# 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 policie
- Under the Global Compact, companies are brought together with UN agencies, labour groups and civil society

#### **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)

### 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.

# The ten principles of the UN Global Compact 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.

# The ten principles of the UN Global Compact Anti-Corruption

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

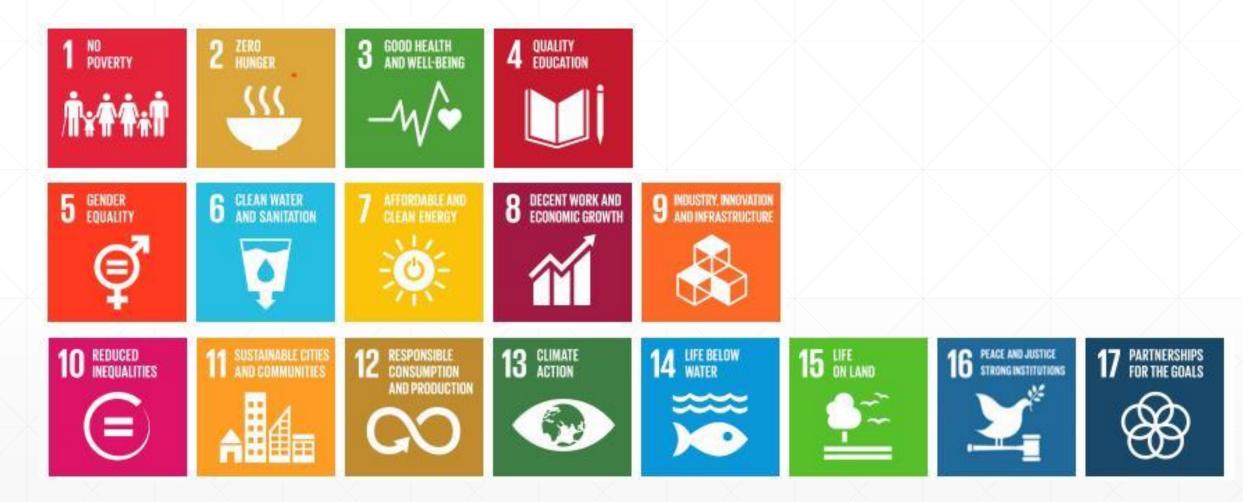
# 2030 Agenda

 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

## **Sustainable Development Goals**





 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



# 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

## **Guidance and support**

Establishing informative meeting points for companies, NGOs etc..

Provide helpful informationen on how to achieve the targets

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14** 5 - 9 JUNE 2017, NEW YORK

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

# **Thanks for your attention!**