



# 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

## What is sustainable development?

Simply put, sustainable development is development—environmental, social or economic—that meets the needs of today while making sure that the needs of others are not compromised in the future.

## What are the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals?

In 2015 the United Nations and its member states adopted seventeen goals—known as the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)**—to help, “end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind” by the year 2030. These Global Goals are a call to action by all of the world’s nations, “to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.”

## What is the Co-ops for 2030 Campaign?

In 1895 the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) was founded with the goal of advancing the co-operative model around the globe, and now represents 306 co-op federations and organizations in 105 countries.

The International Co-operative Alliance noted that many of the UN’s Global Goals line up with our principles and values as a co-operative movement. And as a result, the ICA adopted the Co-ops for 2030 campaign so that co-ops could learn more about the SDGs and take action too.

The ICA has grouped the UN’s seventeen sustainable development goals into four broad action areas:

1. eradicating poverty,
2. improving access to basic goods and services,
3. protecting the environment, and
4. building a more sustainable food system.

## The Seventeen Global Goals Are:

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| 1. No poverty                 | 7. Affordable and clean energy              | 13. Climate action                         |
| 2. Zero hunger                | 8. Decent work and economic growth          | 14. Life below water                       |
| 3. Good health and well-being | 9. Industry, innovation, and infrastructure | 15. Life on land                           |
| 4. Quality education          | 10. Reduced inequalities                    | 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions |
| 5. Gender equality            | 11. Sustainable cities and communities      | 17. Partnerships for the goals             |
| 6. Clean water and sanitation | 12. Responsible consumption and production  |  |



## Housing co-ops for 2030

In 2016 CHF Canada's members adopted a resolution at the Annual General Meeting that would incorporate the mandate of the UN SDGs into its own work. CHF Canada is committed to join with the ICA to help housing co-operatives meet and achieve the goals set out in the Co-ops for 2030 campaign.

*So what can housing co-ops do to help meet the 2030 agenda? And how do CHF Canada member housing co-ops go about joining the Co-ops for 2030 Campaign?*

Many small acts can certainly add up to a big impact in our sector and for the planet! We can help end poverty and hunger by providing safe, affordable and stable homes. And the values and principles of the co-operative movement provide the moral, and ethical leadership needed to help meet these goals.

For these reasons CHF Canada recommends that housing co-ops and regional federations focus on two sector specific goals—**eradicating poverty** and **protecting the environment**.

The ICA is encouraging co-ops from around the world to **make a pledge** that will positively affect change in one of the action areas. CHF Canada is hoping that our members will be leaders in this effort, and pledge to make a change in one of the two action goals noted: reducing poverty and protecting the environment. However, we also suggest, as outlined by the ICA—that it is not enough to simply make a pledge—there must be measurable actions that track progress.

**As an example**, a housing co-op could make the following pledge and adopt the indicator:

**Pledge:** A housing co-op pledges to install LED lights in all of the co-op's common areas.

**Indicator:** Savings to the co-op's hydro bill will be made public to the members at the annual meeting.

**OR**

**Pledge:** A housing co-op commits to making subsidy available to three new member households in the coming financial year.

**Indicator:** By the end of the next fiscal year an additional three units will be housing families or individuals in receipt of subsidy.

Co-ops are encouraged to go to the Co-ops for 2030 webpage to make your pledges!

[www.coopsfor2030.coop/en/your-pledge](http://www.coopsfor2030.coop/en/your-pledge)

Also, contact us at CHF Canada so that we can congratulate your co-op and profile it in upcoming news items!

### For more information:

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Agenda

[www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda)

17 Goals to Transform our World

[www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals)

Sustainable Development Goals—Take Action!

[www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction)