The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development came into force globally on 1 January 2016. The Goals aim to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

Unanimously adopted by the UN’s 193 Member States (UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/1), the SDGs apply to all countries and recognise that social, economic, and environmental factors, as well as peace, justice and effective institutions are interconnected and vital for sustainable development.

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**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**

- SDGs information page www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment
- Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform sustainabledevelopment.un.org
- General Assembly Resolution Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development undocs.org/A/RES/70/1

“There is no Plan B because there is no Planet B”

– UN SECRETARY-GENERAL
GOAL 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

GOAL 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

GOAL 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all to all ages

GOAL 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

GOAL 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

GOAL 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

GOAL 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

GOAL 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

GOAL 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

GOAL 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

GOAL 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

GOAL 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

GOAL 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

GOAL 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

GOAL 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

GOAL 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for all levels

GOAL 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

*Acknowledge that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.
Developing a SDG Index for Canadian Municipalities

SDSN Canada is developing a ‘Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index for Canadian Municipalities’ to benchmark municipal progress on the SDGs. The Index will be a valuable tool for municipal governments to align their visions of sustainability with the global SDG framework and explore how municipal leaders can set a framework for action to address the many sustainable development challenges affecting their communities.

Research for the Index is led by the University of Waterloo, in collaboration with project partners Statistics Canada and SDSN Global. The Index is planned to launch to the public in the fall of 2019.

In September 2015, world leaders from all 193 countries adopted the SDGs to guide action on the urgent environmental, political and economic challenges facing our planet. Three years into the mandate, progress is slow. The majority of Canadians have never heard of the Goals and SDG policy is missing throughout many levels of government. As we look ahead to 2030, there is a need to find ways to localize the SDGs so they are relevant to communities of all sizes across Canada.

SDSN Canada sees a unique opportunity to use a SDG Index for Canadian Municipalities to accomplish three key objectives:

- Encouraging stronger and more impactful activity at the local and municipal level in support of the SDGs.

- Promoting and raising awareness of opportunities for municipalities and local authorities to respond to the SDGs.

- Developing metrics, tools and systems that will allow Canadian municipalities to assess their SDG-related activities.

Data-visualization tools will be developed to ensure the results of the index are easily communicated to the public. An open consultation with municipalities on the draft Index will take place throughout the summer of 2019.

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