

The Monash SDGs project

Project led by Sir Bob Watson

How to make the SDGs appropriate for Australia and the region?

Workshops involving leading academics, business, government and civil society



Melbourne workshops



Malaysia Workshop

Ini usulan penurunan emisi karbon di Indonesia



Indonesia Workshop



Papers



Engagement with government



Engagement with business

The aims of the project

1. Identify what Sustainable Development Goals and targets are appropriate for Australia
2. Identify interlinkages between the goals and suggest targets and indicators that maximise integration
3. Engage various stakeholder groups to promote the SDGs and gather their input
4. Influence the Australian Government's position on the SDGs and influence the international debate

Workshop 1 – Where are we? Where do we want to be?

- What is Australia's current sustainability performance?
- What are the sustainability challenges?
- Where do we want to be?
Our vision of a sustainable Australia.
- What should be Australia's sustainability goals and targets?



Workshop 1 – outcomes

May 2013

- Better communication of sustainability and SDGs
- Young people should play a significant role
- Business should be involved in developing the SDGs
- Australia can play a leadership role in energy and water efficiency
- Addressing inequalities in health and education is vital
- We should move away from GDP as measure of progress

Recommendation: prepare a series of short papers on each potential goal setting out global and Australian challenges and potential targets and indicators.

Workshop 2 – Refining the goals and targets

May 2014

- World café style rotations to refine the 10 goals and targets for Australia
- Develop a framework for the SDGs that identifies the trade-offs and synergies and need for integration of goals
- Map a way forward for engaging stakeholder groups and implementing the framework



Sustainable Development Goals and targets for Australia

- 10 Goals and 54 targets for Australia
- Framework for goal integration and integrating targets
- Link to Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Also identified some policies and indicators



Workshop 3 - Implementing the SDGs

May 2015

- Identify which of the UN's proposed SDGs are most relevant for Australia
- Highlight the opportunities for Australia
- Map how Australia could measure and report on progress of the SDGs and identify relevant indicators
- Identify the role of different sectors in contributing to the implementation of the SDGs eg national, state and local governments, business, NGOs



Recommendation: A National Summit on Implementation of the SDGs to be held in 2016

Business Workshop

BHP Billiton February 2015

- Jointly hosted by SDSN Australia Pacific, Global Compact Network Australia and BHP Billiton
- More than 80 participants – most from business with senior Government and NGO representation.
- Businesses should start to align their long term strategies with the Sustainable Development Goals
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships will be critical



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Prof Sach's visit

Professor Sachs visit May 2014

More than 3,000 people attended his events

Senior government and business leaders

Built Monash profile with philanthropy and business

"SDSN-Australia has initiated a REMARKABLE process, led by Bob Watson (visiting at Monash) on defining the SDGs for Australia. There has been a phenomenal one-year effort to set country-specific SDGs, with targets relevant for Australia. Great project. It is a template for the entire SDSN system." Professor Jeffrey Sachs May 2014



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