

# Waking the Giant training

## Module 2



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Churches and the Sustainable  
Development Goals



# What is Agenda 2030?

- Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development is a global agenda to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet by 2030.
- Agenda 2030 provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.
- The agenda is universal. It is not only a call to action for developing and developed countries but is “for all stakeholders”, including individuals, churches, and church-related organizations.
- <https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda>





## **People**

We are determined to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.



## **Planet**

We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.



## **Prosperity**

We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.



## **Peace**

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.



## **Partnership**

We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.





# Agenda 2030 slogan

*“Leave no one behind”*

Parable of the good shepherd  
Matthew 18: 12-14

It resonates with many other holy scriptures



# What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that put Agenda 2030 into practice.
- The SDGs are a call for all countries – developed and developing – to act in a global partnership.
- Each goal focuses on one particular theme related to sustainability.
- The SDGs were adopted in 2015 by 193 member states of the United Nations
- SDGs follow the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that were set for the period 2000-2015.

# Every goal has its own symbol





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# Why SDGs and faith-based actors?

- Churches have a historical role in providing social services and advocating for global human values.
- De facto, churches and church-related organizations are already working on various SDGs – but many of them are not aware of it: "The church is a sleeping giant."
- Governments and the United Nations are often not fully aware of how much churches and faith actors do in areas such as education and health services, gender equality, peace etc.
- The Agenda 2030 presents an important opportunity for church actors.
- **The SDGs will not be achieved without involving faith-based actors!**





1. Churches and ecumenical actors will have related their own work to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. Churches in selected target countries will have strengthened their role in providing social and development services as well as in advocating in the areas of health (SDG 3), education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), reduced inequalities (SDG 10) and peace and justice (SDG 16).
3. Contributions of churches and ecumenical actors worldwide to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are given visibility, both within the ecumenical community and beyond.

# Pilot countries 2018-2020



# Waking the Giant achievements

- Implementation at the global level and in four target countries
- Visual identity for the initiative and setting up of a dedicated website
- Active participation in various global fora, e.g. UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, UN Commission on the Status of Women, ACT Assembly, PaRD General Assembly etc
- Production of information and training material on SDGs for church leaders
- Networking with various faith-based, governmental and inter-governmental organizations
- Support of research processes for mapping of churches' contributions to specific SDGs in the target countries





# How to get involved

- Visit [wakingthegiant.lutheranworld.org](http://wakingthegiant.lutheranworld.org) for further information
- Test and use the resources and materials
- Identify and co-brand your SDG-related activities with a Waking the Giant logo
- Join the joint advocacy efforts
- Use the hashtag #churchesforSDGs
- Sign up for the electronic newsletter (link on the website)



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