



The Global
SDG Synthesis
Coalition

A story of ambition and action

Why: the origins

The world is significantly off track in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As of 2023, only about 12 percent of SDG targets are showing progress, while nearly half are moderately or severely lagging.

The Global SDG Synthesis Coalition emerged in 2022 from a pressing need to gather evidence to help address this alarming lack of progress.

Who: the members

The Coalition brings together 45 United Nations agencies, multiple member states, civil society, private sector, and academic entities with an interest in accelerating the SDGs through enhanced, AI-supported evidence syntheses.

What: the mission and the objectives

The Coalition's mission is both straightforward and vital: "*Harnessing the power of evaluation and synthesis to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.*"

The Coalition aims to leverage underutilized evidence to shape critical insights that help accelerate progress towards the SDGs. Its mission is rooted in the belief that science must be multidisciplinary, equitably produced, openly shared, and socially relevant to foster the transformations necessary for global sustainability.

How: the approach

The Coalition mission is operationalized through the SDG Pillar Approach, encompassing five interconnected areas:

- **Partnership Pillar:** trade, finance, technology, and capacity building.
- **People Pillar:** social protection and inclusion, ensuring no one is left behind.
- **Planet Pillar:** environmental sustainability.
- **Prosperity Pillar:** economic growth and equitable resource distribution.
- **Peace Pillar:** violence prevention and peacebuilding.



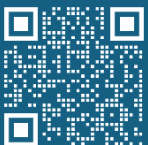
The future: an evidence ecosystem for the SDGs

The Coalition's vision aligns with broader efforts to create a global evidence ecosystem for the SDGs. What began as an internal United Nations initiative has since expanded to include key external partners in the evidence-policy-making arena.

The Coalition now aims to create a systematized, open, and accessible evidence ecosystem for decision-makers that provides timely, demand-driven evidence, propelled by the latest developments in AI/machine learning. Thanks to substantial the necessary technological infrastructure to do it on a global, transformative, scale.

The Coalition's approach presents several opportunities to advance this broader vision:

- **Using United Nations evaluations:** capitalizing on thousands of reports to provide unique insights into how and why specific approaches succeed, offering a holistic, multidimensional perspective.
- **Influencing policymaking:** leveraging the mandate and access of United Nations agencies, to integrate evidence into policymaking at all levels.
- **Fostering collaboration:** working across United Nations agencies and partnership building with external entities strengthens the evidence ecosystem.



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