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## **Topic: Sustainable Development Goals**

The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** or **Global Goals** are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. They are included in a UN Resolution called the **2030 Agenda** or what is colloquially known as **Agenda 2030**. The SDGs were developed in the Post-2015 Development Agenda as the future global development framework to succeed the Millennium Development Goals which ended in 2015.

The 17 SDGs are:

- 1) No Poverty,
- 2) Zero Hunger,
- 3) Good Health and Well-being,
- 4) Quality Education,
- 5) Gender Equality,
- 6) Clean Water and Sanitation,
- 7) Affordable and Clean Energy,
- 8) Decent Work and Economic Growth,
- 9) Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,
- 10) Reducing Inequality,
- 11) Sustainable Cities and Communities,
- 12) Responsible Consumption and Production,
- 13) Climate Action,

- 14) Life Below Water,
- 15) Life On Land,
- 16) Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions,
- 17) Partnerships for the Goals.

Though the goals are broad and interdependent, two years later (6th of July, 2017) the SDGs were made more "actionable" by a UN Resolution adopted by the General Assembly. The resolution identifies specific targets for each goal, along with indicators that are being used to measure progress toward each target. The year by which the target is meant to be achieved is usually between 2020 and 2030. For some of the targets, no end date is given.

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