



25.9.2015 - The UN member states have agreed on a new ambitious Sustainable Development Agenda to end poverty by 2030 and universally promote economic prosperity, social development and environmental protection.

"We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet," the 193 UN member states declared when agreement was reached on a landmark document called: "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."



Building on the success of the Millennium Development Goals or MDGs which helped lifting lift millions out of poverty, they have agreed 17 so-called Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs.

They are a new set of universal goals and targets that the states are expected to implement in the next 15 years. The new goals, including 169 concrete targets, are global in nature and universally applicable to all countries and not only to the developing countries as was the case with the MDGs.

“Often people say, ‘well you know, aren’t these too many goals? Can’t we just have a neat set of 8 or 10? Why do we need to have 17?’,” explains Amina J. Mohammed, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on Sustainable development. “The truth of the matter is that the world is not in such a neat shape that could be reflected in a neat set of goals. It’s in a pretty big mess and what these do is address that, address it in a much deeper way.”

The UN has grouped the goals into five “essential elements”: people, planet, prosperity, justice and partnership. Let’s take a closer look at them.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
GOAL 5
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
GOAL 13
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



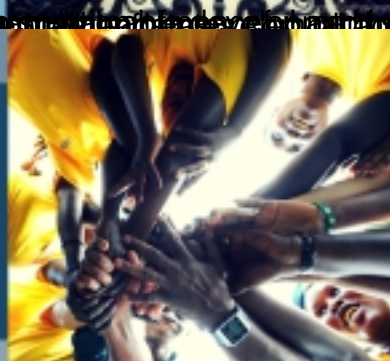
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
GOAL 8
Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
GOAL 16
Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
GOAL 17
Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



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