



Key messages on SDG 12 in the progress of Agenda 2030

- SDG summit & HLPF review of SDG 8

Key messages extracted from the ECOSOC [progress report](#) for the HLPF 2019, in the context of the review of the progress on Agenda 2030 in September and of SDG 8 in July:

1. **Accelerate achieving Agenda 2030 by prioritising the implementation of SDG 12. Sustainable consumption and production is a systems approach to delivering Agenda 2030.** It considers the entire life cycle of economic activities, from the extraction of resources, processing these resources into materials and products, the use of these products, and finally their disposal as wastes or emissions. It helps to identify and develop transformative solutions that achieve multiple sustainability objectives simultaneously when economic, social and environmental aspects are jointly addressed. SCP is a systems approach, and as such, it delivers an overall net benefit on sustainability because it considers burden-shifting along the entire value chain. By implementing SDG 12, all of the Goals progress significantly. SDG 12 is an effective and cost-efficient way to deliver on Agenda 2030.
2. **Natural resource use must be central to economic policy and development.** A fundamental change in how we use and manage natural resources in our socioeconomic system is an essential element in the transition to a sustainable future. The use of natural resources is often interpreted as an environmental issue; however, natural resources are necessary for sustainable, equitable growth. The use of natural resources, and the derived impacts from this use, must be central to economic discussions and economic policy.
3. **Decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation is possible** (SDG target 8.4). If measures are taken to improve resource efficiency and these efforts are complemented by well-designed sustainability actions and policies, the International Resource Panel projects a substantial opportunity for increased economic prosperity while remaining within our planetary boundaries. Net economic benefits indicate a global GDP 8% above Historical Trends, reaching 233 trillion USD by 2060, and including a more equal distribution of GDP per capita. This would be accompanied by a 25% reduction in global resource extraction (to 143 billion tonnes), which contributes to a 90% decrease in GHG emissions (to 4.8GT CO₂e).
4. **Resource-intensive sectors are levers for change.** At a global level, on average, the sectors of Agriculture, Food and Construction accounted for nearly 70% of the world's total material footprint in 2015. Changing the way in which we produce and consume food, and the way in which we build, both have the potential to be real game changers to significantly improve resource efficiency and decouple economic growth from environmental degradation.
5. **Strengthen policy coherence and partnerships.** Implementing Goal 12 will require changes in the way businesses create value and citizens choose, use and dispose of products. But, that alone, is not enough. Implementing Goal 12 also requires changes in the way that policies steer action and build the social infrastructure where citizens live. For this, it will be key to ensure partnerships and cooperation with all stakeholders at the national level in order to create a sense of national ownership and bring sustainable consumption and production objectives to the core of a nation's development plan in the context of the



Sustainable Development Goals. It will require strengthening coordination and policy coherence and integration across ministries and, crucially, engaging those with key economic and financial portfolios.

6. **Strengthen engagement with business to identify and scale-up innovations and solutions with quantified resource efficiency gains.** These innovations and solutions, that are overwhelmingly led by businesses, can significantly contribute to decoupling economic growth from natural resource use and environmental degradation if they are scaled up and replicated. Prioritising identification of such solutions and strengthening the engagement of businesses would enable the identification of further such innovations and solutions.
7. **Leverage the UN Development reform to strengthen coherent support on SDG 12.** The United Nations development reform provides further opportunities to provide coherent and strengthened support to countries, in particular by building on the reinvigorated resident coordinator system and the new generation of United Nations country teams.
8. **Fund the implementation of SDG 12:** Availability of, and access to financial resources to support actions that are at scale is a key success factor in the implementation of any goal. Sustainable Development Goal 12 has been recognised as being significantly under-resourced. The private sector, the public sector and financial institutions play an important role in unlocking financial flows and are encouraged to support the implementation of Goal 12, including through contributions to its One Planet global fund for SDG 12.
9. **Strengthen and engage in an operational multi-stakeholder partnership for SDG 12:** The One Planet network, which formed to implement the 10YFP, is an operational partnership that has the potential to be transformational and through which efforts in implementing SDG 12 can be strategically channelled. It also benefits from achievements and lessons learnt over the last 5 years. Strengthening existing partnerships which have made significant investments in the initial phases of development is critical to the ambitious timeframe for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
10. **Deliver on SDG 12 through the ‘One Plan for One Planet’ Strategy 2018-2022. The Strategy offers** a clear way forward on the shift to SCP in the immediate future. The four objectives and the strategic principles and approaches defined in this strategy leverage the diverse strengths of organisations committed to and taking action on SCP for an effective delivery of SDG 12 and other related Goals and targets.



The One Planet network is the recognised SDG 12 implementation mechanism, which formed to implement the 10YFP.

The review of SDG 8 includes the review of target 8.4: to “improve resource efficiency (...) and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10YFP”.