



The Sustainable Development Goals in Kosovo

SGDs: Our Boldest Agenda for Humanity

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets out a comprehensive vision and universal blueprint to end extreme poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030. With its pledge to leave no one behind, the 2030 Agenda is our boldest agenda for humanity.

The 17 Global Goals promote human rights, economic, social and environmental sustainability, which belong to every institution, place and person. Kosovo is committed to SDGs and has contributed much to setting this new global agenda. Its commitment to the SDGs began with extensive public consultations from 2012 to 2015, and culminated in January 2018, with the formal endorsement by the Parliament of Kosovo of a Resolution on the SDGs: a strong commitment to use the SDGs and their development framework.

“We want to see Kosovars living a future where their children can have clean air, good education and decent work in Kosovo”

– UN Development Coordinator, Andrew Russel

Working Together for the Global Agenda

Throughout 2017, UN agencies, different NGOs and private sector entities actively collaborated in to reach the global SDG’s vision through a series of advocacy events involving Kosovo population. Among the different initiatives, the most remarkable were:

The Journalism Poverty Prize, organized by the UN Kosovo Team and the Association of Kosovo Journalists. The event aimed at marking the International Day to Eradicate Poverty while recognizing the work of journalists covering the issues of poverty reduction in Kosovo. This year, The Kosovar, UK-based artist Alketa Xhafa-Mripa made a special attribution to the Prize, by creating an art installation introducing a set of black and white photographs portraying stories of poverty and social exclusion.

The Advocacy for Social Change initiative “Podium for the SDGs”, through the outreach phase enabled hundreds girls and boys from different municipalities across Kosovo to learn about the Agenda 2030 and through dedicated workshops taught to over forty youth how to identify community needs, how to work along with peers, and how to advocate for their communities' priorities. In Prizren and Pejë/Peć public universities, UNDP presented key human rights legislations (law on gender, law on inheritance, family law and all gender inclusive laws) to give students a deeper understanding of their rights, and of the process of attaining them.

Although Kosovo’s legal framework calls for full equality for men and women, discrimination against women continues, resulting in inadequate protection of several basic human rights guaranteed by law. The Campaign 16 Days against Violence Against Women started in 2013, and since then, it is increasing in events number and its outreach effect. In 2017, the UN Agencies, led by UNWOMEN, partnered with Kosovo based NGOs (such as the Kosovo Women’s Network), the Assembly of Kosovo, international organizations like OSCE, EULEX, UNMIK, KFOR and others, and more than 77 separate events took place across Kosovo to advocate against any form of violence against women and gender inequality. One of the most compelling events was the ballet show “One Day”, performed by the Kosovo Theatre Ballet.



Policy-making aligned with the SDGs

With the endorsing of the Resolution on SDGs, Kosovo continues to integrate the goals in its strategic planning process to reach the preconditions of membership in European Union. The National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016-2021 and the UN Common Development Plan (CDP) 2016-2020 are two separate programs, which are getting closer in integration into each other, on specific targets and indicators that will be measured for progress over the next years.

Both the NDS and CDP focus and have integrated SDG 1,2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 15 into a common sphere.



“As a way forward, we will utilize existing resources particular those that enable better coordination and alignment between the European Agenda and the 2030 Agenda”

– Prime Minister, Isa Mustafa

“Not one of us can do it alone”

– USAID Mission Director, James Hope

Another important challenge which is to be tackled is the SDG 13, Climate Action, related to the issue of climate change and environmental pollution. Pristina and other towns in Kosovo suffer from severe air pollution and the government has recently approved a resolution to tackle this matter, thus showing the first step forward the localization of SDGs into domestic policies.

Data on SGDs

Through statistical data we can show you the SDG progress in Kosovo. Reliable data are collected from institutions, civil society and other actors. Check out the current targets and indicators of the goals: <http://unckt.org/sdg/>

Read about the *2030 Agenda of SDG*: <http://unckt.org/sustainable-development-goals-2/>

