Transformative knowledge as part of sustainability governance

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- **Rule of law**
- **Democracy and inclusion**
- **Federal subsidiarity**
- **Value creation thru industry**

     + Time sovereignty
     + Transition
     + Context: Energy and SD

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Ready to deliver the Post-2015 Agenda?

The Sustainable Development Transition Forum

We, 55 experts and practitioners in planning and implementation from governments and organizations around the world, along with co-chairs from the Organisation of American States the German Council for Sustainable Development, are grateful to have assembl Korea from April 9-11 2014, under the auspices of the UN (UNOSD) to inter alia, explore the future of sustainable development int implement

„Governments must begin (…) reforms in governance and decision-making (…) address present-day realities and future challenges"

1. **No SDG without national enforcement and engagement**

2. **Nat'l Councils for SD and similar multi-stakeholder institutions**

3. **Integration, vertical + horizontal**

4. **Cross-cutting policies**

5. **Monitoring, reporting and accountability**

6. **Strengthening practitioners CoP**

It's about soft connectivity
(integration, coordination, alignment, sharing)
based on targets and indicators

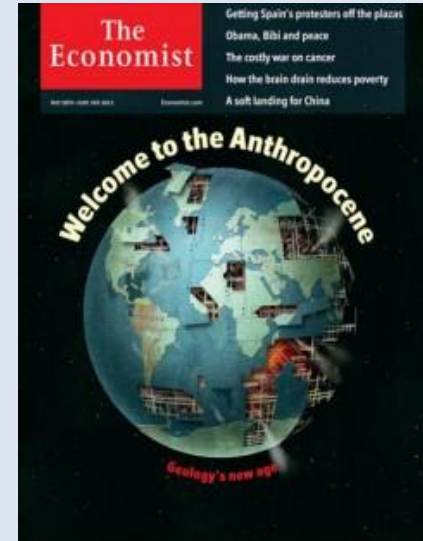|					
Fed Gov't	Science Intermediators	RNE (NCSD)	Parliamentary body on SD	Cities, local communities	Business Fora on SD
focus and coord. mech	evidence solutions	vision, agenda setting	democracy choice editing	example, participation	licence to op, reporting

? Informed Debate ?

The anthropocene: how do we cope with complexity ?

How would we know what matters ?

How do we avoid lock-ins and how will silo policies match intertwined issues ?

How to avoid fingerpointing from moral highground ?

Which science ethics + practize matter?

The Economist

Getting Spain's protesters off the plazas
Obama, Bibi and peace
The costly war on cancer
How the brain drain reduces poverty
A soft landing for China

Welcome to the Anthropocene

Geology's now gg

Transformational knowledge is only emerging

- **The time edge of scientific evidence**
  - **Time sovereignty: how long is long ?**
  - **Materiality: what actually matters to whom ?**
  - **Disrupture and continuity: how to make targets overlap policy cycles and economic loops ?**

- **Advanced studies**
  - **Visioning needs processes**
  - **Transdisciplinarity is a tough challenge to r&d**
  - **Reading the signs of regulatory competitiveness**

Sourcing from science and society

- **Falsification is the spin. Preaching thruth is not adding to knowledge democracy**

- **Governance in transition**
  - **Social responsibility**
  - **Inclusive agenda setting**
  - **Excellence / Transdisciplinarity**

- **FONA, Advanced Studies and internat'l coop.**
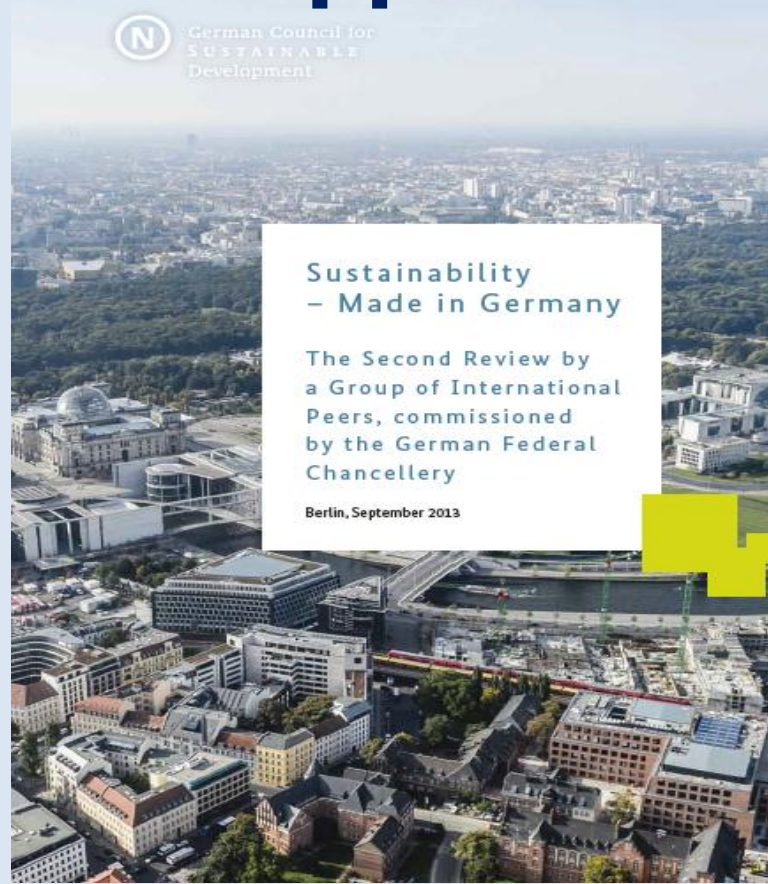
Peer Review examplifies interface approach

mandated by Gov't

facilitated by NCSD

innovation thru process

learning subsidiarity

exploring smart sovereignty

Sustainability – Made in Germany

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The Second Review by a Group of International Peers, commissioned by the German Federal Chancellery

Berlin, September 2013

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