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# The 2030 Agenda in Switzerland



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” *The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) shows the way forward for a sustainable world in harmony with nature, and for peace, prosperity and partnership. As a country with a long-standing humanitarian tradition and an economy with strong international linkages, Switzerland has every interest in such a world. As a reliable partner of the international community, Switzerland played an active role in the elaboration of the 2030 Agenda and is assuming a leading role in the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

The Swiss Federal Council

# 17 global goals for a more sustainable world



With the 2030 Agenda, the 193 member states of the United Nations have set themselves 17 goals for sustainable development that take into account its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner.

These 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been applicable to all countries since 2015. They range from the eradication of hunger worldwide, to strengthening sustainable consumption and production, to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Switzerland too has committed itself to implementing the 2030 Agenda, which now provides the reference framework for its policies on sustainability.



Further information  
on the 2030 Agenda in Switzerland  
[www.agenda2030.admin.ch](http://www.agenda2030.admin.ch)

# Switzerland's current progress

## Key successes

Switzerland ranks high in international comparison with respect to these SDGs.

### 1 NO POVERTY



Switzerland is a prosperous country with a well-developed social security system, and where no-one faces extreme poverty.

### 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



A wide range of high-quality educational and training programmes are available at every level for all fields.

### 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Switzerland has a secure supply of energy. About two thirds of the country's electricity is already generated from renewable energy sources.

### 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Switzerland has a high level of productivity, low unemployment, good jobs and working conditions and a high labour market participation rate.

In its 2030 Sustainable Development Strategy, the Federal Council sets out its priorities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In addition, the Federal Council regularly reviews the progress made towards achieving the SDGs. As is clear from Switzerland's baseline assessment, the SDGs are already anchored in numerous laws and key sectoral policies at national level.

Switzerland leads international rankings in quality of life, social cohesion, protection against natural hazards, sustainable business practices and other areas. Nevertheless, major challenges still need to be addressed.

The overview highlights Switzerland's key successes and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

## Major challenges

Switzerland will need to make significant progress on these SDGs in the future.

### 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Because the country's consumption of resources is well above the planet's capacity to replenish them, it must use resources more sustainably, for example through closed material cycles.

### 13 CLIMATE ACTION



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Switzerland are not falling fast enough to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Efforts involving all stakeholders will have to be stepped up to achieve this.

### 15 LIFE ON LAND



Biodiversity continues to decline in Switzerland and more and more land is covered by buildings, roads and other infrastructure. More must be done to protect endangered habitats.

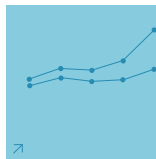
### 5 GENDER EQUALITY



Gender equality is enshrined in the Swiss Federal Constitution. However, achieving full pay equality between women and men remains a challenge.



## Measuring progress



The MONET 2030 indicator system measures the ongoing implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Switzerland on the basis of over 100 indicators such as the poverty rate, reading skills of 15-year-olds, the gender pay gap, energy consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, labour productivity, official development assistance, urban sprawl and biodiversity.

[www.statistik2030.ch](http://www.statistik2030.ch)

Cercle Indicateurs (de, fr, it) is a national network that measures and compares cantons' and cities' sustainable development.

[www.are.admin.ch/cercleindicateurs](http://www.are.admin.ch/cercleindicateurs)

# The federal government's implementation

The Federal Council is committed to achieving the SDGs at national and international level. Implementation takes place under the auspices of the competent federal offices and is coordinated by the 2030 Agenda Steering Committee.



## Implementation in Switzerland

In Switzerland, the federal government supports efforts towards the 2030 Agenda with the following three umbrella instruments in particular:

### 1 2030 Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS 2030)

For the SDS 2030, the Federal Council focuses at national and international level on the three priority topics 'sustainable consumption and production', 'climate, energy, biodiversity' and 'equal opportunities and social cohesion'.

[www.agenda2030.admin.ch/sds2030](http://www.agenda2030.admin.ch/sds2030)

### 2 Funding

To support key initiatives by cantons, communes and civil society, the federal government provides funding in various areas of sustainable development.

[www.eda.admin.ch/fundings](http://www.eda.admin.ch/fundings)

### 3 Networking and awareness raising

Through events such as the Sustainable Development Forum and Dialogue 2030, the federal government provides information on current developments and promotes new projects and methods.

[www.eda.admin.ch/forumsd](http://www.eda.admin.ch/forumsd)

[www.eda.admin.ch/dialogue2030en](http://www.eda.admin.ch/dialogue2030en)



## Implementation abroad

Switzerland plays an important role in supporting international efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda. The 17 SDGs also provide an important guiding framework in foreign policy, particularly for international cooperation and in areas such as trade, finance, health, food systems, energy, environment and climate.

At global level, Switzerland supports ideas and policies that are aligned with the vision of the 2030 Agenda. It fast-tracks the implementation of agreed goals through partnerships and strengthened accountability and corresponding review mechanisms.

In its international cooperation, Switzerland supports its partner countries' efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve the SDGs.

At the same time, it is exploring new instruments and is increasingly involved in multi-stakeholder partnerships with private and public actors as well as multilateral institutions (UN, World Bank, regional development banks, etc).

[www.agenda2030.admin.ch/international-en](http://www.agenda2030.admin.ch/international-en)

# Cooperative partnerships

The realisation of the 2030 Agenda requires close cooperation among all actors. The federal government is therefore working closely with cantons, communes and non-state actors to pool resources, create synergies and coordinate implementation.



## Non-state actors

To ensure effective cooperation with non-state actors, the federal government set up the 2030 Agenda Advisory Group, which is composed of representatives of civil society, business and science. The Advisory Group exercises a coordinating and advisory function at strategic level and supports the federal government in the development of broad-based and sustainable solutions for the 2030 Agenda.

[www.agenda2030.admin.ch/advisory-group](http://www.agenda2030.admin.ch/advisory-group)



## Cantons and communes

In order to strengthen cooperation with the cantons, the federal government co-launched the Cantonal Sustainable Development Network (CSDN). The CSDN strengthens inter-cantonal cooperation throughout Switzerland, develops joint initiatives and provides technical support for the Conference of Cantonal Governments (CCG) and other intercantonal organisations. The federal government also works together with cities and communes. This cooperation is coordinated by the Union of Swiss Cities and the Association of Swiss Communes.

[www.agenda2030.admin.ch/csdn](http://www.agenda2030.admin.ch/csdn)



# 5 ways to get involved

You also have an important role to play in making Switzerland fit for the future! You can contribute to sustainable development in Switzerland in a variety of ways:



## 1. At home

Conscious steps in your everyday life can have a significant positive impact on sustainability. „170 things you can do every day to change the world“ (de, fr, it) provides a wealth of good tips.

[www.eda.admin.ch/170dailyactions](http://www.eda.admin.ch/170dailyactions)



## 2. At school

Sustainable development is part of the Curriculum 21. Many schools organise project weeks, action days and other activities on this topic. Talk to teachers about this and raise the topic of the 2030 Agenda.



## 3. In your commune

More and more cantons and communes are aligning their policies with sustainability goals. Citizens can often also get involved. Ask your commune or cantonal sustainability office about options currently available.



## 4. In NGOs

Many Swiss NGOs are working on the 2030 Agenda in Switzerland and abroad. Volunteering is one way you can support their projects.



## 5. In your company

Many companies are also increasingly focusing on sustainable development. Ask your employer what you can do to help improve your company's environmental and social impacts.



## Further information

on the 2030 Agenda in Switzerland.

The Confederation continuously informs about the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Switzerland and abroad as well as about good, and inspirational examples. Be sure to keep up to date via the following channels:

[www.agenda2030.admin.ch](http://www.agenda2030.admin.ch)

[www.facebook.com/agenda2030switzerland](https://www.facebook.com/agenda2030switzerland)

[www.linkedin.com/showcase/agenda2030ch](https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/agenda2030ch)

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