

Denmark VNR

**Thank you chair,
Ladies and gentlemen!**

The Danish civil society highly appreciate the inclusion of stakeholders into the VNR process.

We appreciate the public hearings and the VNR report, which includes our uncensored assessment of each goal.

However, The Danish VNR this year is based on an Action plan.

The VNR should be a review - LOOKING BACK at the 4 years since the VNR in 2017.

In that time, there have been no specific results on SDG implementation in Denmark.

In fact, our National Auditors concluded in 2020 that SDG implementation has been based on common knowledge and politics that already included the SDGs.

The new Action Plan means LOOKING AHEAD - and this also leaves us deeply concerned.

Because, in fact, **we are not heading towards a sustainable society** - not through policies and not through actions.

If all countries were to consume as we do, it would take 4 planets to supply the resources.

Nothing in the Action Plan matches the severity of the pressure on our natural resources.

We are deeply concerned by the lack of understanding of the urgency of taking action on SDGs 6, 12, 14 and 15.

The urgency is real:

- Pesticide residues are found in 45% of active waterwork wells.
- Danish biodiversity is degrading - 95% of terrestrial habitats and 7 out of 8 marine habitats are severely threatened.
- Our impact on global ecosystems is high as we import goods which directly cause deforestation abroad.

Therefore, we would like to ask how the government plans to:

- Act on pesticide residues and organic micropollutants in our water
- Act for improving biodiversity - dedicating space to nature
- Act for a 100% sustainable management of Danish marine resources
- Act for responsible consumption and production including corporate responsibility for human rights and the environment.
- Act on our global impact through requirements for deforestation free products in supply chains

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