony have the opportunity to apply for funding from a Saxon small projects fund. www.internationales.sachsen.de/entwicklungszusammenarbeit-4193.html

Furthermore, projects are being implemented in Uganda and Mozambique with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) as part of the federal-state program of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

With project contents that are geared to the reality of people's lives, Saxony wants to provide help on the ground and at the same time support the societies in the states that take in or have taken in many refugees.

The Free State of Saxony has been carrying out development policy information and education work inside and outside schools for many years. Educational offers, event information and materials for sustainable education are available online www.bne-sachsen.de. Eight One World promoters are now active in Saxony, promoting global learning and sustainable living. The programs are aimed at educational institutions such as kindergartens, schools, adult education centers and youth centers.

The STUBE study support program includes weekend seminars and one-day events for students from developing countries at Saxon

universities. In addition, the Free State is also participating in the ASA university cooperation from 2018, thus supporting the exchange of young people from industrialized and developing countries.

Dresden is also home to Germany's second scientific institute of the United Nations University (UNU), which is funded by the Free State of Saxony and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The United Nations University Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) deals with international strategies for sustainable resource use and forms an important interface between science and politics. UNU-Flores is the only sub-unit of the United Nations based in Saxony and a unique player in development science.



In Saxony-Anhalt, statewide coordination of development cooperation takes place in the Ministry of Economics, Science and Digitalization (MW).

Development policy guidelines

The development policy guidelines, which date back to 2000, were revised from 2018 with the participation of organizations and groups active in development, churches, trade unions, and business and science, and adopted by resolution of the state government on March 12, 2019.

The guidelines serve as an orientation and guideline for the development-related commitment of the state as a whole. In accordance with the relevant MPK resolutions of recent years, the guidelines were to be further developed, in particular taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the United Nations' Agenda 2030. In addition to the basic principles, the guidelines highlight 8 focal points according to which the country's development cooperation (DC) is or should be oriented:

Development-related information, education and public relations work, the promotion of development-related non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including corresponding network structures, the use of the potential of science and research, the linking of migration and development, the strengthening of fair trade and sustainable consumption, the sensitization of companies for DC while integrating the competencies of the business sector, the strengthening of partnerships and the use of existing competencies, the practice-oriented education and training of foreign experts and executives, and humanitarian aid. In accordance with the guidelines, the state government expressly views development cooperation as a cross-cutting task that must be implemented across all ministries, given its comprehensive and multidimensional nature. To improve interdepartmental cooperation, a working group on development cooperation has been set up. It is composed of representatives of all ministries, the parliamentary groups of the state parliament and experts from various areas of development cooperation.

Development-related information, education and public relations work

Development-related NGOs are of central importance for raising awareness among the population and for increasing understanding of and commitment to the problems of the One World.

These NGOs are therefore supported both as providers of development-related information, education and public relations work in Germany (including the areas of sustainable consumption/fair trade advice and fair procurement) and as providers of development cooperation projects in developing and transition countries.

The addressees or places of development education are the training of teachers as well as all types of schools including vocational

schools and kindergartens. With regard to the fair procurement of goods and services, companies and administrations are advised and appropriate forums for employees are held. The One World promoter program acts as a central instrument in this regard. The first participation of Saxony-Anhalt in 2014 in the co-financing of the „One World Promoter Program“ has been expanded to five full-time positions as of 2019.

After the cities of Halle/Saale, Magdeburg and Wernigerode have so far won the title of Fairtrade Town with the support of the Fair Trade Town campaign of the One World Network Saxony-Anhalt, further applications are being sought.

Municipal partnership with DC reference

The city partnership between Hoi An (Vietnam) and Wernigerode (at the time the first official German-Vietnamese municipal partnership ever), which has existed since 2013, was expanded in 2016 to a climate partnership with the development-related core topics of energy efficiency/conversion to renewable energies, waste reduction/elimination and sustainable tourism. The partnership, which is supported by broad sections of the population and financed with EU federal, state, municipal and private funds, was expanded in 2016. The bottom-up partnership, which is supported by broad sections of the population and funded by the EU, the federal state, local authorities and private contributions, will be continued annually on a project basis. In 2020/21, a joint project is underway to train specialists in the hotel and catering industry.

State program „Partners of Tomorrow“

The „Partners of Tomorrow“ program, which was launched in 2001 as a contact and qualification program with the then focal partner countries China and Vietnam, is now generally aimed at foreign students and university graduates as well as small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the state, across all sectors and countries.

Through the internships completed in the participating SMEs, the participants gain important professional experience and practical vocational qualifications which, after returning to their home countries, benefit them in the long term in terms of development and at the same time strengthen the foreign trade activities of the participating companies.

Also worth mentioning in this context are the development-related activities of SMEs from Saxony-Anhalt in the fields of solar energy, waste management and agriculture in the African countries of Morocco, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Zambia.



The state government of Schleswig-Holstein, in particular the Ministry for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature (MEKUN), which is responsible for development cooperation, successfully supports the activities of development policy initiatives, including through an annual grant to the state network Bündnis Eine Welt (BEI) Schleswig-Holstein and development-related projects by non-governmental organisations through the proceeds of the state's own lottery „BINGO!“. The state is also a cooperation partner and provides its share of the funding for specialist promoter positions as part of the BMZ's promoter programme. The state government works together with the BEI on a basis of trust in the nationwide development cooperation committees.

MEKUN also cooperates with the Service Agency Communities in One World/Engagement Global (primarily in the Global Sustainable Municipality project), with which a new agreement was concluded in 2020 that also includes a financial contribution from MEKUN. There is a signed agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany (Nordkirche) on cooperation on development cooperation and sustainability issues.

The Ministry's work in the field of development cooperation focuses on raising awareness among citizens in its own federal state. In addition to its original significance, development cooperation is also seen as a central element in the implementation of the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). On 1 June 2021, the Schleswig-Holstein state parliament adopted a state strategy for education for sustainable development in connection with the UNESCO Global Action Programme „Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)“ and the National Action Plan, and an ESD office (<http://www.bne-in-sh.de>) began its work in 2022. The educational mandate is supplemented by the Schleswig-Holstein Education Centre for Nature, Environment and Rural Areas and the local branch of the regional sustainability network of the Sustainability Council (RENN.nord-SH) - in particular through the nationwide joint project starting in 2022. Another building block of development cooperation work in the state and the implementation of SDGs in the areas of sustainable and fair procurement is the Ministry's Competence Centre for Sustainable Procurement and Contracting (KNBV), which was launched in 2020 and will continue its work until 2030. The KNBV supports all state agencies and municipalities in converting their procurement to sustainable and fair products.

By becoming a member of the Forum Nachhaltiger Kakao e. V., the ministry wants to set an example for responsible behaviour in the state's food industry. Discussions with the local confectionery industry have led to several new memberships in the forum.

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The Ministry of General and Vocational Education, Science, Research and Culture (MBWFK) supports global learning and the learning of development policy contexts, as can be seen from the new subject requirements, particularly for the subject of geography. The schools in the Schleswig-Holstein initiative „Zukunftsschule.SH“ are particularly active in this area. More than 220 schools are currently involved in this area (see www.zukunftsschule.sh). At a major ESD conference in February 2020, a joint event organised by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Environment, Christian Albrechts University and the Leibnitz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education, the Institute for Quality Development in Schools in Schleswig-Holstein and the Education Centre for Nature, Environment and Rural Areas, more than 500 pupils and teachers discussed issues such as global learning and many other global challenges. Global learning is also a key topic for the UNESCO project schools. Under the leadership of the German schools, the UNESCO Baltic Sea Project network organised an international digital camp on the topic of global citizenship education in May 2021 under the title „Digital Aaroe“. Since February 2021, the Ministry of Education has been funding online educational events on global learning at schools in Schleswig-Holstein. These events highlight global connections and help students to critically reflect on their own actions.



With the „Guidelines for Thuringian Development Cooperation“, the Free State of Thuringia acknowledges its responsibility for development policy and for shaping a policy in line with the 2030 Agenda. The Thuringian state government sees development cooperation as a cross-cutting task, to the fulfillment of which the Thuringian sustainability strategy, the integration concept and the Thuringian education plan, as well as the energy and climate protection strategy, among others, also contribute significantly.

The state assumes its development policy responsibility together with the development policy actors of civil society. The „One World Network Thuringia“ (Eine Welt Netzwerk Thüringen e. V. - EWNT) as an umbrella organization of the development policy commitment of the Thuringian non-governmental organizations is the most important cooperation partner of the Thuringian state government. In addition, the state supports the work of social groups, churches and other non-governmental development cooperation agencies. Sustainable educational work is at the heart of the state's development policy concept.

Since 2016, Thuringia has participated in the funding of the Eine-Welt-Promotorenprogramms, which is jointly supported by the federal and state governments. The aim is to strengthen interest in development policy issues, particularly within the framework of educational projects, and to awaken an understanding that the willingness of each individual to take action is an indispensable contribution on the path to a sustainable society and a fairer world. In Thuringia, the promoters focus on the areas of business, human rights, global learning and regional structural development. They strengthen knowledge and competence with regard to ecological and social sustainability, promote political participation and network civil society organizations, associations and projects in Thuringia and beyond. With projects in schools and educational institutions, they create an awareness of global interrelationships and contribute to reducing prejudice and xenophobia.

The Free State of Thuringia provides development policy support for the global South by funding projects initiated with great commitment by associations in Thuringia, some of which have been supported for many years. These include a major hospital project in Zomba, Malawi, in which Thuringia is participating as part of a federal/state project together with GIZ, and a school project in Mombasa, Kenya.

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