

## 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:<sup>1</sup>

<b>Name of Commitment:</b> Reduce negative impacts on third countries	<b>Contact person:</b> 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>
<b>Brief description of steps taken on implementation, progress made and/or lessons learned:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany has made a significant financial contribution to improving the data collection and presentation of so-called spillover effects (negative impacts of consumer behaviour, trade, economy and or finance market on the SDG-performance of third countries), making them easily accessible and well-understood. This was especially achieved through the German financial support to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). The SDSN mobilizes global scientific and technological knowledge on the challenges of sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the SDGs. In 2017, the SDSN developed the Spillover Index, which is now published annually in the Sustainable Development Report. The unique feature of the index is that it assesses how national consumption und production patterns affect the efforts of other countries to achieve the SDGs.</li> <li>• Due to the financial support of Germany, the SDSN has been able to collect data for the Spillover Index in various ways, not only from databases of international organizations, but also from household surveys, scientific journals, and geographic information systems (so-called non-traditional datasets). This support contributes to improving the data situation on spillover effects. Apart from contributing to the collection and processing of new data, the German support allowed the SDSN to develop conceptual and technical approaches for new ways of visualizing this data interactively online.</li> <li>• The Spillover Index as well as the corresponding visualization tools are globally valued for their statistical recording of measures that have negative impacts on the achievement of the SDGs in third countries.</li> </ul>	

*\*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?**

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