



From the MDGs to the SDGs: A Discussion of the United Nations' Post- 2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

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2000: The Millennium Summit

Millennium Development Goals



2015

Looking beyond the MDGs

- **2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly** to review progress towards the MDGs, governments called not only for accelerating progress towards achieving the MDGs, but also for thinking on ways to advance the UN Development Agenda beyond 2015.
- **2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)** agreed to launch a process to develop a set of sustainable development goals (SDGs) that can be used to pursue focused and coherent action on sustainable development.



Post-2015 Development Agenda



- Outputs under negotiation include:
- Declaration
- Sustainable Development Goals and Targets
- Means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development
- Follow-up and review mechanism

Sustainable Development Goals



- The outcome of the Rio+20 Conference called for an open process in the General Assembly to develop a proposal on sustainable development goals
 - to be universal in nature if nationally differentiated
 - to address the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development

Open Working Group on SDGs



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sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/document/36322PoW_OWG_2014_session.pdf

PROGRAMME OF WORK

3 – 5 March	31 March – 4 April	5 – 9 May	16 – 20 June	14 – 18 July	August
Focus area document adopted and reviewed/ amendments suggested	Indicative debate based on clusters related to focus area document	Consultations based on revised focus area document	Consultations on SDGs and targets Produce refined SDGs and targets	Consultations on SDGs and targets Agreement and adoption of report on SDGs and targets	SDG report to PGA/SG

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Looking towards 2030: What do we need to do?



Building off the MDGs



- “How can you construct a vision of the future from previously agreed language?”

The OWG's Proposal for 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Looking Ahead Beyond 2015



- Indicators
- Education
- Universality
- Monitoring implementation
- Accountability
- Sustainable Development?
- Universality?



Thank you!

