

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

## Sustainable Development Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals

SDG 17 calls for a global partnership for sustainable development. The goal highlights the importance of global macroeconomic stability and the need to mobilise financial resources for developing countries from international sources, as well as through strengthened domestic capacities for revenue collection. It also highlights the importance of trade for developing countries and equitable rules for governing international trade. Furthermore, SDG 17 emphasises the importance of access to science, technology and innovation, in particular internet-based information and communications technology.

The world today is more interconnected than ever before, in part due to digital technology. The SDGs can only be realised with a strong commitment to global partnership and cooperation. Coordinating policies to help developing countries, particularly least-developed countries, is vital to achieving sustainable growth and development. This includes supporting these countries in managing their finances, including debt, as well as promoting investment. SDG 17 reflects a holistic approach to the means of implementation for the 2030 Agenda, including 19 targets that span finance, technology, capacity-building, trade and systemic issues. In addition, the means of implementation are integrated across the other Goals through dedicated targets, underlining their cross-cutting nature.

Many developing countries have made targeted efforts for enhancing domestic resource mobilization and private sector development. Net Official Development Assistance flows by member countries of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development totaled \$147.4 billion in 2019. The debt burden on developing countries remains stable at about 3 per cent of export revenue. Almost half of the world's population is not connected to the internet, particularly in poor countries.79 per cent of imports from developing countries enter developed countries duty-free. Trade, foreign direct investment and remittances all projected to decline by up to 40 per cent in 2020.

## Things to do:

- ✓ Find a Goal 17 charity you want to support. Any donation, big or small, can make a difference!
- ✓ Support export by buying products from developing countries. Pay attention to the Fair Trade label on products which helps to indicate products from local producers in developing countries.
- ✓ Work or volunteer in NGOs that are working towards the Global Goals. You can contribute through various projects to achieving the Goals by 2030.
- ✓ Stay informed. Follow your local news and stay in touch with the Global Goals online or on social media.¹

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