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Development Cooperation Guidelines of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

First Update

“ In 2015, the countries of the world agreed upon the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It consists of a total of 17 goals, for example to combat poverty, environmental degradation and climate change, and to strengthen human rights, the rule of law and international partnerships by 2030. However, despite progress in the first few years, the mid-term review of the 2030 Agenda is sobering. Wars, the pandemic and the strengthening of authoritarian structures in more and more countries have made the achievement of these goals seem fairly remote. People in the countries of the Global South are suffering in particular. For over forty years, the fight against inequality between North and South has been the motivation for many civil society initiatives, as well as public engagement, in Bremerhaven and Bremen.

One thing is clear: Without the broad participation of citizens, Bremen's diverse development policy commitment would not be possible. Bremen also maintains international partnerships at municipal and regional levels, particularly in Namibia and South Africa, thereby contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

This update of the development policy guidelines was developed in close dialogue with citizens and forms the basis for our work in the coming years. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those involved.”

Dr. Olaf Joachim
State secretary



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals



The United Nations' Agenda 2030 forms the basic framework for a global sustainability policy. Bremen is committed to the 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They are not only a guiding principle for government action at home, but also a guideline for the international commitment of the State of Bremen. The municipalities of Bremen and Bremerhaven cooperate with their partner cities in Europe, Africa and Asia in the spirit of the five guiding principles for action according to which the SDGs are structured: **People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership**. Bremen's development policy guidelines are based on this structure in four chapters. Each of the 17 goals shows the commitment of Bremen and its partner cities as well as the measures they are taking to aid in their implementation.

However, the 17 goals are not only relevant at the state level: Civil society, business, the scientific community and each and every individual are also called upon to contribute to the implementation of the SDGs. Knowledge about the SDGs and networking among the various involved parties are required to achieve this: Educational offers, events and regular reporting on the implementation status of the SDGs create the basis for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the State of Bremen.

Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the community

Knowledge about the SDGs and their implementation in Bremen and Bremerhaven must be distributed to a broad section of society. Various activities, such as the implementation of SDG education programmes, further training for the employees of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen as well as the organisation of events in cooperation with local projects at district level are particularly important in this regard. The State of Bremen participates by creating SDG education programmes at schools, developing SDG method manuals for primary and middle schools, and training teachers on the SDGs through the State Institute for Schools.





Reporting on the status of SDG implementation in Bremen

In order to implement the SDGs by 2030 in Bremen, to identify what has already been achieved and what needs to be done, it is essential to ensure regular and transparent progress reporting on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The aim is to make the implementation of the SDGs and their sub-goals measurable through specific indicators in order to show the state of development in Bremen. The selection of binding indicators is to be made in close cooperation with representatives from civil society and public administration and reviewed at regular intervals.

An initial inventory of the status of SDG implementation in the State of Bremen was carried out in 2021. In addition, with the linking of SDG indicators to key figures of Bremen's budget management, work is already underway on a comprehensive instrument that also serves to take stock, analyse and manage with a view to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. These indicators are to be appropriately incorporated into the reporting on implementation.





Youth conference on the SDGs

Young people are also an important target group outside of school, and their understanding of and ability to act on global sustainable development must be strengthened. This is why a participatory Bremen “SDG Youth Conference” is set to take place in cooperation with the Young Development Policy Forum Bremen (Jep). This conference will give young people from Bremen the opportunity to learn about best practice examples, to work out possibilities for action and to develop ideas for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda both locally and internationally.





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PEOPLE



Ending poverty everywhere and in all its forms is the ultimate goal of the Sustainable Development Goals as defined by the 17 Goals. All people should be able to lead independent lives free from deprivation, disease and oppression. Securing basic human needs, comprehensive health care and quality education and establishing gender equality everywhere in the world are the prerequisites for attaining this objective.

As part of its international cooperation, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen initiates and supports projects that contribute to the implementation of these Goals. In addition to partners at the national level, civil society organisations in the State of Bremen also play a central role. With their development policy work abroad, they make a direct contribution to the implementation of the SDGs and form an important component of Bremen's international engagement. In Bremen and Bremerhaven, civil society contributes to raising awareness with its diverse educational and information initiatives so that citizens can act in accordance with the principle of "think globally, act locally" in pursuit of the goal of globally sustainable and equitable development.







SDG 1: Fighting poverty in the Global South

For more than 40 years, the State of Bremen has supported development policy projects abroad run by non-governmental organisations and initiatives from Bremen and Bremerhaven. These projects, which are mostly located on the African continent, contribute to the global implementation of the SDGs. They focus on meeting basic needs and creating prospects for local people by improving living conditions. Thanks to the willingness of Bremen's citizens to help and donate, they are often able to provide fast and unbureaucratic humanitarian emergency aid in the event of natural disasters and other crises.

The Free Hanseatic City of Bremen continues to support this predominantly voluntary, civic commitment with financial contributions within the scope of the available funds as well as expert advice, for example on project design or the acquisition of additional sources of funding.

Measures

- With the newly established **Small Project Fund**, the Senate Chancellery, in cooperation with the Bremen Development Policy Network e. V., has created a low-threshold funding programme. This fund is primarily intended to provide small and purely voluntary initiatives with an opportunity to carry out projects abroad. Migrant organisations that would like to get involved in their countries of origin are particularly targeted. Funds from the budget for development cooperation are being reallocated for this purpose.
- The **“Rest-Cent”** initiative of Bremen's public service employees is also an unbureaucratic way for local initiatives from the state of Bremen to promote projects abroad. Through public relations work within the Bremen administration, the Senate would like to support this employee initiative in order to increase the number of donors and thereby generate more funds for development policy activities.



SDG 2: Better nutrition and sustainable agriculture



Many millions of people worldwide still do not have sustainable access to sufficient and healthy food. With their development policy work, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and civil society organisations are contributing to the fight against hunger and malnutrition, as well as to lasting access to food for all people. For example, as part of the one-off “Corona emergency aid” financed with state funds, it was possible to support several initiatives in 2021 that provided food in countries in the Global South.

In addition to supporting initiatives in the Global South, our local consumption behaviour is an important factor in terms of fair and sustainable agriculture on a global scale. As part of the “Action Plan 2025 - Healthy Nutrition in Community Catering in the City Municipality of Bremen”, the range of food on offer in public canteens is to be gradually changed in line with the motto “organic. regional.fair”.

Measures

- With the adoption of the Action Plan 2025, Bremen has set itself the goal of promoting the sustainable transformation of our food system. The non-governmental organisations active in the field of health and nutrition in Bremen have so far provided important momentum for the topic of nutrition. Therefore, a corresponding **funding guideline** that strengthens civic engagement and promotes projects that contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan and the SDGs was published.
- Bremen was the first city in Germany to decide to systematically convert the municipality’s public communal catering into a sustainable offering. As part of the **annual organic market festival**, BioStadt Bremen invites people to exchange ideas and establishes networks of committed representatives from Bremen and the region. The SDGs have a key thematic influence at every event.





SDG 3: Health as a global challenge

Contagious diseases know no borders, as the COVID-19 pandemic has once again shown very clearly. Only through global networking can global challenges such as this be overcome and pandemics be fought. The State of Bremen therefore supports its partners in the Global South in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, mitigating its consequences for the local population and contributing to improving health education and strengthening health systems through the exchange of knowledge and experience.

Measures

- Together with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen is working with experts from the university sector, health research and cross-regional partner organisations to support **training and further education measures for junior staff** and to improve capacities for diagnosis of infectious diseases in our partner country, Namibia.
- The project is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the Government and Federal States (Bundesländer) programme.





SDG 4: Education as the key to sustainable development

Education is the key to promoting acceptance and understanding of changes aimed at creating a globally just society. In the spirit of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), global interdependencies are highlighted and connections are made between local actions and global impacts, thus making a contribution to globally aware, future-oriented and networked thinking and action. In the State of Bremen, the aim is to firmly establish ESD in the syllabus from nurseries all the way through to high schools and universities.

In addition, the State of Bremen supports corresponding extracurricular initiatives and networks in the implementation of their initiatives.

In the field of development policy education, civil society organisations have been doing valuable work for decades, both in and outside of schools. The five One World Promoters working in the State of Bremen also provide vital support for the predominantly voluntary workforce in Bremen and Bremerhaven and make an important contribution to information and education.

Measures

- The state of Bremen is committed to the One World Promoters programme and aims to regulate its continuation beyond the current programme cycle in a **framework agreement** with the federal and state governments.
- International partnerships thrive on personal encounters. While exchanges from North to South are well established and are undertaken by many young people every year (for example, the ASA programme or weltwärts), Bremen receives few visitors from the Global South. **Bremen wants to make it possible for people, especially from its partner cities, to spend time learning and working here.**
- Federal and EU programmes are to be used for this purpose. This is aimed in particular at young people with a view to strengthening their intercultural skills and facilitating their entry into, or further development in professional life.
- As a non-formal educational programme, the Voluntary Ecological Year is firmly established in Bremen. There are now 70 places available for this educational and orientation year for young people up to the age of 26. The activities in the volunteer workplaces and in the framework of the accompanying seminar programme focus on current social issues related to nature, the environment and sustainability.





SDG 5: Gender equality in international cooperation

Gender inequality is one of the greatest obstacles in the areas of sustainable development, economic growth and poverty reduction. Girls and women worldwide suffer from gender-based oppression and social disadvantages. They are victims of violence and exploitation and usually perform unpaid domestic and care work. As a result of this, they are usually less economically stable than men. Bremen's development cooperation aims to contribute to the creation of equal opportunities for men and women. Consequently, projects and measures are only planned and approved under the condition that gender equality is taken into account.

Furthermore, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen is firmly opposed to discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ people and is committed to the establishment of equal rights for all.

Measures

- Since the end of 2017, CSD Bremen + Bremerhaven e.V. has been running the **“LGBTIQ* City Partnership”** programme. This project is based on cooperation between the CSD organisations from Bremen's partner cities and, since 2021, Bremerhaven.

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PLANET



Climate change and its negative consequences for our ecosystem represent the greatest global challenge of our time. The State of Bremen is committed to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and is striving for climate neutrality. The need to act in terms of development policy was also heavily emphasised in the report of the Commission of Inquiry “Climate Protection Strategy for the State of Bremen” in sub-chapter 9.5. In addition to the necessary climate protection and adaptation measures in Bremen and Bremerhaven, Bremen also supports its partner cities in the Global South in their fight against climate change. The focus here is on the exchange of experts and projects in Bremen’s partner countries and cities. Bremen can also benefit from the expertise of our partners, particularly in the area of climate adaptation.

Bremen also supports projects and initiatives that are dedicated to the goal of a circular economy, contribute to the preservation of biodiversity and environmental protection, and are involved in educational measures in partner countries. For example, environmental topics are placed at the centre of environmental education funding in calls for proposals under the guideline for funding not-for-profit projects on “environmental protection and nature conservation” and “education for sustainable development”.







SDG 6: Clean water is a human right

Access to water means much more than just having enough clean drinking water. Washing facilities and functioning sanitary installations not only prevent infectious diseases, but are also one of the requirements for a dignified life and thus an indispensable element of municipal public services. For more than 40 years, the State of Bremen has therefore focused its funding on the development and construction of innovative and decentralised solutions for drinking water, sanitation and hygiene.

Measures

- Bremen will use the funds from the prize money for the German Sustainability Award 2020 to finance measures to **improve the drinking water infrastructure** in its partner cities of Windhoek and Durban. In addition, these funds will be used to design a **travelling exhibition on the importance of water** in Bremen and its partner cities, which will be on display at various locations.





SDG 12: Circular economy in public procurement

The State of Bremen is one of the pioneers in Germany when it comes to aligning public procurement with socially and ecologically responsible criteria. The basic principle for this is the law on securing wage agreement compliance, social standards and competition, which has been setting minimum standards for publicly procured goods for more than ten years. Compliance with workers' rights and fair remuneration along the entire supply chain are the top priorities.

Bremen has already received several awards for these efforts, most recently in the "EU Cities for Fair and Ethical Trade" competition. In addition to social and ecological criteria, the consumption of resources over the useful life of a product should also play a greater role in the future.

Measures

- In future, the avoidance or reuse of objects and complete recyclability ("cradle to cradle") should be included as **criteria in the practices and rules of public procurement** in the State of Bremen. To this end, the Senate Chancellery and the Senator for Finance will conduct a joint project to develop initial criteria to be systematically incorporated into procurement.
- The Bremen **Alliance for Reusable Packaging** (Bündnis für Mehrweg) aims to raise awareness of the issue of resource conservation and the avoidance of plastic waste, develop alternative reusable solutions and strengthen voluntary commitment to sustainable consumption, and to this end promotes the voluntary commitment of companies in the State of Bremen. The Bremen Alliance for Reusable Packaging was launched in 2020 by the Senator for Climate Protection, the Environment, Mobility, Urban Development and Housing in cooperation with RENN.nord, the Bremen branch of Friends of the Earth Germany (BUND), the Bremen Chamber of Crafts and the Environment Business Office.



SDG 13: Fighting climate change together

Bremen's partner cities in the Global South, Durban in South Africa and Windhoek in Namibia, are already much more affected by the impacts of climate change. For this reason, measures to adapt to the consequences of climate change are also more advanced there than in Germany. Since 2011, Bremen has been involved in municipal climate partnerships with its partner cities Durban and Windhoek in order to advance climate protection and climate adaptation through mutual consultation and learning. Bremen implements local projects for more climate protection through third-party funding from the BMZ.

These include the preservation of biodiversity, restoration of wetlands, improvement of water quality, waste management and recycling, as well as environmental education. An important goal of all projects is to take into account the needs of the local population and to encourage their participation in climate protection through income-generating measures. After all, the fight against climate change can only succeed if local people support and contribute to it.

In all projects, we use the diverse funding opportunities of the Service Agency Communities in One World / Engagement Global to significantly increase Bremen's funding for development cooperation with third-party funds from the BMZ. The BMZ's Government and Federal States Programme also co-finances Bremen's development policy activities in partner countries.

To compensate for the emissions resulting from travel on official business by Bremen's civil service, compensation projects have been financed for several years through the Bremen Climate Fund. These include energy-saving measures in day-care centres or cultural institutions or certified climate protection projects located worldwide, for example in Turkey and Brazil.

Measures

- Global partnerships thrive on exchange on a professional and personal level. Within Germany and Europe, the rail is our first choice as a means of transport. However, our partner cities in Asia and Africa can only be reached by plane, which causes considerable amounts of CO₂ emissions during exchanges and delegation visits. Although we are aware that personal exchange is indispensable for cooperation, we nevertheless want to make use of the experience gained in the past two years and make greater use of the possibilities of virtual communication in order to reduce unnecessary official travel.
- In the future, Bremen intends to initiate compensation projects in our partner cities in the Global South in order to make a further contribution to climate protection, energy saving and local value creation there.
- With a contribution to the climate fund of “Partnership Environment Business”, there is an opportunity to compensate for companies’ CO₂ emissions and at the same time to support social and cultural institutions in the State of Bremen in their efforts to protect the climate. The climate fund was founded by companies of the Bremen Environmental Partnership and has been promoting climate protection measures in the region since 2010. By 2019, 43 institutions had been supported by the climate fund. These institutions avoid 266.3 tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually.





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SDG 14: Science to protect the oceans

Our rainwater, drinking water, weather, climate, coasts, much of our food and even the oxygen in the air we breathe are all ultimately provided and regulated by the oceans. Careful management of this essential global resource is a key feature of a sustainable future. However, there is currently a steady degradation of coastal waters due to pollution and ocean acidification is negatively impacting ecosystem functionality and biodiversity. In addition, many fish stocks are overfished and the amount of microplastic particles in the oceans is also steadily increasing and accumulating in the food chains.

Measures

- The **Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)** in Bremen cooperates with institutes and facilities worldwide. The focus is on marine research institutes and universities in tropical and subtropical regions. The ZMT maintains close links with China, Indonesia, Brazil and many other countries, predominantly in tropical latitudes, and is a long-standing specialist partner in Bremen's development cooperation.
- As a partner of the National and Federal States Working Group on the North Sea and the Baltic Sea (BLANO), Bremen contributes in many ways to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) to ensure that the seas are in a good condition. This includes measures to reduce the input of nitrogen oxides (eutrophication), pollutants, non-indigenous species and underwater noise through a variety of shipping and port-related measures. Furthermore, **the littering of the sea is being tackled comprehensively**, for example through the development and distribution of educational materials, annual high-profile litter collection initiatives, development of municipal measures, and accompanying intensive public relations and networking activities.





SDG 15: Preserving biodiversity

The extinction of species and the reduction of biodiversity are assuming dramatic proportions worldwide. Bremen will therefore initiate the development of its own biodiversity strategy and will also regularly carry out projects with its partner cities in the Global South, dedicated for example to the management of green spaces or the renaturation of areas close to cities. In addition, the state of Bremen supports initiatives at federal level that are directed against the international trade of endangered and protected animal and plant species and associated products.

Measures

- Bremen contributes to global biodiversity. In order to give this contribution a broader social basis and expand it, in autumn 2021, the Senate of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen decided to develop a **biodiversity strategy and an insect conservation programme**. These are built up as part of a coordinated, interdepartmental and action-oriented process.

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PROSPERITY



The State of Bremen is committed to the principles of a fair and sustainable economic system. Fair-trade relations and the enforcement of workers' rights all over the world are indispensable in combating poverty, especially in the Global South. There, prosperity can only come from local value creation and effective work. Fair and social entrepreneurship can make a significant contribution to this. This is why the State of Bremen has been working at federal and European level to promote fair trade and international compliance with social and environmental standards throughout the supply chain for many years. Cities are the main drivers of local and national economic activities and are hubs of prosperity. More than 80% of the global economy is concentrated in cities.

At the same time though, urbanisation brings major challenges. More than half of the world's population lives in cities, with an expected increase to up to 70% by 2050. Cities are thus also crucial for combating climate change, as they consume three quarters of global resources and are responsible for 75% of global emissions. For this reason, Bremen's development cooperation has focused on improving municipal structures in our partner cities for many years.





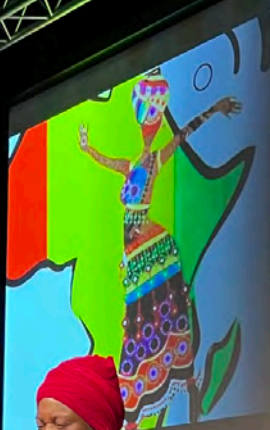


SDG 7: With our partners on the road to climate neutrality

One of the greatest challenges on the path to global climate neutrality is the development of a global emission-free energy supply. This requires considerable investment in the infrastructure of all countries. For Bremen's partner countries, which have abundant wind and sunshine, this creates opportunities for local value creation and job creation. Given Bremen's expertise in the field of renewable energies, in its research landscape and in the operation of port infrastructure, appropriate cooperation can contribute to the development of industrial production capacities for renewable energies in southern Africa.

Measures

- Building on the hydrogen strategy of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and the Federal Government, we want to discuss the **establishment of cooperation** in the field of the **hydrogen economy** with our partners in the Global South and, if necessary, other suitable partners and players, thereby identifying potential and initiating concrete measures where appropriate.



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SDG 8: Sustainable economic activity on a local and global level

Bremen has been supporting initiatives and projects to promote fair trade for many years. In Bremen, this is done in particular through educational and information projects, such as the Fair Trade Week which takes place every autumn. Only well-informed consumers can make conscious decisions through their purchasing behaviour and contribute to more sustainable economic structures with their purchasing power. Bremen promotes appropriate measures by civil society in Bremen and Bremerhaven and sets a strong example with the use of fair trade food in Bremen's public services. Furthermore,

Bremen wants to support event organisers and restaurateurs in making their businesses and events more sustainable.

In Bremen and Bremerhaven there is a lively diaspora from countries of the Global South, who are involved in many different ways in their countries of origin. Increasingly, the idea of social entrepreneurship is taking centre stage. Through the founding of companies, a contribution is being made to the creation of jobs, added value and sustainable economic development, both in the state of Bremen and in the countries of origin.

Measures

- At least twice a year, the Senate Chancellery, with the participation of the Senator for Economic Affairs, Harbors and Transformation, invites participants to a **“Fair Business”** meeting for the purpose of discussion, networking, coordination and setting priorities. We also network with municipalities within and outside Europe that are particularly committed to fair trade and sustainable business in order to learn from their experiences and bring suitable projects and practices to Bremen.
- Bremen supports potential company founders in conceiving and realising their ideas under the guiding principle of social entrepreneurship. The Senate Chancellery and the Senator for Economic Affairs, Labour and Europe are launching a pilot project with a start-up competition **“Fair Start-Ups” (Fair Gründen)** specifically for business ideas in the context of the Global South as part of a federal funding programme.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION OF KATUTURA WASTE BUY-BACK CENTER



"Moving Towards a Cleaner and Greener City"

PROJECT TITLE:
Improving Solid Waste Management in Windhoek



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The project is aimed at:

- Strengthening Urban Governance
- Raising environmental awareness and supporting circular economy concept
- Contributing to prosperity and innovation amongst Windhoek residents

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SDGs 9 & 11: Partnerships with cities in the Global South for sustainable urban development

As part of the city partnerships, many activities and projects are carried out by actors from Bremen's civil society. Bremen supports these collaborations and also carries out its own development policy projects at the municipal level with the cities of Durban and Windhoek. The aim is to contribute to the improvement of living conditions for the local population and the strengthening of municipal services of general interest through the joint implementation of sustainable development projects. Our current focus is on development partnerships for the protection of the environment, climate and resources.

A central component of the projects is always the sharing of expertise from Bremen and the respective partner cities.



Measures

- Together with its partner city Windhoek, Bremen is carrying out an EU-funded project until 2025 to improve waste management, **avoid waste** and increase the recycling rate in the city. The aim is to improve cleanliness and waste disposal, especially in low-income neighbourhoods, to develop information and education services, especially for young people, and to promote business start-ups in the circular economy and thus job creation.
- As part of the project “**Environment Business 2021-2024**”, information is provided for businesses in formats such as the SDG Challenge and #Table 17. In cooperation with the Regional Network Centres for Sustainability Strategies, the guide for small and medium-sized enterprises “The Sustainable Development Goals for and by SMEs” was produced.





SDG 10: Participation of people with disabilities in development cooperation

Disabled people are particularly disadvantaged in many parts of the world. In addition to social exclusion through stigmatisation, a lack of accessibility creates additional restrictions. In the context of international cooperation, projects and programmes must be reviewed to ensure that they enable participation by all interested parties wherever possible. For Bremen, this also applies to the barrier-free design of events, excursions and (professional) exchanges.

Bremen's partnerships also present opportunities for mutual learning. Participation, as a theme of expertise sharing, workshops and joint projects for the further development of structures and services, will gain in importance.

Measures

- With the specialist support of the State Commissioner for Disabled People, targeted support is to be given to projects in the Global South within the framework of Bremen's development cooperation which **take into account the needs of people with disabilities**. In addition, the creation of a position for participation in development cooperation within the framework of the One World Promoter Programme will be considered.

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PEACE & PARTNERSHIPS



Securing peace, safeguarding democracy, the rule of law and justice as well as global sustainable development are only possible in cooperation with partners. Working together with these partners at home, in Europe and around the world, the State of Bremen is contributing to the goal of a peaceful, just and inclusive society. With our partner cities, we focus on the central issues and challenges that affect our urban societies and where cities can not only make their voices heard at the local level, but also take action.

Democracy, stable political systems, peace and security cannot be taken for granted. We all have to continuously work on and for these things in accordance with urban diplomacy. Bremen shares its values of a liberal and open society as well as the awareness of

responsibility for One World with its partners. Sustainable development is only possible with global solidarity and the participation of all states, actors and people. The fact that many activities and projects are carried out by actors from Bremen's civil society is a valuable aspect of Bremen's international cooperation. Only by working together can we implement sustainable development projects that lead to better living conditions for local populations.





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SDG 16: Standing together against injustice and for human rights worldwide

Solidarity with people suffering from injustice and repression around the world has a long tradition in Bremen. It was demonstrated, for example, in the active support of the anti-apartheid movements in South Africa and Namibia, which Bremen was the first federal state to support back in the late 1970s. Today, too, solidarity is lived out in our city by citizens, foundations and associations, in churches and also in politics. Bremen stands in solidarity with courageous people around the world and wants to help them achieve their goals.

Against the backdrop of current migration and refugee movements and in the face of racism and discrimination, Bremen is coming to terms with its role in colonialism and its consequences. Bremen acknowledges its responsibility arising from this history. The discrimination against our fellow citizens, especially but not only from African countries, which has not been overcome to this day, is rooted in the thinking and actions of that time.

A broad alliance of civil society initiatives, public administration and politics as well as cultural and educational institutions are committed to this process of coming to terms with the past. Under the auspices of the Senator for Culture, a “Remembrance Concept for Colonialism” has been developed, which is dedicated to coming to terms with Bremen’s colonial legacy.

A proactive critical approach to everyday racism, pointing out its roots in colonialism, making traces of colonialism visible in public spaces and partnerships with the societies of formerly colonised countries are seen as essential and inseparable aspects of dealing with the colonial legacy. The ongoing process in Bremen reflects the core idea of a new post-colonial remembrance concept: ongoing remembrance and the active work of many people on the topic in the present day, drawing on multiple perspectives.

Measures

- The topics of post-colonialism and a culture of remembrance are to be incorporated more strongly into developmental education work. In addition, “Remembrance Concept Colonialism” is to be expanded to include post-colonial topics. The State of Bremen is participating in the project “Decolonial - Remembrance Culture in the City” funded by the Federal Cultural Foundation. The aim of the project is to develop a web-based interactive world map that lists places and stories with colonial ties in Berlin and throughout Germany, and links them to places on other continents. From Bremen, texts on a total of 31 locations will be added to the portal and made publicly accessible.
- The Übersee-Museum is working intensively on reviewing the history of the collection. The return of human remains is being given high priority. Societies of origin are involved in research, development of exhibition content and digitisation, for example in joint research projects or via cooperation projects in the design of exhibition areas.
- The aim is to work together with people from these societies of origin to reveal the consequences of the colonial era for people alive today and to find a common way of dealing with the colonial legacy. The guiding principle for Bremen’s actions is the key points paper on collections from colonial contexts adopted by the Conference of the Ministers of Culture.





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SDG 17: International understanding

City diplomacy encompasses all topics and activities that address issues of global significance at the local level and for which solutions are developed jointly with partners. City partnerships, city friendships and membership of international networks are thus indispensable building blocks of international relations. They enable exchange on a personal and professional level, as well as promoting international understanding and mutual learning.

With the partner cities, topics such as the rule of law, democracy and peacekeeping are on the agenda, as are professional exchanges on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals or on current issues such as migration and climate protection. Through membership in international networks, Bremen connects with like-minded cities to achieve visibility and speaks up for shared values. Together with our partners around the world, we are aware of our municipal responsibility to develop solutions to global challenges and work together to achieve them.

Measures

- With the support of BMZ/Engagement Global, **expertise exchanges** are organised with partner cities on specific topics related to the implementation of the SDGs. The aim is to establish lasting cooperation in specialist areas at state or municipal level.

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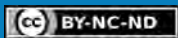
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