



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** are a set of **17 global goals** adopted by the United Nations on **25 September 2015** under the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. They aim to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality, protect the environment, and ensure sustainable development for all by **2030**.

The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** are a set of **17 global goals**, comprising **169 targets** and **304 indicators**, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in **2015** as part of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. The SDGs provide a universal framework for addressing major global challenges such as **poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace, and justice**.

The SDGs were introduced as the successor to the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) (2000–2015)**. While the MDGs achieved significant progress in areas such as poverty reduction, education, and health, they were criticized for their limited scope and inadequate focus on issues like inequality, environmental sustainability, governance, and human rights. The SDGs address these shortcomings through a broader, more inclusive, and universally applicable approach.

Unlike the MDGs, which primarily targeted developing countries, the SDGs apply to **all nations—developed and developing alike**. They emphasize the interconnected nature of economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection, aiming to create a world that is **inclusive, equitable, prosperous, and sustainable by 2030**.



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17 Sustainable Development Goals are aimed at eliminating poverty and hunger, improving health and education, ensuring gender equality, protecting the environment, and fostering long-term economic growth and global partnerships for a better world.

These 17 Sustainable Development Goals are:

- **SDG 1 - No Poverty:** All forms of poverty must be eradicated worldwide.
- **SDG 2 - Zero Hunger:** eliminate hunger, increase food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.
- **SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-Being:** Ensure healthy lifestyles and promote well-being for people of all ages.
- **SDG 4 - Quality Education:** Ensure that all students receive an inclusive and equitable **education**, as well as opportunities for lifelong learning.
- **SDG 5 - Gender Equality:** Ensure gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- **SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation:** Ensure that water and sanitation are available to everyone and managed sustainably.
- **SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy:** Ensure that everyone has access to affordable,



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reliable, sustainable, and modern energy sources.

- **SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth:** Encourage long-term, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent jobs for all.
- **SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:** Create resilient infrastructure, encourage inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.
- **SDG 10 - Reduced Inequality:** Reduce inequality within and between countries.
- **SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities:** Create cities and human settlements that are inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.
- **SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production:** Ensure your consumption and production patterns are sustainable.
- **SDG 13 - Climate Action:** Take immediate steps to combat climate change and its consequences.
- **SDG 14 - Life Below Water:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources to promote sustainable development.
- **SDG 15 - Life on Land:** Protect, restore, and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, manage forests sustainably, combat desertification, and stop **biodiversity** loss.
- **SDG 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions:** Encourage peaceful and inclusive societies, ensure equal access to justice for all, and establish effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions.
- **SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals:** Strengthen implementation mechanisms and revitalise global partnerships for sustainable development.
