



Evaluating the Sustainable Development Goals

New Challenges for Research, Policy and Business

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17 Sustainable Development Goals





What is different this time?

Dominance of donor countries

- Participatory process involving a wider range of actors
- Broader target group, including industrialized countries

Focus on aid

- Multiple foci, including investment, building governance and infrastructure, as well as capacity building
- Several actor groups are called on to finance implementation

Silo structure

- Comprehensive set of 17 goals, 169 targets
- Interlinked network of goals

Vague M & E

- Specific ambition to establish a sound M & E system
- Timely way of addressing M & E

Source: Lancet Report, 2010



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Missing dimensions of development

- Broad conceptualisation of development with balanced number of goals in the economic, social, economic and governance spheres

Environmental sustainability

- Significantly strengthened (3 dedicated goals and a number of cross-cutting targets)

Economic growth vs. human development

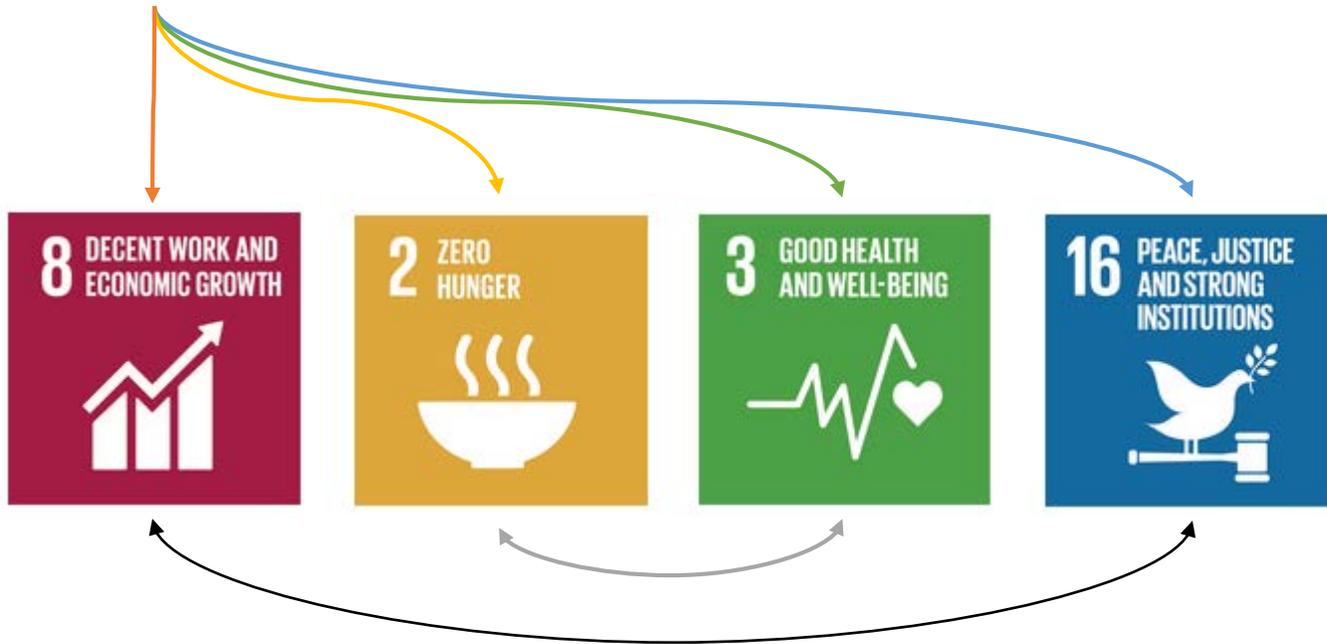
- Attempt to bridge the gap and write in due consideration for both aspects into the goals
- Trade-offs still present



169 interlinked targets



- End extreme poverty including absolute **income** poverty (\$1.25 or less per day).
- End **hunger** and achieve food security, appropriate nutrition, and zero **child stunting**.
- Provide enhanced support for highly vulnerable states and Least Developed Countries, to address the **structural challenges** facing those countries, including **violence and conflict**.





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- By 2030, achieve universal and equitable **access to safe and affordable drinking water** for all
- By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from **water scarcity**
- By 2020, protect and restore water-related **ecosystems**





Objectives of the SDG Symposium

- What is the role and contribution of evaluation in effective implementation and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What are the implications of the Sustainable Development Goals for the evaluation profession and practice across sectors?
- How to mobilise and align key actors from evaluation, research, business, policy, and civil society?

