

Global Goals

Governments put forward 17 goals to respond to global challenges

WORLD leaders are set to adopt a new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at a United Nations conference in September. The SDGs are goals, targets, and indicators that governments around the world will be expected to achieve over the next 15 years. The 17 proposed goals include ending poverty and hunger, making cities safe, protecting the oceans, reducing inequality, and creating jobs. In addition to reducing poverty, the SDGs are supposed to steer money and government policy toward areas where they can do the most good.

The SDGs will replace the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which governments agreed to in 2000 and are due to expire in 2015. The narrower MDGs focused on halving poverty and improving the lives of the world's poorest by 2015. As the MDG deadline approaches, the important goal of cutting extreme poverty in half was met ahead of time in 2010, but nearly 1 billion people still live in extreme poverty—as measured by the World Bank at \$1.25 a day—and more than 800 million people do not have enough food to eat.

Millennium Development Goals for 2000–15

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| 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger | 5 Improve maternal health |
| 2 Achieve universal primary education | 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases |
| 3 Promote gender equality and empower women | 7 Ensure environmental sustainability |
| 4 Reduce child mortality | 8 Develop a global partnership for development |

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Sustainable Development Goals for 2016–30



DIGNITY

1. End poverty
2. End hunger



PROSPERITY

7. Ensure affordable and sustainable energy
8. Promote decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure and foster innovation
10. Reduce inequality
12. Ensure sustainable consumption



PEOPLE

3. Ensure well-being
4. Ensure quality education
5. Achieve gender equality
6. Ensure water and sanitation for all
11. Make cities and settlements safe



JUSTICE

16. Promote peaceful societies



PLANET

13. Stop climate change
14. Protect the ocean
15. Take care of the earth



PARTNERSHIP

17. Strengthen partnership for sustainable development

