

# **SND - NGO UNITED NATIONS Update**

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### **Sustainable Development Goals to include and broaden MDGS**

Since Rio + 20, held in Brazil in 2012, NGOs, UN agencies, and UN country delegations have been working to make the SDGs more realistic and more universal. The MDGS placed a lot of expectations on the developing countries with few demands on developed countries. The SDGs will not only require all countries to respond to things like inequality and care of the earth – added to the 17 goals that you see here are specific targets and measurable indicators.

To see targets and indicators for each goal, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/o9ulbye>

**Sustainable Development Goals – Target date is 2030**



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| <b>Goal 1</b>  | End poverty in all its forms everywhere  |
| <b>Goal 2</b>  | End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture                         |
| <b>Goal 3</b>  | Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages  |
| <b>Goal 4</b>  | Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all                 |
| <b>Goal 5</b>  | Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls  |
| <b>Goal 6</b>  | Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all                                       |
| <b>Goal 7</b>  | Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all   |
| <b>Goal 8</b>  | Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all |
| <b>Goal 9</b>  | Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation            |
| <b>Goal 10</b> | Reduce inequality within and among countries   |
| <b>Goal 11</b> | Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable   |
| <b>Goal 12</b> | Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns   |
| <b>Goal 13</b> | Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*   |
| <b>Goal 14</b> | 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 at all levels

### Goal 17

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

## UN Statistical Commission

Each year, NGOs at the UN find themselves participating in new ways in order to influence global policy for the common good. Since the statistical experts asked for input on the SDG measurable indicators for migration, Mary Jo was asked to join a panel for this commission. Among other suggestions, she focused on Goal 8.8 which is “promoting, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.” The indicators which the NGO Committee has developed with our international colleagues are:

- equal pay for equal work
- freedom to change employers
- the right to participate in trade unions
- human rights based circular migration
- penalties in cases of exploitation
- employers responsible for recruitment fees
- due process for complaints
- recruitment of foreign workers by registered recruiters, who observe ethical methods of negotiating for needed workers



## Committee of Religious NGOS at the UN

In a world where conflict is often precipitated in the name of religion, NGOs are working hard to foster mutual respect among people of differing faith traditions. The Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations is composed of the representatives of national and international organizations which define their work as religious, spiritual or ethical in nature and are accredited to the UN. The Committee of Religious NGOs meets regularly to share information and insights about the complex issues and events at the UN. The Committee’s focus is two fold. It serves as a forum to inform and educate our constituencies about the global challenges of our time, and the constructive role that the UN can play in addressing those issues. It also serves as a forum for exchanging and promoting shared religious and ethical values in the deliberations of the world organization. The photo at the right is of a meeting of the planning committee for World Interfaith Harmony Week at the UN General Assembly.



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