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Defining Sustainable Development

- Sustainable development is economic development that meets the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of **future generations** to meet their own needs
- In 2015 the United Nations Member States committed to a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future
 - This blueprint is called The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Integral to the blueprint are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which recognise that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and generate economic growth – while tackling climate change and working to preserve oceans and forests
 - The SDGs build on more than fifty years of work by countries and the United Nations



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The 17 Sustainable Development Goals

• The SDGs provide both a target for sustainable development and also a metric to measure and gauge the progress made

An Explanation of the 17 SDGs (Source: UN SDGs)

2030 Goal	Explanation
1 poverty M*****	 End all forms of poverty by 2030, including absolute and relative poverty
2 ZERO HUNGER	 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5 GENDER EQUALITY	 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
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