



# SDG implementation in G20 countries

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**Australia**

# Australia – UNSDSN SDG Index Ranking

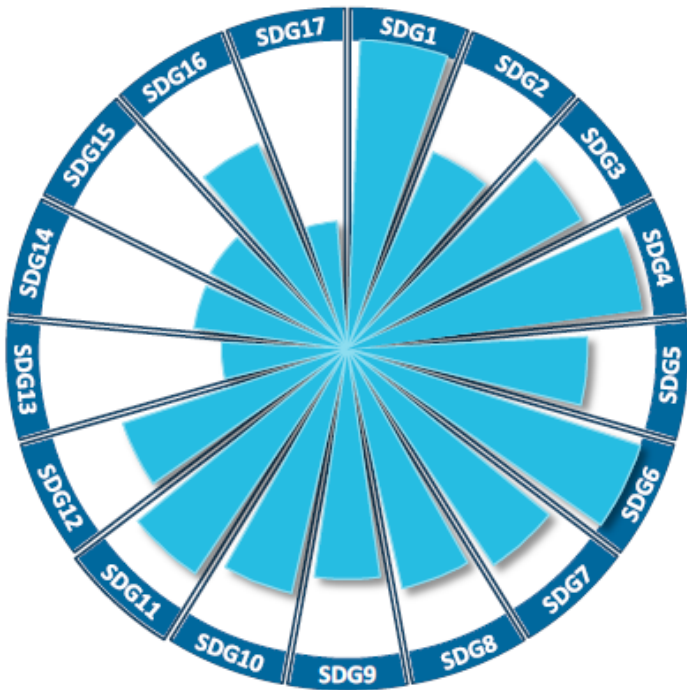
Global Rank: 20 (out of 149)

## Key challenges for Australia:

- SDG 2 Zero hunger
- SDG 7 Affordable & clean energy,
- SDG 13 Climate action
- SDG 14 Life below water
- SDG 15 Life on land
- SDG 17 Partnerships

Source: SDG Index & Dashboard Global Report, Country Profiles, July 2016  
BertelsmannStiftung and Sustainable Development Solutions Network

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OVERALL SDG PERFORMANCE	Global rank	Score or value	Regional average
SDG Index	20 (of 149)	74.5 /100	75.3 /100
Comparison with other development metrics			
Human Development Index, 2014	2 (of 188)	0.93 /1	0.88 /1
Subjective Wellbeing, 2015	10 (of 149)	7.3 /10	6.6 /10
GDP per capita, PPP, 2015	13 (of 149)	US\$ 47318	US\$ 40671
Global Competitiveness Ind., 2016	21 (of 140)	5.15 /10	4.9 /10
Environmental Perf. Index, 2016	13 (of 180)	87.2 /100	84.4 /100
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG			



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- No national SDG plan at this stage, however Australia:
  - Declares importance of poverty eradication & a resilient natural resource base
  - A strong advocate for SDG 5 (gender), SDG 8 (decent work) & SDG 16 (peace) during negotiations
  - Developed a set of sustainability indicators spanning economic, social & environmental aspects
  - Established an Inter-Departmental Committee to lead whole-of-govt coordination on SDGs
  - Sees SDGs as a reference for business in considering impacts of their activities
  - Advocates for active involvement of business in SDG implementation and an institutional framework that supports tracking of progress



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- According to the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA)\*, key focus areas for Australia include:
  - Maintain the high ground where Australia is doing well & continue to improve
  - Close the gaps:
    - Food security, agricultural management, nourishment & human health
    - Education: full integration of sustainability in the core
    - Gender equality
    - Reduce emissions & employ a smarter, cleaner & more efficient energy system
    - Economic growth & youth employment
    - Reduce inequality
    - Reduce waste
    - Preserve, protect & extend biodiversity – on land and sea
    - Help others

\*UNAA is a membership-based organisation dedicated to advancing the goals of the United Nations in Australia and around the world. It's a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations



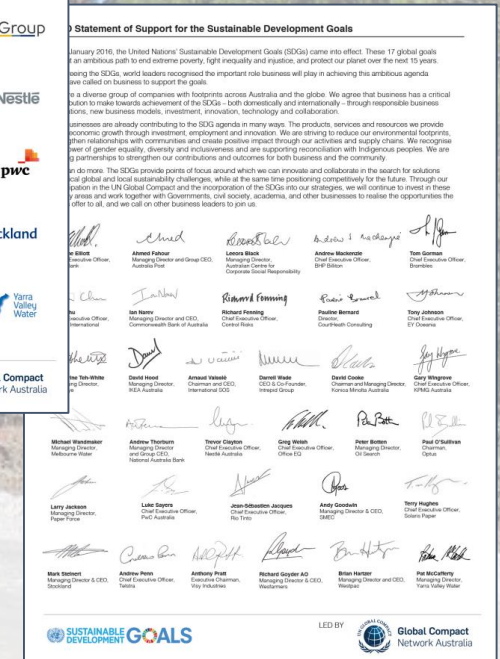
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## Key activities in 2016:

- **SDG Compass** launch in Australia
- **Australian SDGs Summit (September)**

by Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA), SDSN Australia/Pacific, SDSN Youth, Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) & Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

- **SDGA16 Conference (November)** Sustainable Business Australia (SBA), with 10 other NGOs (ACFID, ACOSS, the ACTU, Banksia Foundation, CDP, GECA, NFF, Oxfam, SDSN, University of Sydney Business School, WWF) ran the SDGA16 Conference at which over 350 delegates from business, government, academia & NGOs engaged in a 2 day dialogue about how the SDGs could be implemented across the Australian economic, political, institutional, environmental & social landscape.
- **CEO Statement of Support for the SDGs** (led by GCNA) signed by over 30 leaders from Australian business community





# Australia

- Next steps for SDG implementation:

*as outlined by the Australian SDGs Summit and the SDGA16 Conference*

- Collaboration & partnerships are critical to addressing the complexity of the SDGs.
- Communicate regularly & raise awareness on the SDGs as a vision for Australia's future.
- Map Australia's current performance against the SDGs to identify priorities.
- Map current activities already contributing to the SDGs to build on them.
- Quantify strategic, social, economic & environmental benefits to build the case for SDGs.
- Coordinate across sectors and at a national level to progress implementation.
- Develop appropriate frameworks for monitoring and reporting progress.
- Highlight each sector's role in achieving the SDGs & identify responsibilities.
- Create working groups to delve into the details of national implementation.
- Develop the necessary tools, case studies & other resources for national SDG implementation.

# Australia – Examples of what business can do

- Prioritise SDGs where you can have **most impact** & push **beyond business –as-usual**.
- Incorporate SDGs in **core business strategy** & **report** how your business activities contribute to the SDGs
- **Work with sector peers** to map how existing activities contribute to the SDGs & develop **sectoral roadmaps** for SDG implementation in Australia
- Help raise **awareness of SDGs** among **peers, suppliers & customers**



- Forge **partnerships** to strengthen contributions & outcomes for both **business & communities**
- Reduce **environmental footprint**, strengthen relationship with **communities** & create positive impact through **supply chains**
- Develop **case studies** & share **best practice** to help other Australian businesses & organisations engage with & contribute to the SDGs