
**SDSN Italia:
a New National Network to
Promote the 2030 Agenda**

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) is a global initiative launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2012 with the aim to mobilize global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Based in New York and Paris, the SDSN works closely with UN agencies, multilateral financing institutions, the private sector and civil society.

SDSN aims to enable a large number of leaders from all Regions and a diverse backgrounds to participate in the development of the network.

Through a growing number of National and Regional Networks, SDSN supports the localization and implementation of SDGs, develops long-term transformative pathways for sustainable development, promotes education around Agenda 2030, and launches solution initiatives.



SDSN Italia is the Italian hub of UN SDSN, created under the auspices of SDSN Mediterranean (hosted by Siena University) and acting within the general governance framework designed by UN SDSN.

SDSN Italia is a scientific - educational, solutions – oriented, voluntary and non-profit initiative.

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei is the hosting institution.

Officially recognized by the President of the Italian Republic in 1989, FEEM is a leading research center in the fields of sustainable development, global governance and climate change, providing analysis on the interactions existing among the environmental, energy and economic dimensions.

Headquarters in Milan, Venice and Basilicata



Activities of SDSN Italia are aimed to:

1. Contribute through **scientific research** to the strategic implementation of the 2030 Agenda and related SDGs and to the construction of a **monitoring framework** to have a **feedback on the implementation process**.
2. Promote knowledge and awareness on the 2030 Agenda throughout the different components of Italian society enhancing **dissemination, education** and **training** initiatives.
3. Stimulate **innovation while** understanding **implications** and **opportunities**, offered by the 2030 Agenda and COP21, and propose and realize **solutions for sustainable development** through the engagement of the private sector.

The three pillars are intended to translate the Agenda into the local setting.

1. Scientific Background and Research

SDSN Italia will contribute to promote a national thinking, aimed at implementing the pursuit of the 2030 Agenda and the objectives set out by COP21 in Italy. Furthermore, it will disseminate and share scientific results developed by the research institutions involved, promoting interaction within different actors, including business, stimulate partnerships and scaling up actions in a cross fertilizer perspective.

Among the tools used and outputs expected there are:

- Evaluation of **scenarios** of SDGs and NDCs implementation (e.g. through the multidimensional FEEM APPS model), also in the context of SDSN: The World in 2050 and Deep Decarbonization Pathways projects;
- Contributions to the **implementation and monitoring frameworks**;
- **Inputs** to Country reports/analyses or specific themes-related ones;
- **Sustainable development finance** analyses.

2. Dissemination and Education

With the aim of promoting knowledge and awareness about the 2030 Agenda, activities will be conducted in cooperation with other regional SDSN networks:

- Localisation of **SDSN Youth** Program;
- Production of **communication tools**, including website, social networks multimedia initiatives;
- Organization of **contests/involvement activities**;
- Organization of **education programs for schools**;
- **Events, seminars, divulgative publications.**

3. Solutions for Sustainable Development

SDSN Italia will be active as:

- 1. research center:** playing the role of “transmission chain” facilitating the translation of policy objectives and targets into relevant objectives for business and for related stakeholders.
- 2. key partner in problem solving alongside business:** supporting business in linking the 2030 Agenda to local issues, thus making it relevant for local stakeholders and strengthening their motivation for sustainability-related change.
- 3. facilitator of solution initiatives:** diffusing and scaling up best practices and smart solutions implemented by single, local actors and fostering Public Private Partnerships while encourage matching within different players. To promote knowledge and awareness about the 2030 Agenda.

SDSN Italia counts on:

- **Scientific robustness**, due to the contribution of research and academics institutions with a good track record in sustainable development;
- **Multidisciplinary approach**, thanks to the interaction of various disciplines (management, economics, environmental sciences, social sciences);
- **Multistakeholder structure**, addressing especially research and business, while boosting synergies with – *inter alia* - the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development and Global Compact Italian Network;
- **International exposure**, thanks to the linkages between local/national - regional and international dimensions.



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Research, implementation and monitoring

**Dissemination,
communication and
education**

**Solutions and
research - action**

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Leadership Council: a selection of higher representatives from Italian universities, research centers, business sector and - more in general - leaders willing to implement solutions towards the enhancement of the 2030 Agenda.

Executive Committee: Executive Directors and members drawn from the LC.

Secretariat: working in strict connection and in synergy with the SDSN Mediterranean Secretariat.

- Italian members of SDSN Mediterranean are opt – out members of SDSN Italia or vice - versa.
- Members of SDSN Italia are opt – out members of SDSN Mediterranean General Assembly.

SDSN Italia is open to Italian entities willing to be active promoters and implementers of the 2030 Agenda.

FEEM is active in supporting the enhancement of the 2030 Agenda, both through research projects and through the participation to SDSN initiatives.

- **FEEM APPS - Assessment, Projections and Policy of Sustainable Development**

Goals: an ex ante economic assessment of the post 2015 United Nations Development Goals to support decision making.

- **SDSN The World in 2050:** an integrated pathway for sustainable development through to 2050 that includes achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as interim milestones by 2030. FEEM researchers are part of the network.

- **SDSN Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (DDPP):** national, long-term low-emission development pathways that are consistent with the 2C target, thus supporting the achievement of SDG 13 on climate action. FEEM has developed the Italian DDP in cooperation with ENEA.

- **SDGS Center for Africa:** the first Africa SDSN regional network, that will be launched in June on the occasion of the African Union Summit and will be based in Kigali (Rwanda). FEEM would like to associate this project to its presence in Africa.

SDSN Italia will work for the national implementation of SDSN international paths and programs (e.g. SDSN Youth). Moreover, the network will be launching special projects and collective actions on key topics for sustainable development in the country. Examples are:

- **Urban Agenda:** building a Milan-based 2030 Agenda thus contributing to the new Urban Agenda in view of the next United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito in October 2016.
- **Top Management 4SEE:** launching a Top Management Forum on Sustainable Innovation to better align innovation for sustainability to the new Agenda requirements and scope while identifying new solutions.
- **Solutions Repository:** collecting and making available SDGs-related solutions operated by companies, also in cooperation with research institutions (e.g. agriculture and environmental management in Mediterranean area).

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Executive Advocacy Lunch



“We enter the Age of Sustainable Development”

Launch Event



“These goals are essential for the need to change the trajectory of the world economy”

“Extreme poverty rate is decreasing. We can end it in a generation”