Sustainable Development Goals

A set of 17 "Global Goals" with 169 targets between them covering a broad range of sustainable development issues.

Adopted by world leaders in 2015 at an historic UN Summit — they officially came into force in January 2016.

193 UN member states adopted the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.
A role for everyone

... recognizing that the dignity of the human person is fundamental, we wish to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society. And we will endeavour to reach the furthest behind first.
With only 4% of the UK public having heard of the millennium development goals, NGOs need to do better with their successor
Opportunities

- Provide a common and consistent framework for reporting progress toward sustainable development.
- Help people understand sustainability, what it means and why it is important.
- Applicable to all sectors and agencies.
- Can help us engage with stakeholders.
Private sector adoption

The private sector has a significant role to play in meeting the Global Goals, but incorporating social and environmental factors into global corporate accounting remains a sizeable challenge.” Mukhisa Kituyi, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

One year after the launch of the SDGs the World Business Council for Sustainable Development proudly announced that nearly a third of its members are communicating on the SDGs.
“The UN Sustainable Development Goals are the master plan for a cleaner, fairer world. We want to lead with passion and purpose to help make that world possible.”

STEVE HOWARD
Chief Sustainability Officer
IKEA Group
“To close the gender gap, we must all join together – governments, businesses and individuals. There is a lot we can do in IKEA to boost women’s empowerment. And every step we take contributes to a better society. In September 2015, IKEA Switzerland became the first company in the world to reach the highest level of EDGE – the leading global standard for gender equality. This reinforces our commitment to ensuring a company structure and culture that prevents pay gaps and underrepresentation of women in management positions, and that offers different career paths for women.”

SIMONA SCARPALEGGIA
IKEA Retail Switzerland
Country Retail Manager and co-chair of the UN High Level Panel on Women’s Economic empowerment

To secure a reliable source of energy for the future, we must transition to renewables. Since 2009, we have committed to invest EUR 2.1 billion in renewable energy. We have already committed to own and operate 327 wind turbines and installed 730,000 solar panels on our buildings (see page 43).

We work to improve energy efficiency across our value chain – in our own operations (see page 41) and by working with our suppliers (see page 38). We offer products that enable our customers to save energy at home – like energy-saving LED bulbs. And our new home solar offer enables customers to turn their roofs into power stations, contributing to our ambition to make clean energy available and affordable for as many people as possible (see page 16).

We employed over 163,600 co-workers around the world in FY16, and we create employment for millions of people indirectly through our extended value chain. We want to ensure that what we do has a positive impact on their lives. Everyone should have access to decent work, under safe conditions.

We set minimum requirements on environment, social and working conditions throughout our supply chain through our code of conduct and programme for suppliers, IWAY. It ensures a mutual understanding with our suppliers – some of whom we have worked with for several decades.

We pay particular attention to vulnerable groups in our supply chain, such as migrant workers and home-based workers, to ensure that they can access decent employment. Find out more on page 68.
Many of SABMiller’s targets were already generally aligned with the broad aims of the SDGs - improving livelihoods and quality of life - securing clean water, and so on.

The company identified how 11 of the 17 goals relate to their five themes, and developed a framework to track its contribution to the SDGs.

SABMiller uses the framework to share stories of its various initiatives through which the business contributes strategically and operationally to the SDGs. Some initiatives address more than one of the goals.
SAB Miller
Global Framework

“We made a very conscious choice to align (our strategy) to the SDGs and to our commercial objectives, and we have now chosen to report externally on our progress in the same way, using the SDGs.

“It is a common framework that everyone has signed up to and that everyone understands. Over time, it should bring a universal approach to assessing development impact.”

Anna Swaithes, SAB Miller