

## **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> Think globally, act locally: Promote low-carbon urban development and green infrastructure	<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 is supporting partner countries in low-carbon and green urban development and the expansion of green infrastructure. Germany created the largest fund for urban climate finance with the City Climate Finance Gap Fund, which has a total finance volume of over EUR 100 Million (Germany is contributing a total of EUR 90 Million).</li><li>• With the City Climate Finance Gap Fund, Germany is supporting cities in partner countries with early-stage preparations for climate investment. In the fiscal year 2023, the Gap Fund coordinated by the World Bank approved 18 technical assistance grants (EUR 5.3 million) to support 59 cities in more than 17 countries. The projects are still ongoing and distributed all over the world.</li><li>• In the same period, nine technical assistants were completed.</li><li>• With its focus on early-stage project preparation, the Gap Fund supplements the C40 Cities Finance Facility (CFF). CFF supports city administrations in developing countries and emerging economies in preparing sustainable urban development projects through technical feasibility support, capacity development, and link to finance. By integrating equity and inclusion in climate mitigation and adaptation projects, CFF ensures that social co-benefits of green infrastructure projects are maximized.</li><li>• Over three phases, CFF has directly supported over 50 projects in the sectors of energy, mobility, nature-based solutions, and waste, leveraging nearly USD 1 Billion in climate finance, reducing CO2-emissions by 7.5 Million tons, and directly improving the resilience of over 2 Million beneficiaries. Additionally, CFF pioneers innovative technologies and targets capacity development activities to facilitate future independent replication and upscaling of CFF-supported projects. Over the past 12 months, the focus has been on preparing finance-ready projects, identifying finance solutions, and ensuring that capacity development impacts are manifested.</li></ul>	

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

*\*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?**