

Your UNITED NATIONS: transforming our world through SDGs as CHANGEMAKER



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9th Secretary General Antonio Guterres, selected through more transparent, open and inclusive process



First SG with prior Head of State/UN Agency chief experience

- Announcement of vision statement by all the candidates (13 in total);
- Informal dialogues of candidates, including questions from civil societies;
- Straw polls at the Security Council;
- Consensus reached on 6 October 2016;
- Gender equality as one of SG's top priorities – gender parity at senior management level achieved, to be achieved at all levels by 2028
- PREVENTION as key



Three reforms taking place...

- 1. Peace and Security
 architecture reform (more emphasis on prevention; how DPA, DPKO, and PBSO can work in tandem; new UN Office of Counter-Terrorism);
- 2. UN Development System reform to be more effective in helping Member States address SDGs;
- 3. Management reform to be more nimble and effective to alleviate people's suffering



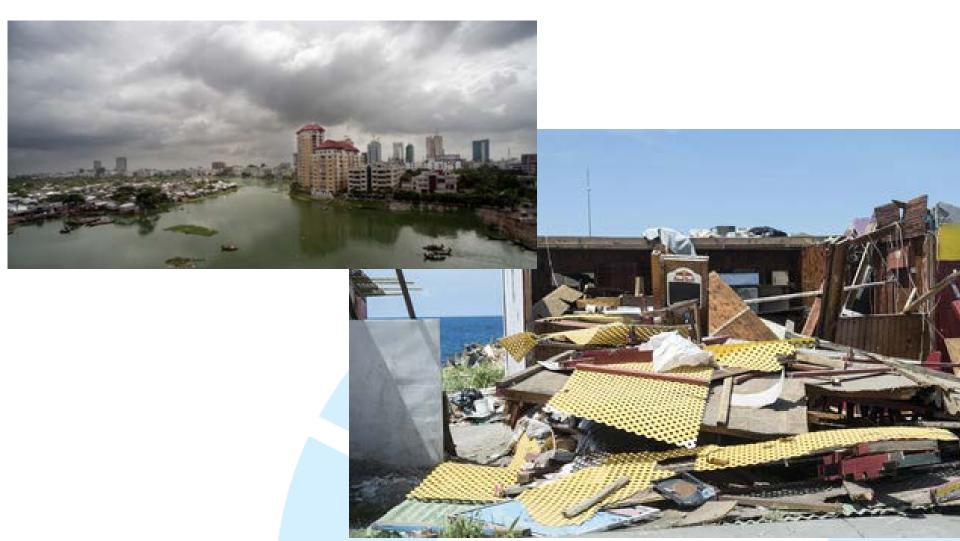
The UN trying to become fit for purpose able to be more nimble and coordinated, with clear focus on prevention.







As there is no Planet B, there is no Plan B.





Division, disintegration, and exclusion in public discourse today

how to enhance values of tolerance, openness, and inclusion....









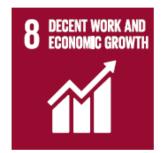


































Three Dimensions of Sustainable Development

- Sustainable development has been defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- For sustainable development to be achieved, it is crucial to harmonize three core elements: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection.







- Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Brundtland report);
- Inclusive: "No one left behind!" based on human rights
- Universal common language to guide all countries and all people toward 2030 (across developed and developing countries);
- Social contract in which leaders are held to be accountable to their people;
- Indivisible;
- Transformative;
- Monitoring progress against indicators;
- Follow-up mechanism in place;
- Multi-stakeholder approach
- Private sector and general public can directly take action and relate to UN discussions;





So far, Japan has achieved three goals only (4, 8, 9)

- Government: SDGs Promotion
 Headquarters, its SDGs
 Implementation Guidelines and
 SDGs Action Plan 2018;
- SDGs Promotion Roundtable multi-stakeholder consultation
- Keidanren's Society 5.0 vision and revised Chapter of Corporate Behaviors aligned with SDGs;
- ESG Investment;
- Discussion on National Action Plan of UN Guiding Principle for Business and Human Rights;
- STI for SDGs







Tokyo2020 to address SDGs with whole-of-society approach, not limited to the Games and sport!

- Sustainability an important agenda for preparation and impelementation of Tokyo2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games (e.g. medals to be produced from recycled "urban mines");
- "Team Refugees"

e.g. Japan visit by UNHCR GWA Yusra Mardini (Syrian refugee now in Berlin who competed in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games)





Youth as a group which is often left behind....





No one left behind

World leaders are to be held accountable on implementation of this global social contract







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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





UN x Yoshimoto comedians: to make SDGs a household name





What will be your SDG action, as changemaker?



Thank you for listening!