






Good institutional practices in promoting policy coherence for sustainable development

Building Block	Description
 Political Commitment	<p>The Policy for Global Development (PGD), relaunched in 2014, underlines the centrality of policy coherence to promote sustainable development. It means raising ambitions and involves a knowledge boost within the Government Offices of Sweden and its agencies.</p>
 Policy Integration	<p>All ministries have developed internal action plans for working on global development policy – and PCSD - to support decision processes linked to the SDGs.</p>
 Strategic Long-term Vision	<p>The PGD is well anchored across all parties. The Government needs to report to Parliament every two years, ensuring long-term support.</p>
 Policy and Financing Impacts	<p>The task to identify potential transboundary and intergenerational effects in policies is a part of the action plans that all ministries have drawn up.</p>
 Policy Coordination	<p>The Minister for Public Administration at the Ministry of Finance is responsible for national SDG coordination and implementation. The government has set up an interdepartmental consultation group for the 2030 Agenda consisting of those responsible for global development policy at Head of Department level from all relevant ministries under the leadership of the MFA's Director-General for international development cooperation. The MFA is responsible for international SDG implementation. The PCSD coordination team at the MFA provides competence development and methodological support to the ministries for international implementation. When requested, it checks documents and decisions for mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda, and sometimes PCSD, and can thus contribute to communications and action plans. However, each ministry retains responsibility to adopt policies within its domain and raise potential conflicts to a political level.</p>
 Local and Regional Involvement	<p>The government appointed a Multi-stakeholder National Committee to promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda throughout Swedish society. The Committee has put forward several reports, including a proposal for a comprehensive action plan. A survey of 206 municipalities and 19 county councils found that about half of respondents use the 2030 Agenda as a tool in their sustainable development work.</p>
 Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Civil society organisations are invited to open hearings by the Multi-stakeholder National Committee, including also municipalities, academia, private sector and trade unions. The Scientific Council for Sustainable Development, established 2015, includes a panel of prominent researchers and provides a forum for dialogue between the government and the scientific community. Sweden held ambitious stakeholder consultation processes leading up to and following the 2017 HLPF. These consultations are also a part of the process to prepare a National Action Plan for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, using PGD as a tool.</p>
 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation	<p>A new reporting model that links PGD to the SDGs will provide a more in depth account of these areas. Every second year, the PCSD team at the MFA produces a report to Parliament, which includes actions and results of the period 2016-2017, as well as a forward looking section. PGD is seen as a tool in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and an interdepartmental consultation group is being formed.</p>