

## **Meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals – Germany’s contribution regarding nutrition and sustainable consumption**

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In 2015, the international community adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>1</sup>. The 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) are a roadmap for the future. Their overarching goal is to create humane living conditions around the globe, including economic, environmental and social development aspects. Each and every one is called upon to act accordingly.

SDG 2 (“End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture”) and SDG 12 (“Sustainable consumption and production. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns”) are of particular political significance for the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Overweight and obesity are prevalent among the population. Preventing non-communicable diet-related diseases is a key goal of food and health policy. One promising cornerstone to promote a balanced diet is to reduce the content of sugar, fat and salt in certain foodstuffs. Other important building blocks are, for example, nutrition labelling, improving school meals, nutrition education, promotion of breast feeding and improving the nutrition of the elderly.

However, another key challenge of our society is to supply the growing global population with food while conserving our resources. With its National Strategy for Food Waste Reduction, the Federal Government aims at halving per-capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.

Dr Lorenz Franken will present the current focus areas of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture regarding food policy against the backdrop of the 2020 German Council Presidency.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), *transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, New York 2015 (UN-Dok. A/RES/69/315 and A/RES/70/1).