

UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS COLLABORATIVE YOUTH ACTION

THE HISTORY

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can be traced back to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Rio de Janeiro in 2012, where world leaders recognized the need for a universal agenda that would integrate economic, social, and environmental dimensions of development. Following this, the UN General Assembly established an Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, which proposed a set of goals to address global challenges, succeeding the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In 2015, all 193 UN member states adopted the 17 SDGs as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, committing to work collectively towards eradicating poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all by 2030.

SDG 2030 FACTS

- **Number of Goals:** There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Interconnected:** The SDGs are designed as interconnected goals, meaning progress in one can impact progress in others.
- **Universal:** The SDGs apply to all countries, not just developing ones.
- **Measurable:** There are specific targets and indicators to track progress towards each SDG.



GOAL 13

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts" by strengthening resilience to climate-related disasters, integrating climate policies into planning, education, and improving awareness



GOAL 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels." It highlights the importance of reducing violence, corruption, promoting the rule of law, and inclusive decision-making



GOAL 17

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development." It focuses on building collaborations across governments, businesses, and civil society to finance and implement the SDGs

YOUTH POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

How to get involved/advocate for the SDGs as a youth?

- Reach Out to Your MP/MPP/City Councillor!
- Research about the Canadian Political system
- Understand your local political landscape
- Join Community/Resident/Neighbourhood Associations
- Volunteer Committees/Advisory Committees
- Attend Council Meetings
- Sign up to Speak at a Council Meeting
- Join Issues Based Campaigns
- Join NFP Advocacy Organizations and Elector Associations
- Starting Your Own Campaign!