



# **Building Partnership to advance the Sustainable Development Goals**

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# Stockholm Environment Institute [www.sei.org](http://www.sei.org)

- SEI founded in 1989 from predecessor: **Beijer Institute**
- Named for 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment (known as the **Stockholm Conference**) – **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!**
- Ranked as the world's number 1 or 2 Environmental Think Tank during the past five years by the University of Pennsylvania Think Tanks and Civil Society Program (TTCSP)



# Aligning and Contributing to the SDGs




Solution  
driven  
science and  
Setting the  
Agenda



Strengthening  
capacity



Evidence  
based policy  
engagement



**Maintaining  
momentum,  
maximizing  
benefits on  
climate and SDGs**

# SDG Synergies

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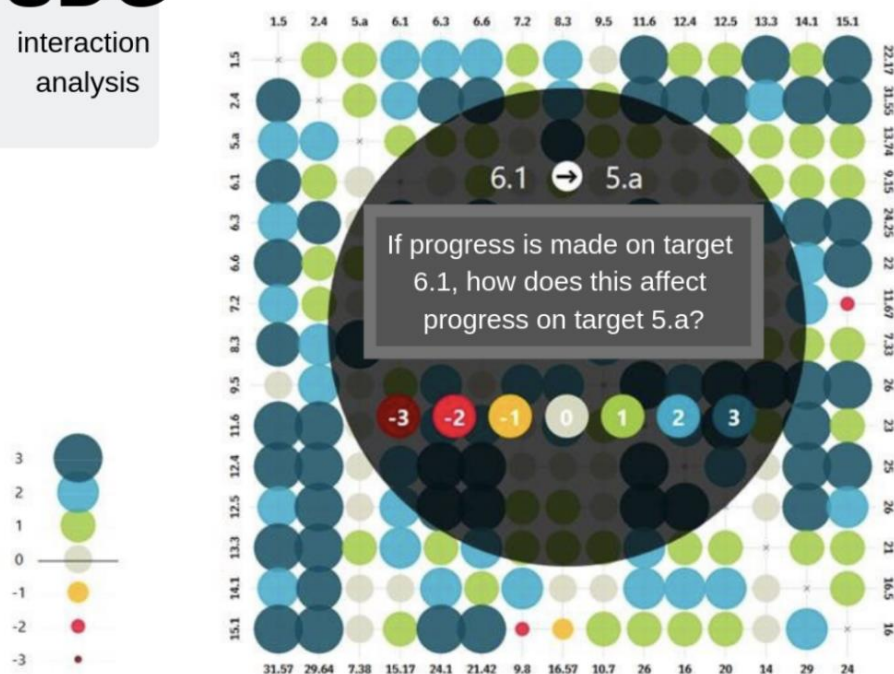


SDG Synergies helps to record, visualize and analyze how multiple targets are likely to interact in a given context. In doing so, it reveals deep patterns and relationships that would not be seen by simply looking at interactions between pairs of targets.

# Case study: Mongolia and Colombia

## SDG

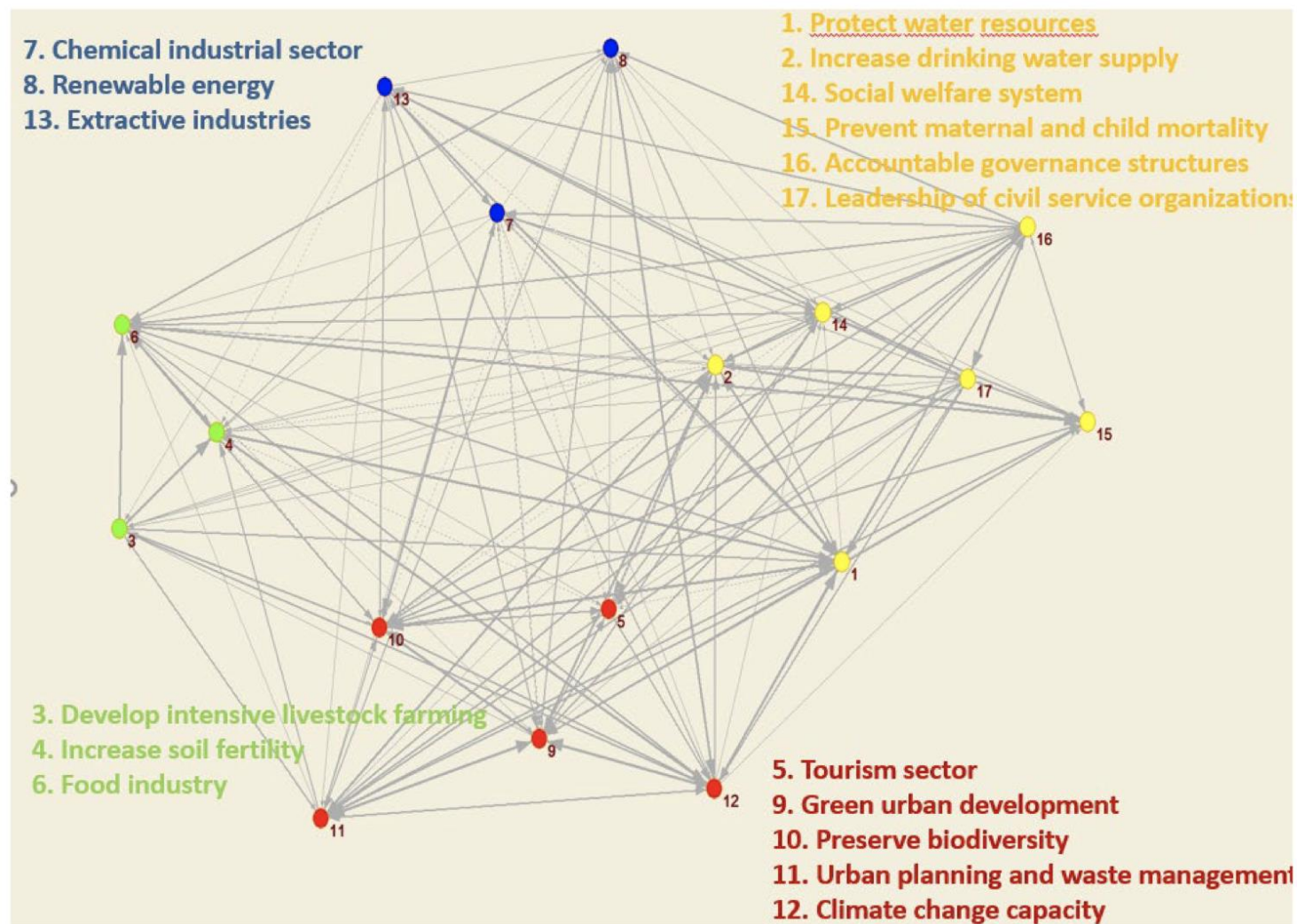
interaction  
analysis



The image shows the digital interface where stakeholders can score SDG interactions. This interface is accessed on a website and lets participants answer questions to score each SDG interaction by assessing the potential impacts, progress on one target would have on another. The Figure shows the matrix produced in the workshop in Medellín, Colombia. Source: SEI, 2018.



**Figure 6. Cluster analysis from the workshop in Mongolia**



Source: Barquet, K., Trimmer, C., Stureson, A., Joyce, B. and Jambal, D. (2019). Piloting the SDG Synergies Approach in Mongolia. Stockholm Environment Institute, Stockholm

# The Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030

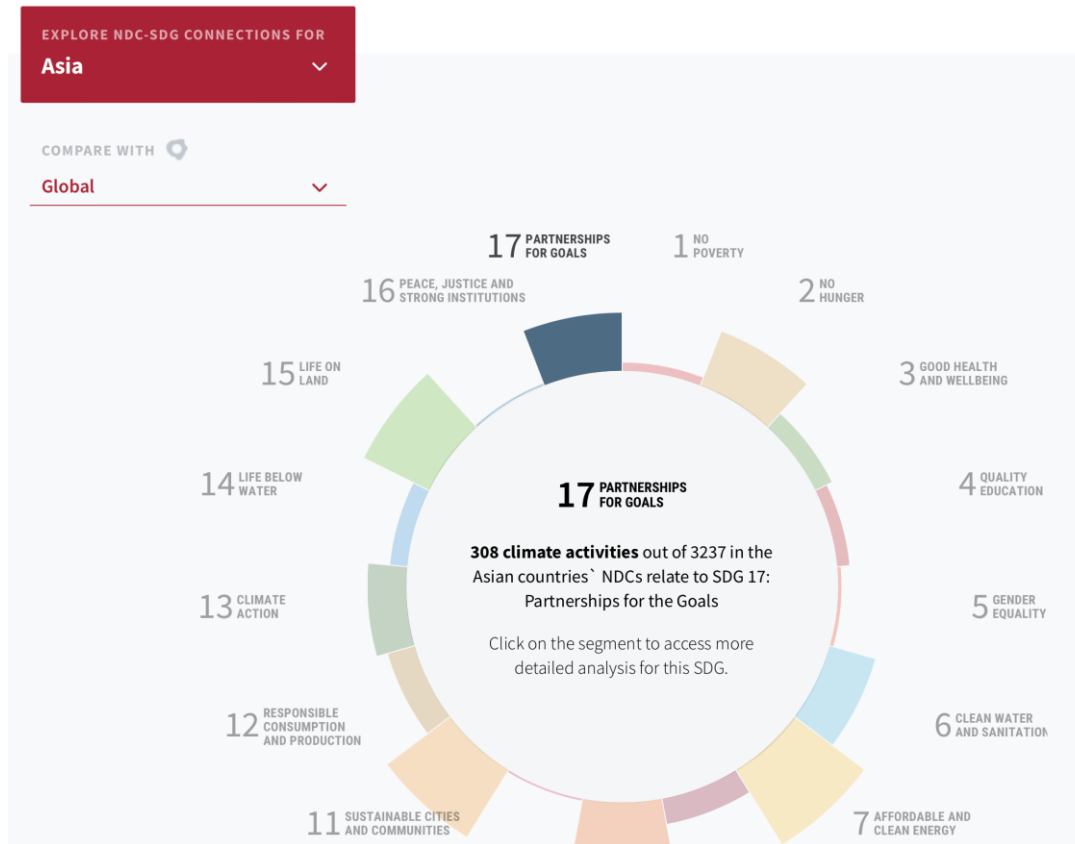
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The new [NDC-SDG Connections](#) tool, developed by SEI and the German Development Institute (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik; DIE), analyses and quantifies the points of connection between the NDCs and the SDGs (at the level of headline goals and individual targets).

In doing so, it identifies potential points of synergy and opportunities for coordinated and coherent policy-making that can promote more effective and ambitious implementation of both agendas.



# NDC-SDG Tool



[Visit the NDC-SDG Connections tool »](#)

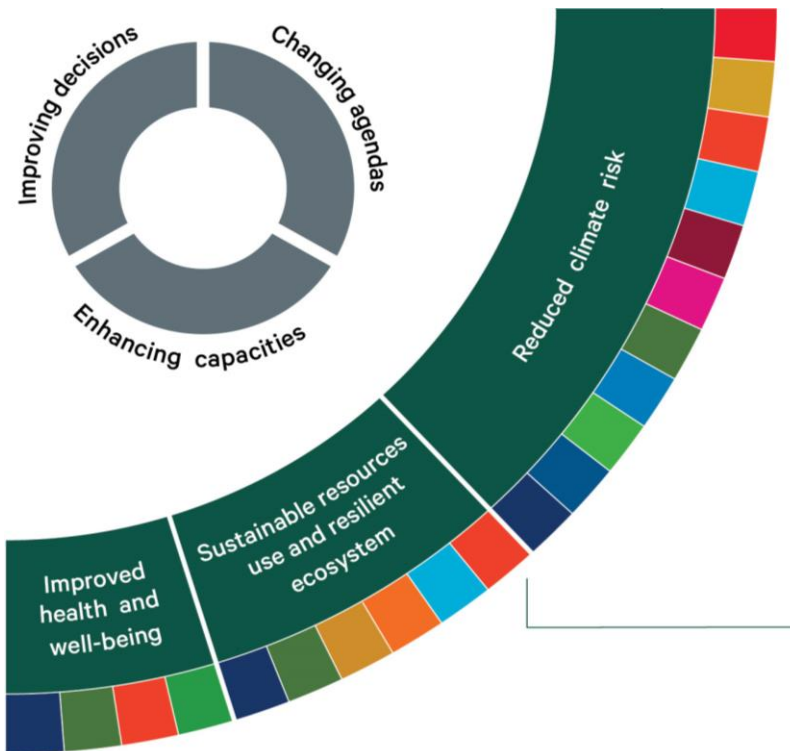
# Strategic Collaborative Fund

SEI Asia, with support from the Swedish government (Sida), launched the **Strategic Collaborative Fund** programme (SCF) in 2018 to enhance the current 2030 Agenda efforts in Asia

SCF2 supports **collaborative partnerships and policy dialogues** that integrate **gender and social equality and rights-based approaches** for addressing transboundary environmental issues and environmental sustainability



# SCF2's Impact Pathway



## Outcomes



### Changing ideas

Among stakeholders via knowledge exchange



### Enhancing capacities

Through SCF2-funded events, direct discussions, and online learning



### Improving decisions

Among stakeholders via the tools and engagement




### Enable new partnerships and initiatives

SEI - partners – relevant stakeholders via networking

- Type of outcome
- Impact area



## STRENGTHENING INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION

 ENVForum 2021 Circular Food Systems

Solutions to Reverse Climate Change

  
494  
Participants

Partner



The Asia-Europe Environmental Forum organized by the Asia-Europe Foundation, discussed four important thematic streams to promote circular food systems

-  Agriculture
-  Small and medium enterprises and food circularity
-  Food policy and security during the pandemic
-  International food trade

The session led by SEI recognized the need to unpack the current food system inequalities and promote policy transition to a sustainable, inclusive and circular food system.

 ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum

  
300  
Participants

Partner



The Forum gathered policy makers to discuss and agree on actions for enhancing mutual cooperation and led to the development of the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Enhancing Green and Sustainable Development Cooperation.



SEI also supported the review of the current China-ASEAN Strategy and Plan of Action (2021- 2025) which was adopted in November 2020 by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and China.

## COMMUNICATION AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

73

Communication  
& policy products

61,600

Online  
engagement

### SCF Communication Channels

SCF2 webpage  
> 6,700 page views  
in 2021



Monthly SCF2 newsletter  
> 1,000 subscribers



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## FROM EVENTS TO POLICY OUTCOMES

Strategic Inter-Regional  
Policy Strategy Support



Regional Policy Support  
for ASEAN



Policy Recommendations  
Co-Production



# Fostering Multistakeholder collaboration

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## **World Bank and SEI Partner to Promote Sustainable Capital Markets through SDG Mapping Methodology**

The World Bank and SEI present a paper about a methodology developed to map activities to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) using World Bank-financed projects as a case study.

## **Local2030 Coalition for the Decade of Action**

This report introduces the Local2030 Coalition, a United Nations-led platform and network designed to support and accelerate local-level delivery of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

## **UN Secretary General appoints SEI Research Director, Åsa Persson, to the scientific group to inform progress of the SDGs**

Åsa is one of fifteen scientists from around the world that has been appointed to the Independent Group of Scientists to prepare the 2023 UN Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR). We sat down with Åsa to get her take on what this appointment means, the direction of sustainable development and what we can expect when the final report comes out in 2023.

## **Collaboration Initiative on Food Losses & Food Wastes launched at MACS-G20**





# **Ways Forward**



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- The importance of pursuing the SDGs in an integrated manner, taking into account linkages between targets and interrelations between challenges and solutions.
  - The need for and importance of generating local actions, to prepare all urban stakeholders to better understand and apply the SDGs at city level, and to generate synergies with other agendas, such as the Paris Agreement on climate change.
  - The course we take from now on will set an example of how international agendas and global goals fare in terms of leading us to a more sustainable future.

Source: Sanchez et al. 2020



# Thank You

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