No one left behind
Understanding the Sustainable Development Goals

What are the SDGs?
The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 universal goals, targets and indicators to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. It is expected that all UN States adopt policies and political agendas that help meet these targets by 2030.

The SDGs build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals but go further to end all forms of poverty. Importantly, they apply to all countries and all governments.

They acknowledge that addressing inequality is a truly global issue and governments are expected to set national frameworks for achieving the goals.

Ending poverty is critical to achieving sustainable development. But it must go hand-in-hand with strategies to improve economic growth, achieve social inclusion, and protect the environment and address climate change.

The SDGs are the preeminent tool for meeting people’s needs in the present and ensuring no one is left behind, without compromising the resources or ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Why are the SDGs important?
Built on the principle of universality, the SDGs help us achieve the world we want. This is a world where there is social inclusion and equality. All the SDGs are complementary, and true sustainable development cannot be achieved without them all being implemented. Importantly, addressing gender inequity and women’s empowerment cut across all other SDGs.

The SDGs will have a global impact on:

- **People** – no poverty; zero hunger; good health and wellbeing; quality education; gender equality
- **Planet** – clean water and sanitation; responsible consumption and production; climate action; life below water; life on land
Recognise any unintended outcomes or consequences of their work

Navigating the contextual factors that affect policy, program and project success and how to address them

Understand how to use cutting edge technologies and approaches to achieve best-practice monitoring and evaluation

**What can parliamentarians do?**

To ensure the SDGs are a success, parliamentarians must:

- Raise awareness amongst parliamentary colleagues and government officials about the value of evaluation in meeting SDG goals
- Support the development of National Evaluation Policies that will set standards for evaluation across parliament and government, and strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of SDG frameworks
- Engage in national and regional dialogue and collaborative partnerships with critical stakeholders, including national evaluation associations, civil society organisations, funding institutions, and regional parliamentarian colleagues advocating for improved evaluative practice
- Ensure that Voluntary National reviews of SDG progress are informed by evidence from evaluations

The Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation knows that evaluation can enable governments and parliaments to more efficiently and effectively address national interests and achieve the SDGs. We can assist you in fulfilling your SDG responsibilities.

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The Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation can connect you with relevant experts to support your unique needs and advance evaluative practice in your parliament.

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