# Report of Results Global Survey on Sustainability and the SDGs

Awareness, Priorities, Need for Action



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# SUMMARY OF RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

In 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A lot has happened since then, but what do people perceive? And what moves them when it comes to sustainability? For the first time, these questions were the focus of a global survey, the Global Survey on Sustainability and the SDGs (Global Survey). Between September 2018 and June 2019, the Global Survey reached out to approximately 27,000 individuals and representatives from politics, business, science and research, the media and civil society worldwide to ask for their opinions and expectations regarding sustainability and the SDGs.

The Global Survey was funded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety) as part of the "Export Initiative Environmental Technologies", and was designed and implemented by the sustainability consultancy Schlange & Co. (S&C). The Yale Center for Business and the Environment (CBEY) was commissioned as an academic partner for scientific support.

## SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT







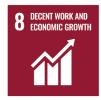




11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

























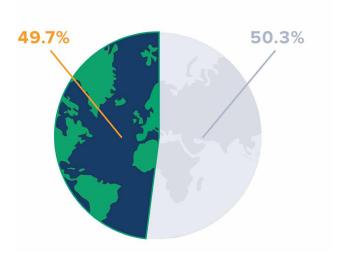


#### **KEY FINDINGS**

1. Less than half of the respondents worldwide know the SDGs.

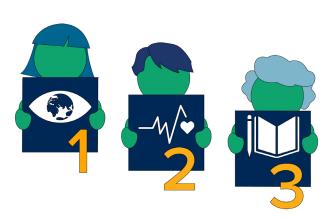
The SDGs provide an excellent orientation framework with an easily understandable vocabulary (at least at the highest level of the 17 SDGs) to navigate through the complex issue of sustainability. While the concept and meaning of "sustainability" are now well understood, unfortunately this is not the case with the SDGs. Only a small proportion of respondents is familiar with the SDGs and knows their meaning.

The worldwide average awareness level of the SDGs is just under 50% (European Union: 56%; Germany: 46%). However, the actual awareness score is likely to be significantly lower, as indicated by the level of awareness within the control group of only 37%.



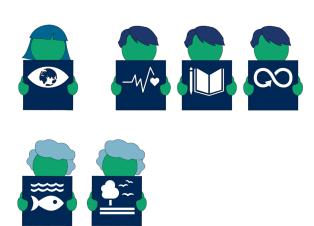
2. Climate Action, Quality Education and Good Health and Well-being have the highest priority, with regional differences arising in the area of Climate Action

Climate Action (SDG 13) is the most frequently cited SDG of personal interest, followed by Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3) and Quality Education (SDG 4). These results are largely consistent regionally. However, Quality Education (SDG 4), No Poverty (SDG 1) and Zero Hunger (SDG 2), which rank before Climate Action (SDG 13), are mentioned as particularly urgent social issues in Africa.



3. Young people prioritize Climate Action, whereas older generations prefer Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education and biodiversity.

Young people up to 29 years of age rate Climate Action (SDG 13) as having the highest priority. Respondents aged 30-49 prioritize Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), Quality Education (SDG 4) and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12). The respondents aged 50 and over focus more on environmental aspects with SDG 14 (Life below Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).



4. In assessing the importance of Gender Equality, there is a significant gap between gender and regional orientation.

Worldwide, more than 31% of female respondents describe Gender Equality as an SDG of direct importance, compared with about 15% of male respondents. Male respondents also see a significantly greater improvement in this goal than female respondents.



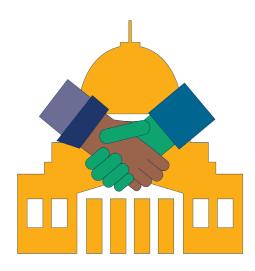
5. Worldwide, respondents take sustainability into account in voting and short-term economic decisions; in Europe, the choice of employer is the most important from a sustainability perspective.

The majority of respondents worldwide considers sustainability in consumer choices and nutrition (>50%), slightly less in transport and political voting (48% each). The choice of employer from a sustainability perspective is in last place – quite contrary to the European Union, where it is ranked among the most frequently mentioned aspects.



6. Respondents see all sectors as having a responsibility to promote sustainable development, but governments in particular.

When asked "Who do you expect to drive the implementation of SDGs in your country?", respondents cited government ahead of the private sector, research institutions, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and the media.



#### 7. SDGs in the private sector

From an industry perspective, the most urgent areas for action are Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12); Climate Action (SDG 13); and Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9).

The majority of companies set themselves goals with reference to the SDGs. However, progress towards the set targets is measured without reference to the SDGs.

The importance of partnerships between companies, governments or politics and administration is underpinned by the survey results. Respondents from politics, administration and the private sector name private sector actors as the most important partners.

#### 8. SDGs in politics and public administration

The respondents working in politics or in the public sectors assess the awareness score of sustainability and the SDGs even more pessimistically than the respondents in private sector companies. According to the results, only international political organizations have an awareness of the sustainability concept. For all other areas, the result is negative, including awareness of the SDGs.

The respondents from politics and administration state that Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11) and Responsible

Consumption and Production (SDG 12) as well as Climate Action (SDG 13) have top priority for their sector.

The most urgent need for action is seen in the implementation of sustainability in the political agenda, followed by the enforcement of sustainability, i.e. implementation of laws and regulations, before the actual integration of sustainability into laws and regulations. In Germany, implementation of sustainability is the first priority.

#### 9 SDGs in education and research

SDGs are generally rather unknown in science and education. The very negative SDG awareness score attributed to representatives of the economic science is noticeable. This could be an indicator for the fact that SDGs are still rarely addressed in classical business. studies and research fields of economics.

Education and research institutions identify similar prioritized SDGs as other segments. with Climate Action (SDG 13) rated highest,

followed by Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12). Not surprisingly, high Quality Education (SDG 4) is cited as the third most frequent answer by respondents from science and education.

Although all sectors consider the importance of SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) to be relatively low, this is particularly remarkable in the area of research and education.

#### 10. SDGs in civil society

According to representatives of civil society, both the concept of sustainability and the SDGs are still largely unknown.

The prioritization of the SDGs by respondents from civil society reflects the prioritization of politics and administration, where Climate Action (SDG 13) and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12) come first, followed by Quality Education (SDG 4) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11).

Similar to representatives from politics and public administration, respondents from civil society identify a number of measures that

they believe are important to work towards achieving the SDGs (see Figure 31). The lowest priority is given to setting one's own agenda priorities, suggesting that parts of civil society are only willing to work within existing frameworks and systems, rather than creating new options for action. On the other hand, the majority of respondents worldwide see the role of civil society as exercising control and pressure on legislation and the economy, and thus acting as a "watchdog" in society. Control and pressure on the economy is seen within the EU as even more important than control and pressure on legislation.

#### Recommendations for action

The complexity of a globalized world and the associated challenges to sustainable development are increasing worldwide. In this context, the 17 SDGs represent a very helpful orientation framework for all relevant actors. although they are little or not at all known to the population.

In view of the fact that private individuals contribute significantly to the emergence of sustainability challenges in their everyday lives, efforts should be made to sufficiently sensitize the individual and promote responsible action.

A broad and consistent information campaign on the basis of Agenda 2030 can be an adequate measure. In cooperation with education, business, civil society and the media, governments could set up initiatives in their countries to develop and implement appropriate concepts for the dissemination of SDGs with practical recommendations for everyday life.

A further finding from accompanying discussions on the Global Survey is that the concrete 169 SDG subtargets are difficult to understand for business, science and education, as they are almost exclusively directed at governments. This deficiency could be remedied by formulating additional, sector-specific goals that specify contributions of the respective sector.

## П. THE GLOBAL SURVEY - BACKGROUND, MOTIVATION AND OBJECTIVES

In 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A lot has happened since then, but what do people perceive? How satisfied are they with the progress being made? And what moves them when it comes to sustainability?

For the first time, these questions were the focus of a global survey, the Global Survey on Sustainability and the SDGs (Global Survey). Between September 2018 and June 2019, the Global Survey reached out to more than 26,000 individuals and representatives from politics, business, science and research, the media and civil society worldwide to ask for their opinions and expectations regarding sustainability and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

The survey was aimed at individuals and representatives from politics business, science and research, the media and civil society in all countries of the world. The objective was to prioritize relevant environmental, social and economic challenges in respective countries and sectors and to determine the urgency of action. In addition, the performance of sectors in the countries should be assessed. The Global Survey thus covered both people's individual views and a wide range of professional perspectives - a unique approach to date.

The Global Survey was funded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety) as part of the "Export Initiative Environmental Technologies"1, and was designed and implemented by the sustainability consultancy Schlange & Co. (S&C). The Yale University, i.e. the Yale Center for Business and the Environment (CBEY), was commissioned as an academic partner for the scientific support, i.e. the co-development of the questionnaire, the provision of survey software as well as data evaluation.

The results will be made available to the general public and presented to decision-makers in these sectors in order to raise awareness as well as initiate and accelerate necessary decisions for sustainable development.

<sup>1</sup> Export Initiative Environmental Technologies: https://www.bmu.de/themen/wirtschaft-produkte-ressourcen-tourismus/wirtschaft-und-umwelt/umwelttechnologien/exportinitiative/

## Ш. METHODOLOGY AND PROCEDURE

The Global Survey aimed to reach as many people as possible from all countries of the world and all sectors and age groups with an internet connection. In order to reach this broad target group, the survey was distributed in 18 languages through different channels.

This report summarizes the results of 26,374 Global Survey responses generated by three surveys:

- I. The official Global Survey was conducted online from September 2018 to June 2019 and was open to anyone with internet access worldwide. The global survey was distributed by more than 250 so-called "multipliers".<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Global Survey was promoted via social media channels as well as a social media campaign with the help of 18 influencers. The Global Survey was supervised by Schlange & Co. A total of 18,079 responses were generated via this channel. Chapter 5-8 of this report are based on Global Survey data only.
- II. Students, graduates, staff and faculty from 30 Global Network for Advanced Management (GNAM) business schools were surveyed in the same way, distributed in each business school through official channels such as the dean and faculty members. The GNAM survey was open from December 2018 to February 2019. The GNAM survey was administered by the Yale Center for Business and Environment. A total of 3,679 responses were generated.

III. The Hamburg-based market research company Appinio conducted the Global Survey with a panel of participants in Germany and selected countries. The respondents were compensated for their participation. They served as a control group compared to the other surveys, which may show a possible bias in the surveyed sample, as they were addressed through certain channels and deliberately decided to participate. The panel participants, on the other hand, were selected and actively approached via Appinio. A total of 4,616 responses were generated via the Appinio panel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A list of the multipliers of the Global Survey can be found in the appendix or below: https://www.globalsurvey-sdgs.com/#about

#### Multipliers

The Global Survey was largely distributed through so-called multipliers, i.e. individuals, organizations and networks from business, science, politics and public administration, civil society, etc. who supported the Global Survey by inviting their staff, members, partners or social media followers to participate.

More than 250 organizations<sup>3</sup> have been included as supporters, including:

- Ministries of the German Federal Government such as the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- UN organizations such as the UN SDG Action Campaign, UNICEF Germany
- Foreign embassies in Berlin, e.g. of Finland, Hungary, Portugal or Norway
- Approx. a dozen national networks of the UN Global Compact such as Egypt, Ukraine or Guatemala
- Church institutions such as the Evangelical Church in Germany

- Development banks such as the Asian Development Bank, DEG/KfW or the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Companies such as Allianz, EcoVadis, LANXESS, TÜV Rheinland or Vodafone
- NPOs/NGOs such as Teach First, Bridge International Academies, Dianova International, Kiva or the NGO Major Groups of the UN
- Universities, colleges and academic networks such as GNAM (Global Network for Advanced Management), the Center for Advanced Sustainability Management (at Cologne Business School) or GUNi (Global University Network for Innovation), Waseda University, Fordham University
- Student associations such as ESU (European Student Union), European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA), oikos International or JADE (The European Confederation of Junior Enterprises)
- Personalities such as Prof. Bob Eccles, Said Business School (Oxford University) and Peter Thomson, Special UN Envoy for the Ocean.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A list of the multipliers of the Global Survey can be found in the appendix or below: https://www.globalsurvey-sdgs.com/#about

#### Social media campaign

In addition, the Global Survey was promoted via its own social media channels (see Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn). Within the framework of the Social Media Campaign #17ThroughOurEyes, a total of 18 influencers, i.e. internationally known public figures such as actors, photographers and bloggers with a high number of followers, were recruited as ambassadors for the Global Survey and the SDGs (see Figure 1; see Appendix list of the

18 influencers). They promoted the survey as well as the challenges and goals of sustainable development on their channels and called for participation in the Global Survey. The aim of the campaign was to get young people in particular enthusiastic about the Global Survey and the SDGs, and thus reach a different target group than the traditional sustainability networks.

Figure 1: The 18 Global Survey Influencers on Instagram



#### Structure of the questionnaire

All surveys started with statistical questions on country, gender, age and, depending on the survey, on occupation and educational level. This was followed by questions on the significance of sustainability and the SDGs in private life, i.e. on awareness of the SDGs, prioritization and evaluation of progress, actors of change and decision-making in private life as well as sustainability performance of individual sectors (see Figure 2: I. Personal level). The second part was aimed at the respondent's professional context ("professionals"). Here, at the level of sector or organization the respondent works in, the awareness, prioritization and implementation of the SDGs and sustainability were also asked (see Figure 2: II. Professional level). This part was only surveyed via the Global Survey, not via the other surveys (i.e. not via GNAM or the Appinio control panel).

All surveys, with the exception of the control survey in Germany, were managed online via the Qualtrics survey platform. Respondents were informed that the aggregated results of the study would be published and distributed worldwide and that no personal identification data would be collected, disclosed or used for research. With the exception of the control group, respondents were not compensated for their participation in the Global Survey.

The entire set of survey responses was cleaned up to remove invalid responses (e.g. repeated entries or duplicate IP addresses) and responses that lacked important demographic information (e.g. region, gender, age, etc.). Due to rounding or de minimis categories, percentages cannot always add up to 100%.

Figure 2: Structure of the Global Survey - Personal vs. professional level

#### I. Personal Level II. Professional Level\* · Understanding of sustainability Awareness of sustainability and the SDGs on Awareness · Awareness of sustainability and the SDGs sectoral and organizational level Prioritization of the SDGs on sectoral and · Prioritization of SDGs in the respective country Priorization · Evaluation of progress on prioritized SDGs organizational level Evaluation of progress on prioritized SDGs · Sustainability in individual decision making Action on sustainability and the SDGs in the respective sector and organization · Perception of sectoral sustainability Action performance, improvement potentials, Partnerships on sectoral and organizational responsibilities

<sup>\* =</sup> sector-specific issues for individuals active in business, politics, science and education, media and civil society

### IV. **GENERAL STATISTICS**

A total of 26,374 responses worldwide were evaluated for this report. Because not all respondents answered every question, the percentages given refer to the number of responses per question, not the total number of respondents.

The majority of respondents are female (almost 60%), aged 20-39 (62%) and have a high education attainment level (76%). Responses were collected from 174 countries, although distribution varied across regions, led by Europe (59%), followed by Asia-Pacific and North America (14% each). Africa and South America are each represented with 6%, the Middle East with only one percent. Most participants came from the private sector (29%). In addition, representatives from non-profit and public sectors, science and education,

the arts, culture and media, and students took part in the survey. Within the private sector, the service sector is most strongly represented with 22%.

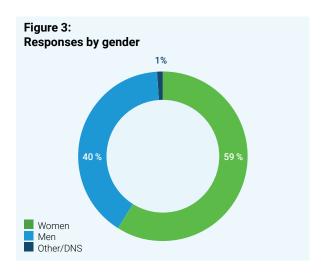
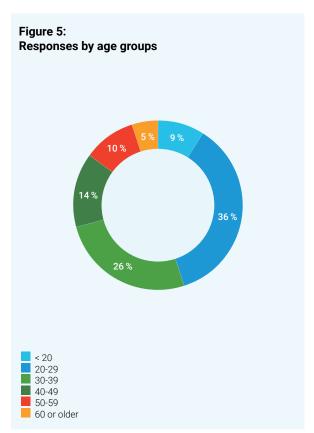
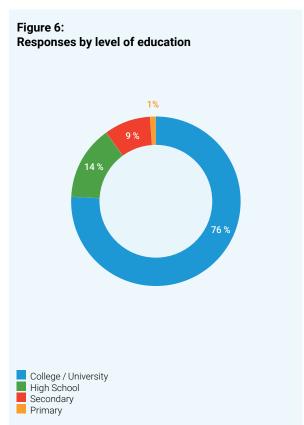
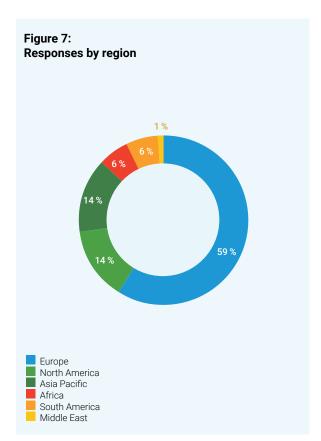


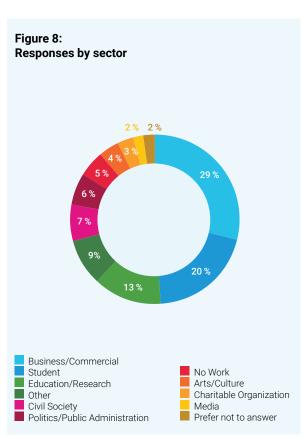
Figure 4: Distribution of responses across a total of 174 countries







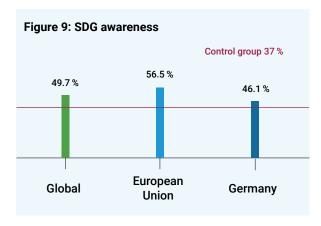




# **FINDINGS**

#### 1. Awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals

Worldwide, the concept of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is not yet well known. The average awareness score of the SDGs is just under 50% (see Figure 9). Within the European Union, the awareness score is somewhat higher (56%), while among respondents from Germany it is just below the average at 46%. However, the actual level of awareness is likely to be much lower, as indicated by the awareness score of only 37% within the control group.



In comparison to the rather low awareness score of the SDGs, 98% of respondents state that they know the term "sustainability". The results show that although the problems described in the 17 SDGs are widely known, respondents are not familiar with the SDG framework and concept itself.

This is both an opportunity and a challenge for governments, businesses and educational as well as research institutions. Although the SDGs are of great value to these institutions in terms of aligning their policies and communication with them, this does not always

seem to be recognized or implemented. In practice, this means that companies or other organizations seeking to implement more sustainable strategies cannot rely on their stakeholders (such as customers) to be able to understand how to "implement climate change policies in line with Goal 13" in this context. Accordingly, governments, educational and research institutions as well as companies have a duty to provide strong information on the value of SDGs as a framework for action, in order to develop and implement their specific approaches in a more targeted manner. Governments and civil society organizations should also coordinate their efforts much more consistently with the most pressing social and ecological needs mentioned above.

The SDG Knowledge Platform of the United Nations declares that the SDGs are a "shared blueprint for peace and prosper" and "leave no one behind". If achieving the 17 goals requires joint action by people around the world, the study shows that much work remains to be done to raise awareness of the SDGs. This is the only way to ensure that all sectors work together toward the same direction and contribute to achieving those goals.

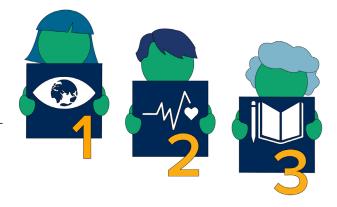
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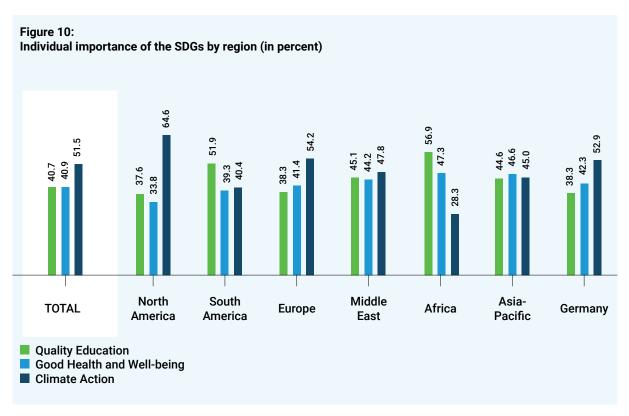
In the survey, participants were asked which six of the 17 SDGs were "of immediate importance to you and your family". The six most frequently named SDGs worldwide are in this order:

- SDG 13 Climate Action
- SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4 Quality Education
- SDG 15 Life on Land
- SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

Climate Action (SDG 13) is the most frequently cited SDG of personal interest, followed by Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3) and

Quality Education (SDG 4). These results are broadly consistent regionally, although in Africa Climate Action (SDG 13) tends to be less common than more pressing social issues such as Quality Education (SDG 4), No Poverty (SDG 1) and Zero Hunger (SDG 2) (see Figure 10). SDG 13 ranks second in South America and Asia-Pacific.





This different prioritization is quite understandable in the context of the region: Despite the decline in extreme poverty in most parts of the world, sub-Saharan Africa is experiencing an increase. If this development continues as before, nine out of ten poor people will live in Africa by 2030.4

On the other hand, respondents in Europe and North America are highly concerned about climate change. It can be assumed that concern about climate change can only be a "luxury" if there are no more immediate fears and needs such as economic prosperity and clean water and air. Some evidence supports this hypothesis. A comparison of a country's personally relevant SDGs with its ranking in the Yale Environ-mental Performance Index (EPI)5, which measures the effectiveness of government governments and environmental regulations, leads to the following conclusion: respondents living in countries with a strong EPI ranking, i.e. countries with effective environmental regulations, tend to worry about the climate, while those with low EPI rankings show greater interest in clean water. A similar relationship arises when a nation's GDP per capita is set against the personally relevant SDGs: Countries with high per capita GDP prioritize "climate change measures", while countries with low per capita GDP tend to prioritize "quality education"6.

The results are broadly in line with the six main findings of the MY World 2030 survey on SDG priorities<sup>7</sup>. MY World is a global United Nations citizen survey on SDGs that has been continuously accessible since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015 to ensure that everyone has a voice in achieving them.

Respondents to the MY World 2030 survey identify health, decent work, education and clean water as key priorities. However, poverty and gender equality are also identified as highly relevant issues. The goals of climate protection and clean energy only rank 8th and 13th respectively in the results of MY World 2030. This discrepancy may be due to the development of personal importance since the start of the MY World 2030 survey in 2015 or to differences in regional focus (the responses to the MY World 2030 survey are largely concentrated in Mexico, while the Global Survey responses come mainly from Europe and North America).

The results of the Global Survey are relevant for governments that want to address climate change. It may be more difficult to gain public acceptance for climate action without addressing more direct environmental and socio-economic issues at the same time.

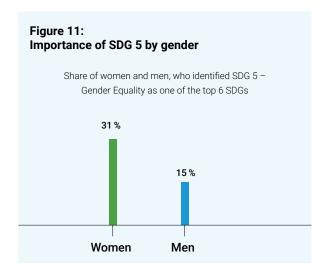
Looking at personal SDG priorities by gender, there are differences across the board. However, SDG 5, which aims at gender equality, stands out in particular.

<sup>4</sup> https://www.dw.com/en/world-bank-report-poverty-rates-remain-high-in-africa/a-45926382

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://epi.envirocenter.yale.edu/; In this case, the respondents from GNAM business schools and companies will be excluded in order to eliminate potential impairments to economic welfare.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> An exception is the USA, which gives priority to education even though it has a high GDP per capita.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> MY World 2030 Results, Date of access: http://about.myworld2030.org/results/



Worldwide, more than 31% of female respondents describe gender equality as an SDG of direct importance, compared to about 15% of male respondents. Male respondents also see significantly greater improvement to date in this goal than female respondents.

The results of MY World 2030 also point to a difference in the importance of gender equality, which is less pronounced. According to MY World 2030, 52% of women rate gender equality as a priority SDG compared to 45% of men.

There are also significant regional differences in SDG 5 - Gender Equality. For respondents (both male and female) from Australia, Europe and North America, "Gender Equality" is among the most important SDGs, placing the goal in the top six in these regions. This reflects corresponding national trends that identify gender disparity as a critical social problem. Australian states, for example, began legislation on equal pay as early as 1958, and federal legislation came into force in 2009.8 The United Kingdom also introduced protection measures for equal pay through the Equality Act in 2010.9 Since 2017, employers with more than 250 employees have also been required by new reporting regulations to disclose the pay gap within their company. Europe is also a leader in paid maternity

leave. 10 In comparison, "Gender Equality" was not ranked as one of the six most important SDGs for respondents in the Asia-Pacific region, Africa or South America.

Gender equality remains an ongoing global challenge. According to the Global Gender Gap Report of the World Economic Forum (WEF) for 2018, there is a global gender gap of 32%. This gap is intended to measure the extent of gender gaps in the areas of political self-determination, economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival.<sup>11</sup> On average, the only indicator that shows a marginal improvement over the years is economic participation and opportunity. According to the World Economic Forum, the gender gap by region is as follows:



<sup>8</sup> https://www.willistowerswatson.com/en/insights/2018/10/finex-observer-pay-equity-across-the-globe

https://www.uk.mercer.com/our-thinking/explaining-the-uk-gender-pay-gap-reporting-regulations.html

<sup>10</sup> https://www.oecd.org/els/soc/PF2\_1\_Parental\_leave\_systems.pdf

<sup>11</sup> http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\_GGGR\_2018.pdf

Figure 12: Gender gap by region according to WEF

| Region                          | Gender gap |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Western Europe                  | 24%        |
| North America                   | 27%        |
| Eastern Europe und Central Asia | 29%        |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | 29%        |
| East Asia and Pacific           | 32%        |
| Global weighted average         | 32%        |
| Sub-Saharan Africa              | 34%        |
| South Asia                      | 34%        |
| Middle East and North Africa    | 40%        |

The Middle East and North Africa have the highest gender gap with 40%. But even in Western Europe, the region with the lowest gender gap (24%), action is still needed. In addition to the imperative of overcoming this gender gap, solutions in this context can also make a positive contribution to other economic and ecological challenges. In the

US alone, equality between men and women in employment could boost the economy by US\$2.1 trillion by 2025<sup>12</sup>. In addition, the Drawdown project, which presents 100 solutions to prevent global warming, places girls' education and family planning sixth and seventh among the most important solutions<sup>13</sup>. This illustrates the potential behind achieving SDG 5 - Gender Equality. Of course, full recognition of the problem is needed before effective action can be taken.

Looking at the individual SDG priorities in relation to age (see Figure 13), it can be seen that the younger generation (up to 29 years of age) rate Climate Action (SDG 13) as the highest priority. This reflects the current debate in movements such as Fridays for Future, where young people in particular are committed to climate protection. Respondents aged 30-49 prioritize Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3), Quality Education (SDG 4) and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12). The respondents aged 50 and over focus more on environmental aspects with SDG 14 (Life below Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).













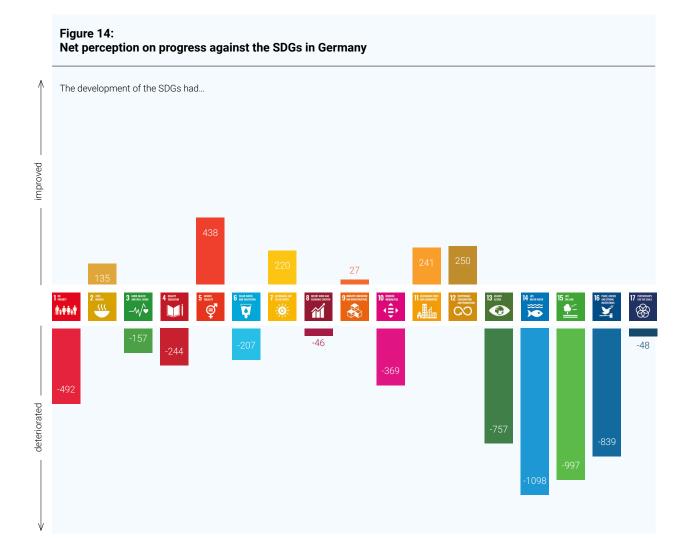
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Parity includes participation rates and sectors in which women are employed. See: https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/employment-and-growth/the-power-of-parity-advancing-womens-equalityin-the-united-states

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.drawdown.org/solutions; at the time of publication, only 80 of the 100 solutions had been classified.

| Figure 13: In  | nportance of the SDGs by age gro          | oup                |       |       |       |       |                |
|--|---|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
|  |   | Younger<br>than 20 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60 or<br>older |
| SDG1   | No Poverty                                | 462                | 2023  | 1477  | 784   | 671   | 377            |
| SDG2   | Zero Hunger                               | 393                | 1882  | 1337  | 772   | 776   | 452            |
| 3 (000 HRIT) 3 (MA NELL SENC)  | Good Health and<br>Well-being             | 636                | 3409  | 2512  | 1331  | 1001  | 445            |
| 4 ONUT SDG4  | Quality Education                         | 690                | 3719  | 2604  | 1326  | 913   | 517            |
| 5 goot SDG5  | Gender Equality                           | 553                | 2579  | 1434  | 695   | 435   | 247            |
| 6 REMARKED SDG6  | Clean Water and<br>Sanitation             | 464                | 2609  | 783   | 215   | 75    | 16             |
| SDG7   | Affordable and<br>Clean Energy            | 534                | 2763  | 2005  | 1082  | 938   | 496            |
| 8 HOOM MORE AND SDG8   | Decent Work and<br>Economic Growth        | 351                | 2310  | 1663  | 884   | 595   | 244            |
| 9 NOTITY MONOCAN<br>SDG9   | Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure   | 125                | 1216  | 861   | 395   | 235   | 122            |
| 10 NOVED SDG10   | Reduced Inequalities                      | 246                | 1494  | 1110  | 518   | 366   | 250            |
| SDG11  | Sustainable Cities and Communities        | 394                | 2569  | 1772  | 921   | 602   | 279            |
| 12 stronger scenarios scenarios SDG12  | Responsible Consumption and Production    | 500                | 2946  | 2080  | 1131  | 889   | 439            |
| 13 iches SDG13   | Climate Action                            | 1041               | 5432  | 818   | 215   | 96    | 21             |
| 14 III. SDG14  | Life below Water                          | 512                | 2274  | 1616  | 983   | 1025  | 558            |
| 15 III SDG15   | Leben an Land Life on Land                | 586                | 2731  | 1924  | 1136  | 1119  | 636            |
| 16 ROT ADDRESS STATES S | Peace, Justice and<br>Strong Institutions | 509                | 2885  | 1779  | 1090  | 890   | 568            |
| 17 Minister SDG17  | Partnerships for the Goals                | 89                 | 514   | 358   | 230   | 191   | 122            |
|  |   |                    |       |       |       |       |                |

Finally, the respondents' perceptions were examined as to whether development of the individual SDGs had noticeably "improved" or "deteriorated". In order to present these results, net perception was calculated as the difference between positive sentiments and negative sentiments. Positive values indicate that respondents perceive that the situation has improved, while negative values indicate a perceived deterioration. The results were

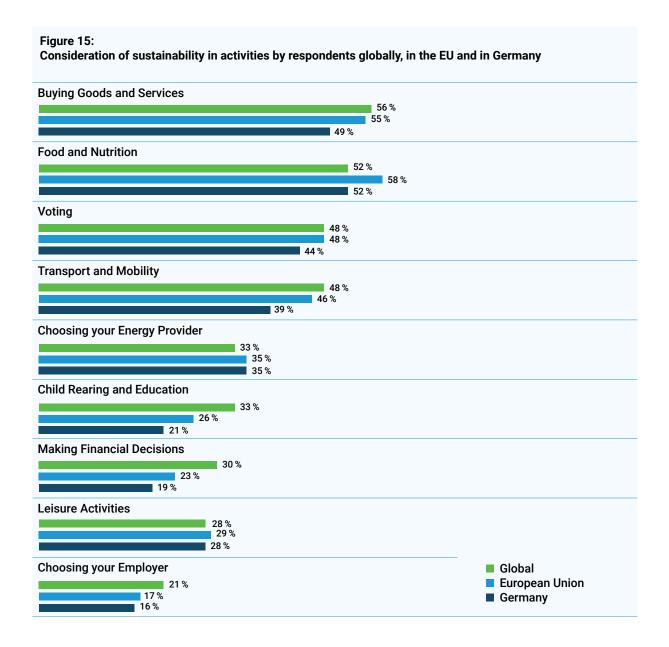
derived from the German dataset (the largest single dataset in the sample) as a guide. The situation regarding some SDGs with highest priority among the respondents is perceived as negative, for example SDG 3, SDG 4 and SDG 13. The most positive development is assigned to SDG 5 - Gender Equality; the most negative SDG 14 - Life below Water, followed by Life on Land (SDG 15).



#### 3. Personal actions

When asked about measures that individuals take to live more sustainably, respondents primarily cite short-term transactions and political voting (see Figure 15). The majority of respondents worldwide consider sustainability in consumer choices and nutrition (>50%),

slightly less in transport choices and political voting (48% each). Approximately one in three also takes sustainability into account when making financial decisions, in education or when choosing an energy supplier. Lastly, the choice of employer is listed at over 20%.



Comparable results can be seen in the European Union and in Germany, where the choice of employer ranks among the most frequently mentioned aspects. A breakdown of the data by age, gender and education is presented in the Appendix.

The results suggest that sustainability aspects are more prominent in short-term transactions such as the purchase of goods and voting, even if these may have longerterm effects. On the other hand, sustainability is comparatively less important in longerterm contractual arrangements such as the choice of employer.

The influence of sustainability on short-term decisions suggests that more sustainable products and services represent a significant economic opportunity. A 2017 report by

the Business and Sustainable Development Commission indicated that reaching the SDGs opens up US\$12 trillion of economic market opportunities. 14 A report published by the World Economic and Climate Commission in 2018 concludes that US\$26 trillion in economic benefits can be achieved by 2030 through climate protection measures. 15 Today's consumers are part of this solution, and tomorrow's leaders should be ready to seize this opportunity.

The importance of sustainability for political voting is a clear call for governments to address the issue more strongly and to communicate it to citizens. The SDGs could, if governments effectively raise public awareness, provide a strong framework to focus government action in response to public expectations of sustainability.



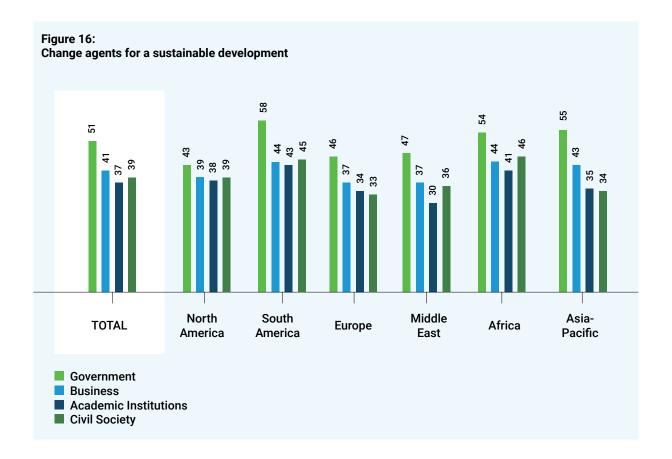
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Global Commission on the Economy and Climate (2018): Unlocking the Inclusive Growth Story of the 21st Century: Accelerating Climate Action in Urgent Times, https://newclimateeconomy.report/2018/

#### 4. Agents of change

When asked "Who do you expect to push forward the implementation of the SDGs in your country?" respondents cite government as an agent of change ahead of the private sector, research institutions, non-governmental

organizations (NGOs) and the media. 51% of respondents worldwide see governments as leading the way (compared to 41% for the private sector, 37% for education and research, and 39% for civil society).



The high importance of government is mainly determined by the survey results in South America (58%), Asia (55%) and Africa (54%) in contrast to North America (43%) and Europe (46%). This suggests that people in regions where the government has a higher degree of control over the economy are more likely to rely on the public sector. In particular, respondents who prioritize the SDGs "Clean water and Sanitation" (SDG 6), "Climate Action" (SDG 13), "Quality Education" (SDG 4), and "Good Health and Well-being" (SDG 3) seem to have higher expectations of government. For the remaining 13 SDGs, the private sector is marginally less important than government and equally important for "Responsible Consumption and Production" (SDG 12). The other actors rank third and fourth by a greater or lesser margin.

Similar results can be seen when looking at the responses from the European Union and Germany - here, too, government lead the list and the private sector is mentioned somewhat more frequently than educational and research institutions or civil society (see Figure 17).

Figure 17: Change agents for a sustainable development in Germany

|                       | Responses<br>from Germany |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Government            | 31%                       |
| Business              | 25%                       |
| Academic Institutions | 23%                       |
| Civil Society         | 21%                       |

The results show that respondents see all sectors of society (government, private sector, academic institutions, civil society) playing an active role in achieving the SDGs, with governments taking a clear lead. The mention of all sectors suggests that partnerships between these actors should be a priority.

In the second part of the survey, participants were asked about sustainability and SDGs in the sector in which they operate. Accordingly, the following sections contain only the results of the responses from the private sector, politics and public administration, education and research as well as civil society.

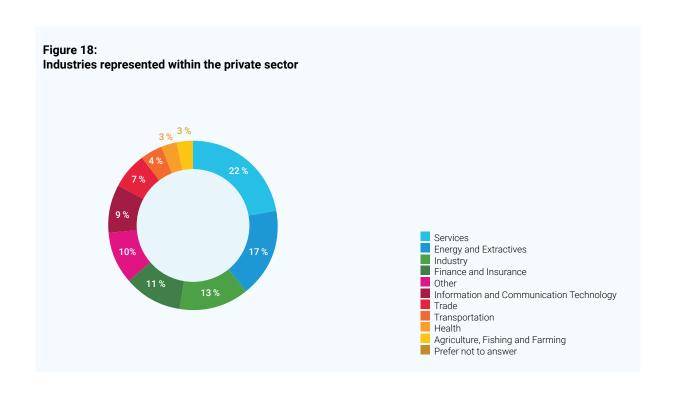


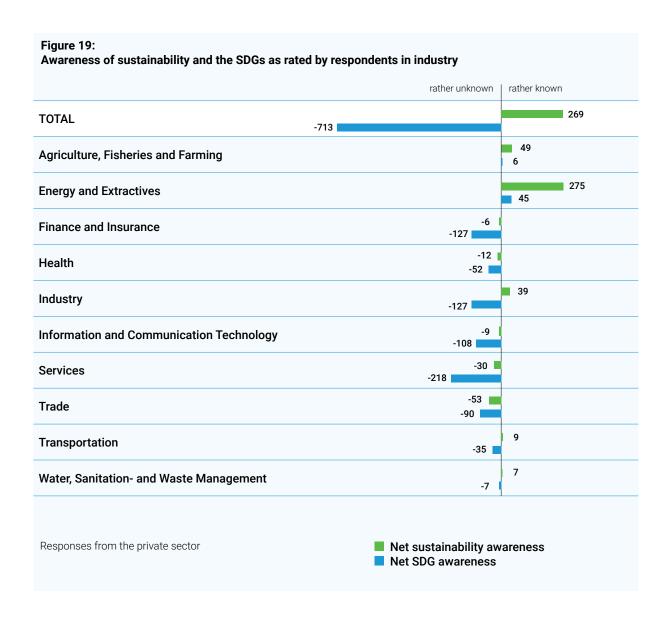
#### 5. Sustainability and the SDGs within the private sector

This section evaluates the responses from the private sector, to which 29% of respondents attribute themselves. The answers are distributed across the following sectors (see Figure 18).

Respondents from the private sector tend to rate the awareness of companies in the private sector of both sustainability and SDGs as lower than the individual awareness. On a personal level, almost all respondents are aware of the concept of sustainability and about half know the SDGs (cf. Chapter 1: Awareness of Sustainable Development Goals). In order to compare the perception within the economy with these results, the presumed awareness score in the industry

of the respondents was surveyed and this value was converted into a net awareness score (i.e. sum of positive awareness rating minus the sum of negative awareness ratings). A 50% awareness would equate to roughly a zero net awareness score. Figure 19 shows that respondents rate sustainability awareness positively overall, but negatively for about half of the industries considered and for SDG awareness in almost all industries. The majority of respondents rate SDG awareness as very low within the industry in which they operate. Only in the sectors Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Energy and Extractives, and Industry do the respondents believe that more than 50% of their industry knows the SDGs.





Respondents were also asked which SDGs in their perception are most important for companies. The results (see Figure 20) differ slightly from the individual priorities (see Chapter 2: Individual priorities for the Sustainable Development Goals). While Climate Action (SDG 13) remains an important priority for companies, respondents rate Industry,

Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9) and Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8) as the most important SDGs for companies. In addition to the prioritized SDGs, there is also a perception of urgent need for action in SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production.

Figure 20: Most relevant SDGs and most urgent company action Which SDGs are most relevant to your company? TOP 1 TOP 2 TOP 3 1504 Ø Responses from the private sector Which SDGs require the most urgent action? TOP 1 TOP 2 TOP 3 Responses from the private sector

The importance of partnerships between business, government or policy and administration is supported by additional survey results. Respondents who identified as working in politics and administration or in a company cite private sector actors as the most important partners. Employees in companies cite national political actors and institutions second, while employees in politics and

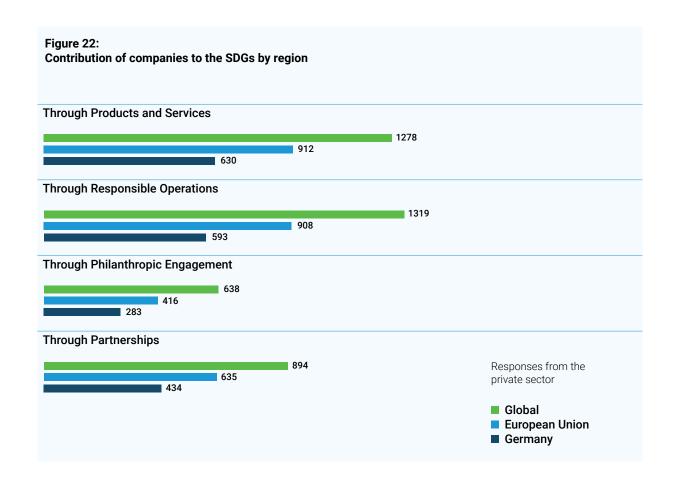
administration cite various other partners, including other national political actors, academic institutions, civil society and the media. The results underscore the importance of business as a partner in achieving the SDGs. but also the awareness of individuals of the importance of partnerships outside their own professional sector.

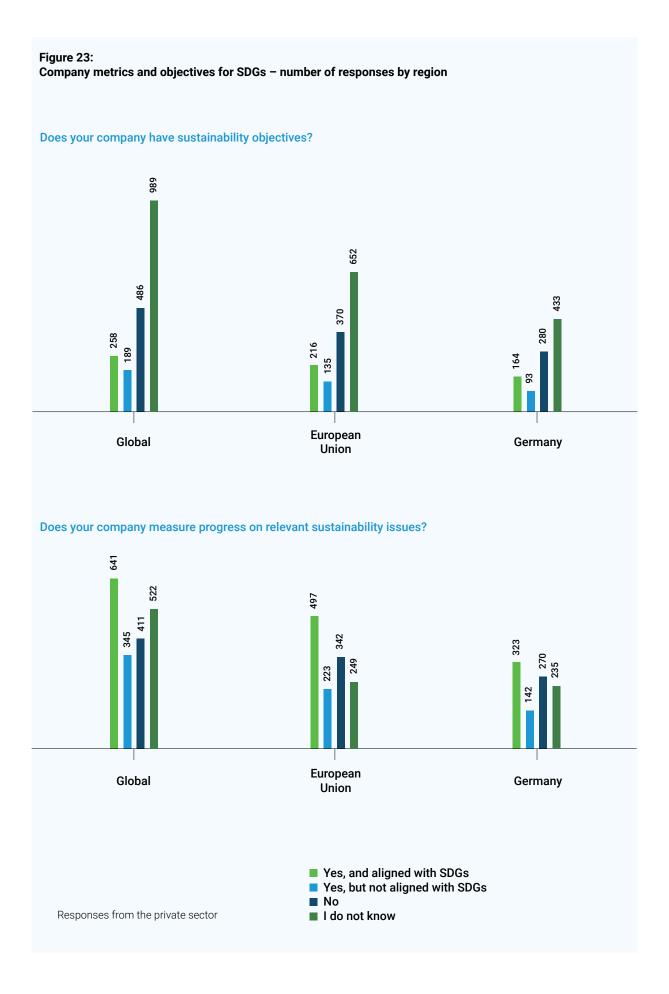
Figure 21: Most relevant partners for achieving the SDGs

| Company employees (2,654 responses) | Government employees (596 responses)  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 65%                                 | 73%                                   |
| 46%                                 | 56%                                   |
| 32%                                 | 47%                                   |
| 33%                                 | 63%                                   |
| 30%                                 | 63%                                   |
| 21%                                 | 54%                                   |
|                                     | (2,654 responses) 65% 46% 32% 33% 30% |

Responses from the private sector and politics and public administration

A final data set provides information on how enterprises contribute to SDGs globally, in the European Union and in Germany (see Figure 22) and how they set targets and measures (see Figure 23). This makes it clear that companies set targets with reference to SDGs. However, progress towards the set targets is measured without reference to SDGs.



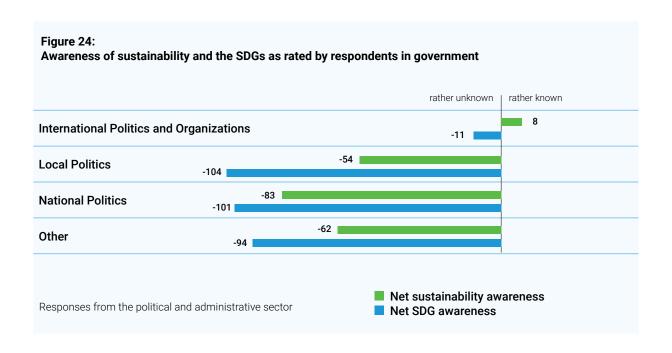


#### 6. Sustainability and the SDGs within government

The respondents working in politics or in the public sector assess the awareness level of sustainability and the SDGs more negatively than respondents working in private companies (cf. Chapter 5: Sustainability and the SDGs in the private sector). The net awareness in the public sector was calculated using the same method, and is shown in Figure 24. According to the results, only international political organizations have a positive net awareness score of the concept of sustainability. For all other areas, the result is negative, including the SDG awareness score.

The low scores with respect to political awareness is surprising, since the SDGs are primarily aimed at national governments and, accordingly, local institutions. Here it becomes clear once again that the concept of sustainability and SDGs is still largely unknown or perceived as such in the sectors that are relied upon to drive change towards sustainable development (cf. Chapter 4: Agent of change).

As expected, the prioritization of the SDGs within politics and administration differs from that of companies. The respondents from politics and administration state that Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11) and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12) as well as Climate Action (SDG 13) have top priority for their sector (see Figure 25).



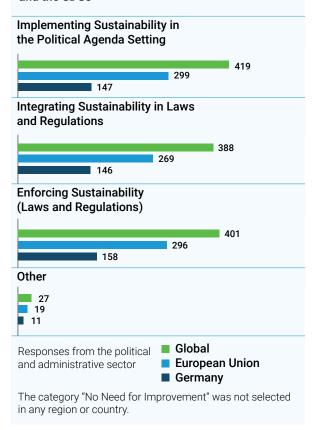
SDGs with the most urgent need for action for politics and administration Which SDGs require the most urgent political and administrative actions? TOP 1 TOP 2 TOP 3

Figure 25:

Responses from the political and administrative sector

In addition, measures that respondents believe are necessary to address the SDG priorities are identified. The most urgent need for action is seen in the implementation of sustainability in the political agenda, followed by the enforcement of sustainability.

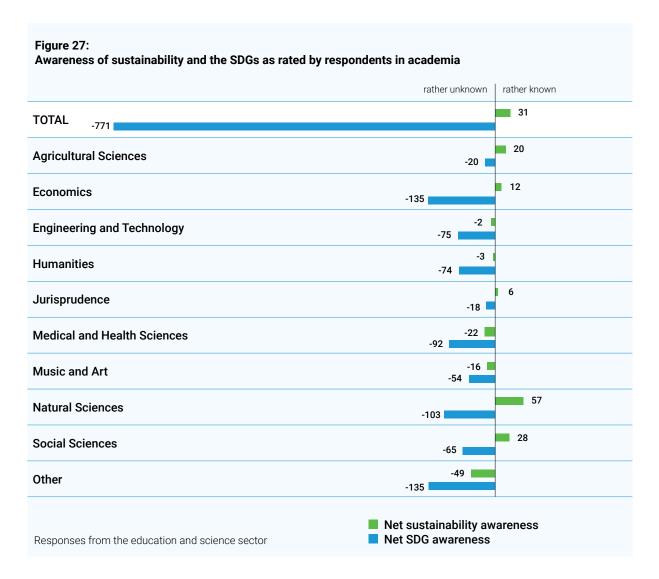
Figure 26: Greatest need for improvement regarding political and administrative action on sustainability and the SDGs



#### 7. Sustainability and the SDGs within academia

The awareness for sustainability and the SDGs is assessed by students and representatives of science comparable to politics, administration and companies. In general, the perceived net awareness score is negative, with sustainability awareness slightly higher than the SDGs. The very negative SDG awareness attributed to economics is noticeable (-135). This could be an indicator that the SDGs are still rarely addressed in the classical study programs and research areas of economics.

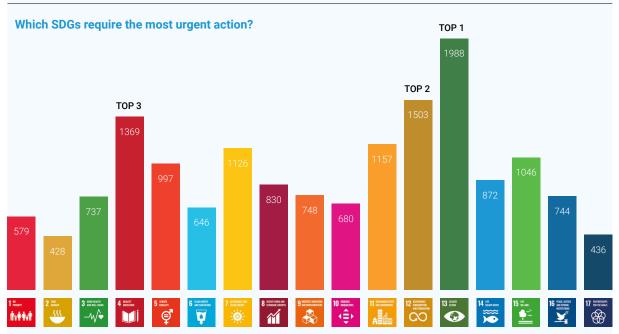
SDGs with a high priority for education and research institutions are identified as having similar objectives to other segments, with Climate Action (SDG 13) rated highest, followed by Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12). Not surprisingly, Quality Education (SDG 4) is cited as the third most frequent answer by respondents from the scientific community.



Although all sectors consider partnerships to achieve the goals (SDG 17) to be relatively low in importance, this is particularly remarkable in the field of research and education. First, research institutions are seen as the most valuable drivers for achieving the SDGs by building partnerships in line with SDG 17. Second, the fundamental value of partnership is emphasized by some of the world's leading

researchers, from Nicholas Christakis to Yuval Harari<sup>16</sup> for example, that large-scale cooperative behavior is both a defining feature of our species and an essential part of our ability to meet major challenges such as achieving the SDGs. It is therefore appropriate to consider the role that education and research institutions could play in strengthening the importance of partnerships in achieving SDGs.





Responses from the education and science sector

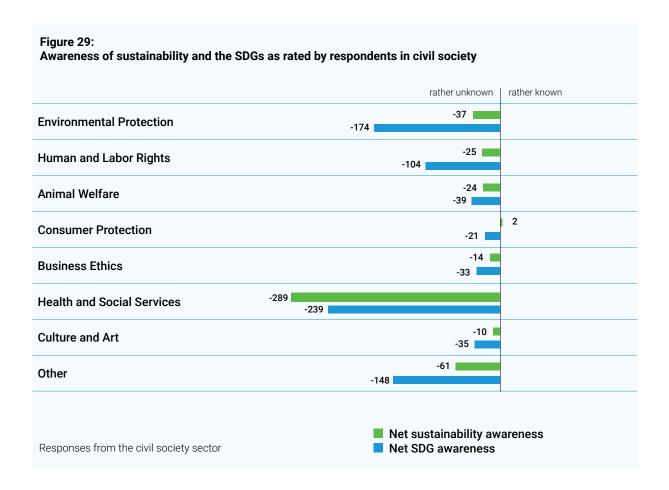
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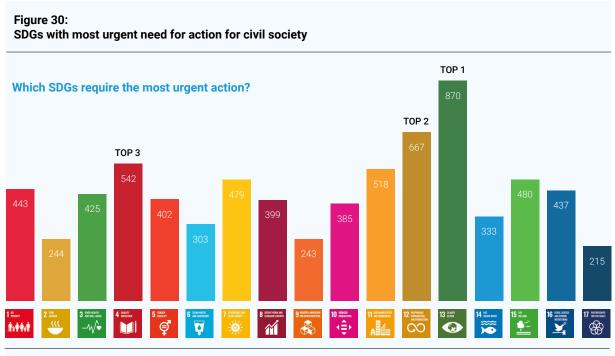
## 8. Sustainability and the SDGs within civil society

According to representatives of civil society, both the concept of sustainability and the SDGs are still largely unknown. Of all the calculated assessments of the net awareness score of sustainability and the SDGs in that sector, only one combination - the knowledge of sustainability among representatives of consumer protection groups - is rated slightly positive (see Figure 29). All other activities represented show both a negative net awareness score of sustainability and SDGs. This

result is also surprising as these are civil society groups whose activities are focused on both sustainability and SDGs.

The prioritization of the SDGs by civil society respondents reflects the prioritization of policy and administration, where Climate Action (SDG13) and Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG12) come first, followed by Quality Education (SDG4) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG11).





Responses from the civil society sector

Similar to the representatives of politics and public administration, civil society respondents identify a number of measures that they believe are important to work towards achieving the SDGs (see Figure 31). The lowest priority is given to "Own Agenda Setting", suggesting that parts of civil society are only willing to work within existing frameworks and systems rather than create new options for action. On the other hand, the majority of respondents worldwide sees the role of civil society as to monitor and exert pressure on legislation and the economy and thus act as a "watch-dog" in society. Monitoring and pressure on the economy is seen within the EU as even more important as monitoring and pressure on legislation.

Figure 31: Greatest need for improvement regarding civil society action on sustainability and the SDGs Own Agenda Setting 371 187 Public Campaigns and Awareness Raising 880 221 Pressuring Legislation 350 **Pressuring Business** 883 494 287 Global European Union Responses from the Germany civil society sector

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| SDG 10 | Luna Schweiger       | Germany                 | Actress           | lunaxschweiger    |  |
| SDG 11 | Annika Victoria      | Japan                   | Blogger           | littlepineneedle  |  |
| SDG 12 | Doina Ciobanu        | England,<br>Moldova     | Influencer        | doina             |  |
| SDG 12 | The Van Effect       | Spain                   | Blogger           | thevaneffect      |  |
| SDG 13 | Gürel Sahin          | Germany                 | Photographer      | guerelsahin       |  |
| SDG 14 | Cristina Mittermeier | Mexico                  | Photographer      | mitty             |  |
| SDG 15 | Hannes Becker        | Germany                 | Photographer      | hannes_becker     |  |
| SDG 16 | Louisa Dellert       | Germany                 | Blogger           | louisadellert     |  |
| SDG 17 | Mari Henud           | Brazil, Switzerland     | Blogger           | marihenud         |  |
|        |                      |                         |                   |                   |  |

# Results in detail (data tables)

## Personal prioritization of the SDGs by region

|        |  | Total | North<br>America | South<br>America | Europe | Middle<br>East | Africa | Asia-<br>Pacific | Germany |
|--------|--|-------|------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------------|---------|
| SDG 1  | No Poverty                                   | 5716  | 736              | 554              | 2804   | 60             | 645    | 917              | 1372    |
| SDG 2  | Zero Hunger                                  | 5550  | 784              | 491              | 2983   | 53             | 459    | 780              | 1711    |
| SDG 3  | Good Health and<br>Well-being                | 10786 | 1228             | 643              | 6389   | 86             | 714    | 1726             | 3804    |
| SDG 4  | Quality Education                            | 10731 | 1366             | 849              | 5907   | 101            | 858    | 1650             | 3443    |
| SDG 5  | Gender Equality                              | 5980  | 1058             | 366              | 3229   | 89             | 344    | 894              | 1393    |
| SDG 6  | Clean Water and<br>Sanitation                | 8003  | 1417             | 605              | 3963   | 82             | 571    | 1365             | 2164    |
| SDG 7  | Affordable and<br>Clean Energy               | 7578  | 1416             | 441              | 4077   | 62             | 398    | 1184             | 2214    |
| SDG 8  | Decent Work and<br>Economic Growth           | 5908  | 759              | 563              | 2855   | 80             | 526    | 1125             | 1179    |
| SDG 9  | Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure      | 2887  | 403              | 233              | 1334   | 34             | 243    | 640              | 649     |
| SDG 10 | Reduced Inequalities                         | 3659  | 621              | 275              | 1963   | 35             | 246    | 519              | 833     |
| SDG 11 | Sustainable Cities and Communities           | 6498  | 1020             | 439              | 3614   | 67             | 284    | 1074             | 1712    |
| SDG 12 | Responsible<br>Consumption and<br>Production | 7825  | 1307             | 413              | 5035   | 52             | 212    | 806              | 2630    |
| SDG 13 | Climate Action                               | 13573 | 2344             | 661              | 8369   | 107            | 427    | 1665             | 4754    |
| SDG 14 | Life below Water                             | 6933  | 1530             | 335              | 4030   | 59             | 152    | 827              | 2186    |
| SDG 15 | Life on Land                                 | 8084  | 1578             | 507              | 4666   | 74             | 267    | 992              | 2449    |
| SDG 16 | Peace, Justice and<br>Strong Institutions    | 7107  | 820              | 517              | 4183   | 86             | 457    | 1044             | 2345    |
| SDG 17 | Partnerships for the Goals                   | 1489  | 237              | 103              | 726    | 16             | 125    | 282              | 329     |

## Personal prioritization of the SDGs by gender

|        |  | Male | Female | Other/DNS |
|--------|--|------|--------|-----------|
| SDG 1  | No Poverty                                   | 2454 | 3290   | 70        |
| SDG 2  | Zero Hunger                                  | 2153 | 3419   | 60        |
| SDG 3  | Good Health and<br>Well-being                | 3784 | 5483   | 100       |
| SDG 4  | Quality Education                            | 4079 | 5618   | 107       |
| SDG 5  | Gender Equality                              | 1396 | 4463   | 104       |
| SDG 6  | Clean Water and<br>Sanitation                | 3067 | 4910   | 76        |
| SDG 7  | Affordable and<br>Clean Energy               | 3197 | 4578   | 85        |
| SDG 8  | Decent Work and<br>Economic Growth           | 2648 | 3348   | 55        |
| SDG 9  | Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure      | 1571 | 1365   | 24        |
| SDG 10 | Reduced Inequalities                         | 1632 | 2306   | 67        |
| SDG 11 | Sustainable Cities and Communities           | 2582 | 3897   | 77        |
| SDG 12 | Responsible<br>Consumption and<br>Production | 2613 | 5316   | 84        |
| SDG 13 | Climate Action                               | 4502 | 8397   | 136       |
| SDG 14 | Life below Water                             | 2126 | 4810   | 74        |
| SDG 15 | Life on Land                                 | 2739 | 5348   | 88        |
| SDG 16 | Peace, Justice and<br>Strong Institutions    | 3011 | 4127   | 73        |
| SDG 17 | Partnerships for the Goals                   | 682  | 806    | 14        |

## Consideration of sustainability by age group

|                                  | Younger<br>than 20 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60 or<br>older |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
| <b>Buying Goods and Services</b> | 951                | 5181  | 3687  | 2038  | 1815  | 1007           |
| Making Financial Decisions       | 411                | 2762  | 2141  | 1066  | 838   | 491            |
| Choosing your Energy Provider    | 508                | 2864  | 2230  | 1238  | 1153  | 702            |
| Leisure Activities               | 477                | 2493  | 1716  | 1048  | 1006  | 587            |
| Choosing your Employer           | 203                | 2250  | 1696  | 724   | 459   | 150            |
| Voting                           | 88                 | 4454  | 3029  | 1738  | 1568  | 940            |
| Child Rearing and Education      | 453                | 3214  | 1974  | 1457  | 1038  | 479            |
| Transport and Mobility           | 897                | 4674  | 3123  | 1673  | 1430  | 808            |
| Food and Nutrition               | 1037               | 5444  | 3907  | 2170  | 1914  | 1093           |

## Consideration of sustainability by gender

|                               | Male | Female | Other/DNS |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|-----------|
| Buying Goods and Services     | 5190 | 9372   | 178       |
| Making Financial Decisions    | 3285 | 4374   | 87        |
| Choosing your Energy Provider | 3280 | 5387   | 97        |
| Leisure Activities            | 2536 | 4711   | 98        |
| Choosing your Employer        | 2168 | 3272   | 71        |
| Voting                        | 4507 | 7847   | 151       |
| Child Rearing and Education   | 3496 | 5034   | 83        |
| Transport and Mobility        | 4712 | 7815   | 159       |
| Food and Nutrition            | 5402 | 10041  | 168       |

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