



# SDG implementation in G20 countries

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# Saudi Arabia





# Saudi Arabia – UNSDSN SDG Index Ranking

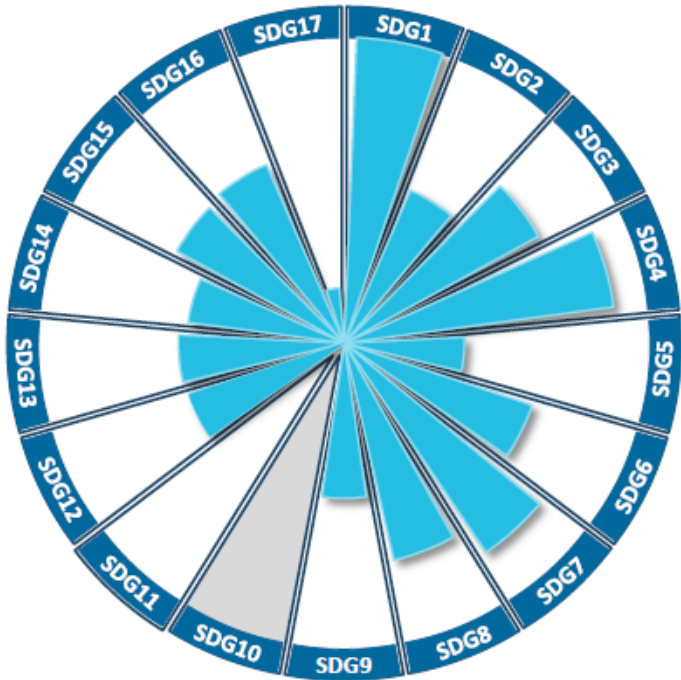
Global Rank: 85 (out of 149)

## Key challenges for Saudi Arabia:

- SDG 2 Zero hunger
- SDG 3 Good health & well-being
- SDG 5 Gender equality
- SDG 6 Clean water & sanitation
- SDG 7 Affordable & clean energy
- SDG 9 Industry, innovation & infrastructure
- SDG 10 Reduced inequalities
- SDG 11 Sustainable cities & communities
- SDG 13 Climate action

Source: SDG Index & Dashboard Global Report, Country Profiles, July 2016  
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OVERALL SDG PERFORMANCE	Global rank	Score or value	Regional average
SDG Index	85 (of 149)	58.0 /100	56.9 /100
Comparison with other development metrics			
Human Development Index, 2014	39 (of 188)	0.84 /1	0.72 /1
Subjective Wellbeing, 2015	35 (of 149)	6.4 /10	5.4 /10
GDP per capita, PPP, 2015	10 (of 149)	US\$ 53565	US\$ 33313
Global Competitiveness Ind., 2016	25 (of 140)	5.1 /10	4.4 /10
Environmental Perf. Index, 2016	95 (of 180)	68.6 /100	65.6 /100
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG			



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- Launched Vision 2030 as a basis to incorporate the SDGs in national planning.
- Vision 2030 promotes the role of civil society in Saudi Arabia & aims to provide better opportunities for partnerships with business.
- Implementation of Vision 2030 foresees the deployment of multiple government initiatives & goals. Accordingly, ministries, institutions, & government entities have undergone a restructuring process.
- Municipal, regional & national reviews will track progress against targets.
- The government ran public awareness campaigns to increase ownership of Vision 2030 by citizens.



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- The National Transformation Program 2020 is the starting point to implement Vision 2030. It involves public, private & non-profit sectors in rolling-out an integrated governance model established by the Council of Ministers.
- An institutional guaranteeing inter-agency cooperation is considered fundamental to implementation & monitoring.
- Saudi Arabia aims to diversify its economy away from its traditional income sources. Fiscal measures are being implemented to create fiscal space to finance the specific initiatives outlined in Vision 2030 & SDGs.



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- Privatization of state-owned assets, including leading companies, property & other assets will continue.
- In addition, the government will encourage new investment opportunities, innovation & competition to allow a stronger role for business in development.
- Private sector investments in municipal services, housing, finance, energy will be encouraged. Health care and education services, currently provided by the public sector, will open up to the private sector.
- The government is also committed to restructure economic cities, create special zones & deregulate the energy market to make it more competitive.
- Saudi development & aid programs will continue to support international development efforts.

# Saudi Arabia – Examples of what business can do

- Under Vision 2030, the Saudi government commits to creating **economic opportunities for entrepreneurship** – both small & large. This involves privatization of some government services, providing an opportunity for forward-looking businesses to invest in new industries & **bring sustainable solutions** to Saudi Arabia.
- The Saudi government has established the **SME Authority** to encourage entrepreneurs through business-friendly regulations, easier access to funding, international partnerships and a greater share of national procurement and government bids. **Work with the government** to benefit from new business opportunities in innovative markets & help create sustainable jobs.



- Saudi environmental priorities include:
  - increasing the efficiency of waste management,
  - establishing comprehensive recycling projects,
  - reducing all types of pollution,
  - fighting desertification,
  - promoting the optimal use of water resources by reducing consumption and water reuse.
- Invest in **circular economic business models** that drive **resource efficiency** & **minimize environmental impacts**. Work with the government in funding sustainable infrastructure projects.
- Work with the government to **expand vocational training to marginalized communities** & help drive inclusive economic growth that benefits all.