



IDWG Meeting 9 September 2022 – Online

Minutes

Attendees

- DECC – Hannah Gilmartin, Anna Marie Gaines
- All IDWG members

Agenda

1. Introductions

New members and new staff members were introduced to the IDWG.

2. New National Implementation Plan 2021 – 2023

The new plan has been sent to Government for publication, and hopefully will be published in time for SDG week, 20 – 26 September, 2022.

3. Launch of the plan

The launch is currently being planned with the date to be confirmed. Political visibility is required to successfully launch the plan so IDWG members were asked to let us know if their minister should be involved.

4. Update on SDG week

This year DECC SDG unit partnered up with LGMA (libraries) and the local authorities in relation to promotion of SDG week. The week is being promoted on Twitter and LinkedIn. We are also attending the Ploughing Championships with Housing and Education officials.

SDG week runs in conjunction with European Sustainable Development week (18 September to 8 October) the www.esdw.eu site lists all the events for the EU and Ireland). SDG events can be posted on this site, and IDWG members are asked lead on



promoting events on that site.

5. Internal activities for SDG week.

We are planning on holding a tea time talk internally for DECC colleagues, with a slide deck available on the National Implementation Plan. Recordings of the talk will be available.

6. Expressions of Interest for Stakeholder Forum

The call for expressions of interest for the Stakeholder Forum launched a few weeks ago. It is planned to have the committee up and running by the beginning of October, with the first meeting being held in early December and inclusivity assured. This Forum will inform our work going forward at every implementation Forum meeting. The Forum will operate on the 'Leave No One Behind' principle, and representatives will be sought on behalf of the ministers. These meetings are very important in realising our work and delivering on the SDGs.

7. Champions SubGroup

Nominations have been asked for the Champions Sub Group. Three have been received.

8. Hive Site

The Hive site will need further work and it is intended to do this over time. A general slide deck will be added to this on the SDGs. Members can let us know if there's anything else to be added.

9. SDG Academy

On Monday 12 September there will be a meeting with Professor Paul Walsh of the SDG Academy. The Academy has a suite of training courses which relate to the goals. Our meeting will be about how shared learnings can be harnessed for our work, and if



possible, rolled out across the civil service.

10. TSI Application for EU Funding.

DECC SDG Unit is making a new application to assist with the development of policy coherence to assist our work.

11. Next Voluntary National Review.

The next IDWG will discuss the voluntary national review.

12. IDWG Member Role

There is a short phone call planned for week beginning the 12 September with older members of the IDWG on the member role and its duties. If members are interested in participating they should contact Hannah.

The following points were raised and noted:-

- SDG champions should be linked to Climate and Sustainability Champions with a high level of engagement required, possibly from a management board member
- Different grades were present from AP to HEO in the composition of the IDWG group with the group appraised of how one department discusses new objectives against a review of the strategy to see how the SDGs can be delivered.
- Flexibility was required around the grade, with a suggestion that other grades be considered, not necessarily AP grade. It was also suggested that if staff are changing or moving that the incoming people be appraised of the work of the IDWG member.
- Agenda 2030 lends weight and impetus to the SDG work.

13. Points of contact

SDG points of contact will be made available on www.gov.ie/sdgs page. Generic emails were considered the best form of contact and we are to undertake an exercise to ascertain how many emails are available for our use.

14. Sub-Groups



It was suggested that subject matter experts could join any proposed sub groups, as they have the best expertise available, as SDG work intersects with a range of policy areas.

15. SDG Newsletter

An option to subscribe to a mailing list has been set up on www.gov.ie/sdgs ; this will augment the newsletter about our activity.

16. Letter to Sec Gens

Letters to Secretary Generals for nominations to the IDWG was circulated and it was suggested that the role of the member should come to an end when the plan is finished and not before. The letter needs to emphasise to the Sec Gens how important the goals are.

17. SOG

This group needs input from an official if they are leaving the group, so that the group and the new incoming member are ad in the area of SDG work; and that IDWG and the relevant department are informed when a member is leaving.

Any other business

Terms of reference for the IDWG to be circulated to new members.

National Implementation plan is currently gone to eCabinet for approval by government.