

A definitional note on goals and targets

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Guidance on scope and purpose of SDGs

- should integrate the unfinished business of the MDGs
- should address and be focused on priority areas for the achievement of sustainable development, being guided by the Rio+20 outcome document
- should address and incorporate in a balanced way all three dimensions of sustainable development and their interlinkages
- should contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, serve as a driver for implementation and mainstreaming of sustainable development in the United Nations system as a whole

Guidance on design of SDGs

- *Goal*: expresses an ambitious, specific and actionable commitment.
- concise and easy to communicate
- aspirational
- transformational
- limited in number
- global in nature and universally applicable to all countries while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities.

Guidance on design of Targets

- *Target*: Specific, measurable objective whose attainment will contribute in major way to achieving one or more goals
- Aspirational yet attainable
- Evident link between target and goal
- Speak to all relevant stakeholders
- Nationally relevant, adaptable
- Time-bound
- Evidence-, science-based
- Adjustable:
 - as science advances
 - if countries choose to raise level of ambition.