UN Sustainable Development Summit: 17 Days, 17 Goals Series

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One week before the Sustainable Development Summit in New York, 25–27 September 2015, the United Nations University presents the 17 days, 17 Goals series: exploring the issues and realities of the new global agenda, with insights from experts worldwide.

After many months of collaboration and negotiation, UN Member States have designed a set of 17 'Global Goals for Sustainable Development' that will frame the international agenda and policies over the next 15 years.

These ambitious goals, also known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), will build on the successes – and remaining challenges – of the Millennium Development Goals. The 17 global goals and their 169 targets are focused on protecting our planet and its lifeforms, and ensuring prosperity for the present and future generations.

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World leaders will meet at a special UN summit on 25–27 September to formally adopt the SDGs, which will then be implemented from 1 January 2016. In the 17 days leading up to this summit, the United Nations University (UNU) is publishing brief articles that explore the issues and realities underlying each of the 17 goals.

The UN 'Tell Everyone' social media campaign asks: 'Which of the goals do you care about?' We at UNU cannot choose one, or even a few; our work on 'pressing global problems' permeates all 17 goals. We believe these interlinked challenges are best addressed through the kind of integrated, interdisciplinary, collaborative approach that has always been the hallmark of UNU research.

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