

Agenda 2030 SDG - Any hope?

Our global community has presented 17 goals for sustainable development. According to the Sustainable Development Report 2024 “On average, only 16 percent of the SDG targets are on track to be met globally by 2030, with the remaining 84 percent showing limited progress or a reversal of progress. At the global level, SDG progress has been stagnant since 2020, with SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 11 (..), SDG 14 (..), SDG 15 (..) and SDG 16 (..) particularly off track.” (pp:viii).

Strategies, visions and policies advocating volunteer action from businesses and public stakeholders – Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). This idea connect to the Triple bottom line – Profit, People, Planet, has been softened with concepts of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG).

The idea that business in capitalist markets can or intend to reduce profit in order to secure nature and social development has failed. Yes. We see several good examples, but the main trend is negative, as the SDG report conclude.

This paper discuss the need for a new regulative order to speed up goal achievement. Our findings focus on climate and nature goals 13,14 and 15 with respect to the alarming red flag news on climate and nature destruction from the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework supported by 196 counties dec. 2022.

Our paper discuss if the new EU initiatives – often referred to as a new regulate tsunami – can be a realistic politic-administrative track to follow.

This paper use literature studies and some cases to focus on dilemma for professional autonomy meeting a new order of regulation for SDG.

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