

Sustainable Development Goals and the UN Global Compact

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UN Global Compact

- World's largest corporate social responsibility initiative with 13000 corporate participants
 - Announced by then UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in an World Economic Forum on January 31, 1999,
 - encourages businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies
 - Under the Global Compact, companies are brought together with UN agencies, labour groups and civil society
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UN Global Compact Objectives

- Spread the ten principles in business activities around the world
 - Support actions in support of broader UN goals, such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
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The ten principles of the UN Global Compact

Human Rights

- **Principle 1:** Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
 - **Principle 2:** make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.
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- **Labour**
 - **Principle 3:** Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
 - **Principle 4:** the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
 - **Principle 5:** the effective abolition of child labour; and
 - **Principle 6:** the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
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Environment

- **Principle 7:** Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges
 - **Principle 8:** undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
 - **Principle 9:** encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.
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Anti-Corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

2030 Agenda

- A set of seventeen aspirational "Global Goals" with 169 targets between them (**SDGs**)
 - A call to companies to align strategies and operations with ethical principles
 - 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future
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Sustainable Development Goals





Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

- By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day
 - By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources
 - Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all
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Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

- By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency
 - By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix
 - By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services
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Guidance and support

- Establishing informative meeting points for companies, NGOs etc..
 - Provide helpful informationen on how to achieve the targets
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14
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Goals of the conference:

- Identify ways and means to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14;
 - Build on existing successful partnerships and stimulate innovative and concrete new partnerships to advance the implementation of Goal 14;
 - Involve all relevant stakeholders, bringing together Governments, the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations
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Critical view of the SDGs

- Mostly general goals
 - Not specific for each country or region
 - Impossible to achieve for some countries
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Thanks for your attention!

