



ENGAGING MANITOBANS ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Roundtable and Focus Group Discussions with MCIC

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PREPARED FOR “YOUTH & THE SDGs” FOCUS GROUP

1. Should Canada prioritize certain SDGs? If so, which ones? If not, why not?
2. What is your level of awareness or knowledge of the 2030 Agenda?
3. What are some of the biggest sustainable development challenges in your community?
4. Who [private sector, federal/provincial/municipal government, civil society] do you want to see as leaders on the SDGs?
5. How can the role of your local community and municipality in addressing sustainable development be increased? What knowledge does it have to inform the National Strategy?
6. How can Canada engage youth on, and share with youth, the 2030 Agenda and its’ SDGs (integrated into educational activities, social media)?
7. Do the SDGs and their targets adequately reflect and include Indigenous traditional knowledge, directly or indirectly? Where do you see the gaps?

2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In September 2015, Canada and 192 other United Nations member states adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The [2030 Agenda](#) is a plan of action for people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership. It integrates social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, as well as peace, governance and justice elements. On January 1, 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#) or [Global Goals](#)) of the 2030 Agenda officially came into force. The SDGs cover a wide range of sustainability issues and focus on a framework of universal action; highlighting local, national and international priority areas to end poverty and hunger, improve health and education, make cities more sustainable and combat climate change. Each goal has specific targets and indicators to help encourage and track progress on each goal, there are 169 targets and 230 indicators in total. The 2030 Agenda includes an overarching principle of ensuring that no one is left behind in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Over the course of 15 years, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development is development that meets the need of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It calls for efforts towards building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future for people and the planet. For sustainable development to be achieved, the following pillars need to align: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection. These elements are interconnected, just as the Goals are, and their success is crucial to the well-being of individuals, societies and the planet.





End poverty in all its forms everywhere.



Reduce inequality within and among countries.



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



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



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.



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



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



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



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



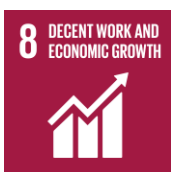
Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.



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



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



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



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



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