



**Final Conclusion of the 4th World Organic Forum by Rudolf Bühler
Localizing SDG's - Creating a Network of Sustainable Development Regions**

I will use now English as intermediate language:

First of all let me express my sincere thanks to all participants who have joined the 4th World Organic Forum, especially all the key note speakers and contributors for the success of the conference.

We experienced really brilliant contributions.

Also sincere thanks to the team under the lead of Christoph Zimmer along with Anna-Lena Buchholz, Nina Faiß und Frederik Schulze-Hamann.

So far it was an inspiring event again, although we could not meet personally as in the past. But we look forward to overcome the present health situation and might join next year – hopefully – then again face to face.

Let me refer to the first day where we learned more about the „Agroecology“ approach, as it was stressed also nearly from all speakers. We will agree upon and we will support this movement as long it is
on the side and based upon organic farming practices.

On the second day exposed rural regions have presented their valuable work in rural development and sustainable project works. We had workshops and discussions and a lot of inspiring ideas and proposals came up.

Today we have learned lessons from the founder and President of the Millenium Institute based in Washington, Prof. Dr. Hans Herren about the transformation of our Food Systems to
Nature Positive Agriculture

and we listened to the views of prominent key note speakers like the President of IFOAM Luise Lutikholt, Professor Dr. Franz-Theo Gottwald, Chairman of the Advisory board of the World Future Council, Maria Heubuch and Christel Weller- Molongua, Head of the section Rural Development and Agriculture at GIZ.

Furthermore the inspiring Workshops led by Gian Wieck and Gundula Büker.

As a kind of conclusion and result of the 4th World Organic Forum I want to stress the main issues for further actions:

- establishing a validation scheme for SDG-Regions
- the stakeholders of the SDG-Regions will prove and assess themselves the performance achieved in relation to the SDG-Goals

- creating a platform as a nucleus and driving institution for the exchange of experiences and promotion of the SDGs
- it was the wish and intention of all participating regions that we should establish a „Community of Practice“ (Arbeitskreis) as a platform and working base for the commitment to get the SDGs on the ground.

It should act as a network of all Sustainable Development Goal Regions who commit themselves to the goals which were defined within the last workshops under the lead of the representative of the Millenium Institute, Gian Wieck.

Next steps are:

- we will get the process organized based from here, the House of Farmers Foundation, as being the nucleus for the activities within a „SDG-Community of Practice“ (Arbeitskreis)
- we will establish a related homepage
- the next virtual meeting will soon take place within the coming weeks with all the regions which have committed themselves so far and get them presented on the homepage

As being a platform for the community of Sustainable Development Goals, we will be open und invite all regions who are inspired by the idea and need of action to get it done.

And all future World Organic Forums will be a meeting point and platform of exchange and providing knowledge from best practice models and regions for inspiration and further action and commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals.

So this Community of Practice will act as a catalyzer to get the ideas and knowledge forward and on the ground, also under the umbrella of

„Global Agrarian Change“

which is the key issue to a sustainable and climate positive agriculture.

We invite all stakeholders from farmers organisations, all development organizations and NGOs, universities, science and think tanks to join the movement and join the platform

„SDG- Community of Practice“

based here in the House of Farmers for the promotion of SDG-Regions. As we will soon open a Homepage with all regarding issues, the members who have joined already and share the contact data of our team.

So please get in touch with our team, this call is also send especially to new partners and regions to join us.

Since this is our vision: to get the SDGs on the ground by establishing a movement with more and more Sustainable Development Regions; which will act as light houses with flagship projects and multipliers in order to spread best practices, organized and compiled by the SDG-Community of Practice

Again: as it was focused by the Honorable President of the Club of Rome, Ernst-Ulrich von Weizsäcker: we know how to do it, but Come On, lets do it now!

Thank you for joining us and see you soon again!



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