



How NGOs are engaging with the SDGs



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How NGOs are engaging with the SDGs



- Engaging with the SDGs framework development process
- Engaging in delivering SDGs in practice

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NIDOS members in Post-2015 Steering Group in Scotland ... drawing on

Beyond 2015: a network of over 1100 global civil society organisations' / NGOs in the south and north

Beyond 2015 Membership includes organisations involved in sustainable development – focusing on tackling poverty and inequality in an environmentally sustainable way

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Beyond 2015 advocates:

- **Leaving no-one behind** – tackling inequality and poverty – both within and between countries
- **Enshrining human rights** in the framework
- **Ensuring long-term sustainable development** – bringing together tackling poverty and ensuring environmental sustainability in one integrated framework

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Why does Beyond 2015 advocate sustainable development?

- the world is running out of time to prevent dangerous climate change
- a healthy environment is needed for social and economic development
- environmental degradation affects the poorest most – both directly re security and economically
- some approaches to tackling poverty can in the short term increase long-term environmental problems - so we need to get the approaches right from the start

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Action in Scotland

- **INGOs in Stop Climate Chaos Scotland** – active in lobbying for Act and produced [recent film](#) on promoting Scotland's progress
- **Working with others in Scotland** – e.g. Government, businesses, local authorities, communities to get action on emissions and renewables/efficiency
- **Global Education initiatives** in schools

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Action abroad

- **Climate adaptation projects – e.g.** water, farming, health, disaster warning
- *SCIAF* – organic farming project: demonstration farmers - using mulches, minimum tillage, rotations, natural pest control, to enable farming in more unpredictable climate

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Action abroad - Climate and environment-proofed projects

- ***Water Witness International*** - water resource management: balancing the needs of all users, avoiding or resolving conflict, and preventing degradation and depletion of water resources.

Tanzania project – support for government institution building; water management committee; support for variety community needs (drinking, sanitation, farming, artisans etc) and securing their rights and clarifying their obligations; while also monitoring pollution and water resource levels.

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Action abroad - Climate and environment-proofed projects

- ***Link Community Development: Solar Connect***

install solar powered computers in rural communities across Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, South Africa and Uganda. With training and support the installations enable:

- school and district staff to communicate electronically, reducing travel time and emissions, more classroom time
- schools can access better online teaching resources and improve quality of teaching

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Action abroad - Climate and environment-proofed projects

- ***Bioclimate: Projects in Guinea and Sierra Leone which help combine two needs:*** reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (fostering biodiversity and conservation) while also improving the livelihoods of local communities – through payment for ecosystems services (i.e. payments for not doing activities which are damaging to the environment; payment for doing things which are going to improve the environment such as planting trees) and community forest management practices

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