

Agenda 21 – The Challenge to Sustainable Local Authorities: Conclusions of a Countrywide Evaluation in Bavaria

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SUMMARY

Since the Earth Summit in Rio 1992 local authorities have been in charge of for the successful implementation of sustainable development policies. In Johannesburg, at the conference Rio + 10 in 2002 the aims of sustainable development have been affirmed. The role of the surveying profession by the implementation of sustainable development is described in the "FIG Agenda 21". The surveying profession plays its part through, inter alia, the planning and management of land, sea and water resources, the surveying, and registration of real property, and the handling of geographic information.

The evaluation researched all Bavarian local authorities with and without Agenda 21 processes. The goal of the evaluation was to review the local Agenda 21 and to make suggestions for a conceptional further development.

In order to implement the order of Rio and Johannesburg all participants have to change one's views. The local Agenda 21 is a good chance for economy and particularly citizens to get involved in political decisions as partners. This means for the elected municipal officer, the administration and the citizens to change the perception and understanding of their work. Civil society is the new approach.