

National Commitments to SDG Transformation: 2024 Update

1. Name of country: Germany
2. Please provide a **short update on the steps taken, progress made and/or lessons learned in implementing each of the National Commitments to SDG Transformation** announced by your country in conjunction with the 2023 SDG Summit:¹

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| Name of Commitment: Strengthen food security | Contact person: Petra Bollich; Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN; WI-4-2-VN <i>wi-4-2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de</i> |
| Brief description of steps taken on implementation, progress made and/or lessons learned: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany has been the world’s second largest bilateral donor in the area of food security and nutrition for many years. In 2022, Germany has not only increased humanitarian aid, but also invested roughly 5 billion EUR in global food and nutrition security measures to cushion the impacts on global food security caused by Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine. The German Chancellor is a Champion of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food Energy and Finance (GCRG) convened by the UN Secretary-General. • With BMZ's special initiative "Transformation of Agricultural and Food Systems", Germany is supporting partner countries realizing the right to adequate food for all. In order to do so it supports the transformation of agricultural and food systems towards sustainability and resilience. The focus is on sustainable land use through smallholder production systems, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, resilient rural development, access to healthy food for marginalized population groups as well as access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as the basis for sustainable food and nutrition security. • In 2023, Germany and the World Bank further advanced the development of the Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS) that was originally established in 2022 to build a bridge between short-term crisis response and long-term action to accelerate the transformation of agriculture and food systems. • As the second largest donor to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) contributes to transforming agriculture and food systems by investing in smallholder farming. Through programs of international organizations, the Trust Fund channels funding into low income countries to build local resilience and to improve food security (2022 new pledge: €208.8 million; Total since 2010: €524.8 million). | |

¹ All submitted commitments are available at <https://sdgs.un.org/SDGSummitActions/National>

- Demonstrating its commitment to transforming agriculture and food systems, the BMZ has invested EUR 136.67 million into the World Bank's Multi-Donor Trust Fund FoodSystems2030 (FS2030). EUR 85 million of this contribution supports the repurposing of harmful agricultural support towards sustainable production and soil health measures amongst others through country pilots in Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Bangladesh.
- Germany advocates the enhancement of the European Solidarity Lanes (ESLs) to ensure stable and secure trade routes, countering the global food crisis caused by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.
- Germany is driving forward the global transformation of agricultural and food systems at all levels. It is providing long-term support to its partners of the Global South to transform their food systems, e.g. through projects on integrated soil fertility management, agroecological approaches and organic agriculture, climate-smart agriculture and healthy nutrition as well as through its related engagement in relevant G7 and G20 working groups. For example, Germany is providing €22 million for a school meals programme to enhance local food production, climate-friendly food preparation and education (especially for girls).
- Germany is supporting the follow-up process to the UN Food Systems Summit through the Joint SDG Fund Food Systems Transformation Window, which fosters implementation of national pathways for transformation of agricultural and food systems in partner countries. Furthermore, we have joint four coalitions, namely the School Meals Coalition, the Aquatic and Blue Foods Coalition, the Agroecology Coalition, and the Zero Hunger Coalition. We are also providing financial support to the UN special rapporteur on the right to food to establish the link to rights-based policies in the follow-up process.
- Germany is supporting the African Union in the framework of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit and the resulting 10-year Action Plan, for example through a planned follow-up project of the global project on soil protection and rehabilitation for food security and the Africa Climate Summit, as well as close, long-term cooperation in the framework of an agricultural policy dialogue.
- Germany provides financial support in the amount of €29 million to IFAD to implement activities under the CompensACTION Initiative initiated by Germany under its G7 presidency 2022. The project's goal is to provide financial compensation and a smart income mix to smallholders for their multifunctional services, including biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation, while at the same time securing liveable incomes and increased productivity. Germany also finances the Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT for actionable research and communication along the CompensACTION activities.
- Germany is supporting the implementation of international obligations such as the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) with an annual contribution of 250.000 €. With funding several projects within the Global Crop Diversity Trust (Crop Trust), the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) and the European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR) Germany assists in ensuring international efforts to conserve and sustainable use genetic resources in order to support sustainable agriculture and food security.

**Please add a separate update for each commitment made. You can add more rows manually, or by clicking on the plus (+) sign that appears on the bottom-right, when the table is selected.*

3. If your government is presenting a Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) at the 2024 HLPF, **how have your announced national commitments been incorporated or otherwise contributed to your country's national review processes?**