

Open SDGclub[®] Berlin



Concept note

2019 will be a crucial year to further enhance and accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda implementation. Sustainability practitioners see the upcoming UN SDG-Summit in September as a unique opportunity to have a common global debate on what has already been achieved and on what further transformation steps taken by us all are needed in order to realize the 2030 Agenda promises for people, planet and prosperity. When political leaders meet in New York in September their decisions should be inspired by conclusions drawn from action on the ground.

The Open SDGclub.Berlin is an interactive practitioners' meeting in multi-stakeholder format. It brings together participants coming from: SDG-Councils or similar bodies, multi-stakeholder bodies and processes, civil society networks, business, local communities and academia, all linked by own experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda.

Participants of the Open SDGclub.Berlin meeting 2019 will have the opportunity:

- to exchange experiences with 2030 Agenda implementation at various governance (subnational, national, international) levels,
- to team up for common projects,
- for peer learning on what action works, which enablers are needed,
- for peer learning on different formats and roles of multi-stakeholder bodies,
- for networking with German sustainability actors,
- to discuss ways to enhance multilateral action for sustainable development.

RNE shares the view that sound political advice needs a deep understanding of the reality on the ground, and more so when it comes to global processes. This is why RNE has put forward the idea of a "makers' panel" that should formulate proposals for the SDG-Summit on how to speed up multilateral transformational efforts. With the Open SDGclub.Berlin 2019 meeting discussions we aim at crafting action-oriented messages to political leaders meeting at the SDG-Summit in September.

The meeting will use various interactive formats allowing for a maximum of exchange and mutual peer learning. Plenary debates will alternate with group work. The third day of the meeting will allow for networking with the German sustainable development community.

The meeting will start on 7 May 2019 at 10 am, with the end being scheduled on 9 May, 4 pm. Accommodation at or close to the meeting venue is provided by RNE. Upon request, RNE may cover travel costs for a limited number of participants (details see registration form).

For more information on the Open SDGclub.Berlin and on RNE please see:

<https://www.nachhaltigkeitsrat.de/en/projects/open-sdgclub-berlin/>