



German Science Platform Sustainability 2030:

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Agenda 2030 and the German Context

- Revision of the German Sustainability Strategy in 2016
 - Implementing it in, with, by Germany
 - „pledge and review“ needs a broader basis of engagement
 - an integrated agenda for transformation (knowledge & action)
- A **strong scientific basis** and an **effective science-policy interface** is needed

(Sustainability) Science – the German context

- **Pluralistic research**, based upon a strong notion of freedom of research, in all of its kinds
 - Sustainability Science has been a **pioneer** (e.g. transdisciplinary and for science-policy interface)
 - Research topics such as transformation or cross-sectoral analysis call for **engagement with a wide set of actors**, on a scientific basis
- **Science community accepted the offer** to systematically link its work with the implementation process of Agenda 2030 / the German Strategy

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Science Platform Sustainability 2030: Areas of work / value added

- is an **independent part of the sustainability architecture** addressing politics and engages the scientific community
- **Brings existing knowledge to bear** as well as community together, raising (new) questions across established realms, sectors, or individual SDGs
- underlines **urgency** where needed and **possibilities** where possible, tries to provide innovative & critical contributions
- connects **internationally** in thinking and acting



Types of problems to be addressed

- Topics addressing **deficits**
- „**ripe**“ topics
- Key **transformation** processes
- Topics of **integrative** nature

Formates and Processes

- **Working Groups:** driving by science, run transdisciplinary, scoping & implementation phase, modes of interaction and mobilization of a broad group of actors
 - Interaction with **existing science / advisory councils** and relevant bodies
 - **Comments** on the implementation, e.g. for the Vice Ministers Group
 - Broader set of **communication and interaction formates** (e.g. annual conference)
- 4th Steering Committee Meeting on 13th December will fix the programme of work for 2018

Thanks you very much for your attention!

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