# SDG implementation in G20 countries
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# United States – UNSDSN SDG Index Ranking

**Global Rank: 25 (out of 149)**

**Key challenges for United States:**

SDG 1 No poverty

SDG 2 Zero hunger

SDG 5 Gender equality

SDG 7 Affordable & clean energy

SDG 8 Decent work & economic growth

SDG 10 Reduced inequalities

SDG 12 Responsible consumption & production

SDG 13 Climate action

SDG 14 Life below water

SDG 15 Life on land

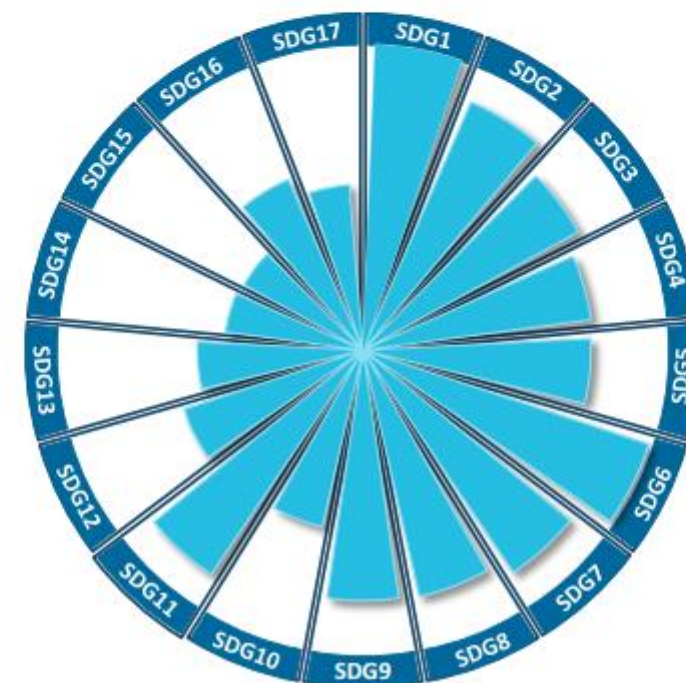SDG 16 Peace, justice & strong institutions

SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

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| OVERALL SDG PERFORMANCE | Global rank | Score or value | Regional average |
|---|---|---|---|
| SDG Index | 25 (of 149) | 72.7 /100 | 75.3 /100 |

| Comparison with other development metrics | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Human Development Index, 2014 | 8 (of 188) | 0.91 /1 | 0.88 /1 |
| Subjective Wellbeing, 2015 | 15 (of 149) | 7.1 /10 | 6.6 /10 |
| GDP per capita, PPP, 2015 | 8 (of 149) | US$ 55904 | US$ 40671 |
| Global Competitiveness Ind., 2016 | 3 (of 140) | 5.61 /10 | 4.9 /10 |
| Environmental Perf. Index, 2016 | 26 (of 180) | 84.7 /100 | 84.4 /100 |

**AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG**

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- Engaged domestic policy agencies to assess progress against SDGs & identify gaps.

- Holds regular inter-ministerial coordination meetings.

- Some SDGs are reflected in domestic priorities that include reducing poverty & accelerating economic mobility.

- Some US cities are developing sub-national plans for SDG implementation (New York, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Santa Monica, San Jose & the state of California)

- Under the Obama Administration, the United States has committed & helped mobilize more than 100 billion USD in new funding from other donors & the private sector to fight poverty in the areas of health, food security and energy.

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- The U.S. was actively engaged in the development of global indicators.

- The Office of the U.S. Chief Statistician has been working on the development of national statistics and identification of existing gaps.

- In February 2017, an online platform entitled "US National Statistics for the UN Sustainable Development Goals" was launched. The platform is accessible to public and is organized by SDG with links to relevant data for the indicators.

- A dashboard feature is being integrated into the platform to report on progress towards the SDGs.

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- A year after the adoption of the SDGs, in an addendum to its Open Government National Action Plan, the U.S. committed to develop an SDG Data Revolution Roadmap by June 2017 to fill data gaps and build capacity to advance sustainable development.

- Developed through an inclusive process that equally engages the private sector, the SDG Data Revolution Roadmap will outline the government's commitments-to-action from 2017-2018.

- On December 14, 2016, the Center for Open Data Enterprise and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data convened a Roundtable with experts from government, civil society & business, to develop recommended priorities for the U.S. Government's SDG Data Revolution Roadmap.

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- Key recommendations outlined by the Roundtable's report include:

  ➢ Increased technical capacity & support for the National Reporting Platform (NRP) to improve the national SDG indicators & their relevance,

  ➢ In the U.S. several national programs use national & local data to achieve goals aligned with the SDGs, and they are beginning to map them to the SDGs on a national & subnational level. Further work is needed to align existing initiatives with the SDGs at all levels of government, including the education of federal staffers about the SDGs.

  ➢ U.S. support for country-led local programs & data collaboratives, participation in global partnerships & the development of case studies to demonstrate how the SDGs can be achieved by harnessing the data revolution.

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# United States – Examples of what business can do

- In 2015, the city of Los Angeles released its first sustainability plan to achieve an environmentally healthy, economically prosperous and equitable city. In 2017, the city released a second report to report progress. **Support sub-national sustainability implementation by making company-specific commitments to put local sustainability plans into action**. Since the release of LA's plan, over 60 organizations, companies & individuals have made commitments to action.

- **Build support for the SDGs as the right growth strategy** for business & **openly advocate for policy measures** that will help achieve **a level playing field**.



- Advocate for & reaffirm your commitment to **support the implementation of the Paris Agreement by accelerating the development, deployment & scale up of low carbon solutions** across your operations & supply chains. Implement the recommendations of the **Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures** & keep your Board informed of the sustainability risks & opportunities associated with climate.

- **Support sustainable job creation** by offering **SDG-relevant technologies & solutions** that will help your company capitalize on the massive market opportunities associated with clean & inclusive growth.

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