The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development
“The central challenge in development cooperation is and remains for the state, businesses and society to work together to provide impetus to people in partner countries to help themselves. We can achieve this if we cooperate globally to bring about a shift away from short-term crisis management and towards a strategy of sustainable development. Local populations need to muster the creative power to make the most of their potential. The members of the Committee put their confidence in committed people who work to create a decent future in their home countries.”

Dr Peter Ramsauer, CDU/CSU Chairman of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development
The German Bundestag’s decisions are prepared by its committees, which are established at the start of each electoral term. Four of them are stipulated by the Basic Law, the German constitution: the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Defence Committee, the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union and the Petitions Committee. The Budget Committee and the Committee for the Rules of Procedure are also required by law. The spheres of responsibility of the committees essentially reflect the Federal Government’s distribution of ministerial portfolios. This enables Parliament to scrutinise the government’s work effectively.

The Bundestag committees
The German Bundestag sets political priorities of its own by establishing additional committees for specific subjects, such as sport, cultural affairs or tourism. In addition, special bodies such as parliamentary advisory councils, committees of inquiry or study commissions can also be established. The committees are composed of members of all the parliamentary groups, reflecting the balance of these groups in the German Bundestag. The distribution of the chairs and deputy chairs among the parliamentary groups also reflects their relative strengths in the plenary. In the current electoral term, the committees have between nine and 49 members.

The committees discuss and deliberate on items referred to them by the plenary. They also have the right to take up issues on their own initiative, allowing them to set priorities in the parliamentary debate. When necessary, they draw on external expertise – usually by holding public hearings. At the end of a committee’s deliberations, a majority of its members adopt a recommendation for a decision and a report, which serve as the basis for the plenary’s decision.
Education and training for all, decent work and economic growth, action to tackle diseases and child mortality, urban development and measures to combat climate change – the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development deals with issues relating to global social justice and the question of how we can coexist peacefully and sustainably in future. The Committee members, chaired by Peter Ramsauer, meet each Wednesday morning in weeks when the Bundestag is sitting, and discuss and debate how development cooperation should be designed so that it can reach people even more effectively and make a real difference. The Committee’s main task is monitoring and scrutinising on behalf of Parliament the work of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, a role in which it takes a constructive and critical approach.

The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development
The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development supports the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) formulated by the United Nations (UN), building on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). For example, the Committee’s agenda features topics such as measures to develop functioning infrastructure, support for rural development, maternal health services and gender equality. Other subjects of discussion include measures to develop the capacity of public administrations and good governance. In addition, regular debates are held on the design of German programmes in Germany’s partner countries and in crisis regions. These programmes include short-term humanitarian aid and emergency and transitional aid, for which the Federal Foreign Office is the lead ministry. Such programmes are followed by long-term development cooperation, for which the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is responsible. The Committee members look at a range of scenarios in their discussions on the situation in the world’s crisis regions: for example, the situation in cities in view of Africa’s population trends, the impact of climate change on living conditions in Asia, or the challenges facing civil society following the civil wars in Latin America. The wide spectrum of topics dealt with by the Committee is reflected in the large number of bills, motions, communications and items of business from the European Union (EU) which are discussed at the Committee’s meetings. The parliamentarians are regularly involved in the preparations for and follow-up to important international conferences. Another key part of their work is delegation trips to enable the Committee members to form their own impression of German development cooperation with partner countries and to review how it is being implemented in practice by visiting individual projects in these countries.

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Deputy Chairman: Uwe Kekeritz, Alliance 90/The Greens
Sustainable Development Goals

On 25 September 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted by the UN General Assembly in New York. These are the 17 Goals:

1. No poverty,
2. Zero hunger,
3. Good health and well-being,
4. Quality education,
5. Gender equality,
6. Clean water and sanitation,
7. Affordable and clean energy,
8. Decent work and economic growth,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure,
10. Reduced inequalities,
11. Sustainable cities and communities,
12. Responsible consumption and production,
13. Climate action,
14. Life below water,
15. Life on land,
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions,
17. Partnerships for the Goals.

The Agenda aims to contribute to enabling all people worldwide to live in dignity. Unlike the MDGs, which focused primarily on developing countries, the SDGs apply to all states, requiring all countries to verifiably fulfil the criteria.

German Sustainable Development Strategy

The Federal Government has drawn up a German Sustainable Development Strategy, adopted in January 2017, to implement the SDGs in Germany. There is an established procedure for reviewing national progress, and the results achieved by the individual countries are compared.
Marshall Plan with Africa

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has taken a new direction in its cooperation with the countries of Africa and developed a “Marshall Plan with Africa”. It is intended to enable a partnership of equals to emerge, going beyond project-based development cooperation. This policy initiative is based on three pillars: 1) economic activity, trade and employment; 2) peace, security and stability; and 3) democracy, rule of law and human rights. The aim of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is to strengthen the African states’ own development capacity, and in this way to empower them to make their own contribution to the achievement of the SDGs. The Committee members gather information about the implementation of the Marshall Plan with Africa in the course of delegation trips abroad and at meetings between the Committee and representatives of African partner countries.

Overview of the 17 SDGs enshrined in the UN’s 2030 Agenda
The European Commissioner for Development and representatives of various European Commission directorates-general visit the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development to discuss matters such as cooperation between the EU and the African Union (AU) or the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). A continuous dialogue takes place between the Members of the Bundestag and Members of the European Parliament.

Stakeholders

Generally speaking, development cooperation is a cross-cutting task which touches on many policy fields and which has to be coordinated with a large number of stakeholders at international, European, national and local level. The Committee therefore holds regular meetings with representatives of the relevant UN organisations. These include the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
As town-twinning arrangements, in particular, are practical forms of assistance which produce long-term results, discussions are also held both in partner countries and in Germany with representatives of the Länder and local governments. Finally, the Committee members also endeavour to consider and incorporate the interests of businesses, religious communities, foundations and non-governmental organisations. They are invited to public hearings and consultations.
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Association of One World Land Networks in Germany
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Bread for the World
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Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom
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The Sustainable Development Goals

The German Sustainable Development Strategy
archiv.bundesregierung.de/archiv-de/meta/startseite/germany-s-national-sustainable-development-strategy-276504

The Federal Foreign Office
www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
www.bmu.de/en

The United Nations
www.un.org

The European Union
www.europa.eu/european-union/index_en

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