

SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institution

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Introduction of the speaker

- a policy advisor on governance within UNDP Global Policy Network based in UNDP's Regional Hub in Panama.
- Prior to joining the Hub, worked with UNDP's Governance Team in New York, where he served as global policy lead for civic engagement and with UNDP's Poverty Group, where he focused on issues of inequality and inclusion. Before that, he managed programmes related to different aspects of governance in Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Caribbean and West and Central Africa.
- Has worked for several UN inter-agency initiatives on human rights. During his time in New York, he oversaw the Technical Secretariats of the UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and of the UN Indigenous Peoples' Partnership.
- 2004 - 2007, he served as an External Relations Officer in the Board Relations Unit of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS.
- A graduate of Bocconi University of Milan, Italy (Laurea cum laude in Economic and Social Disciplines), Emanuele also holds a Master's of Science in Development Management from the Centre for Complexity and Change of the Open University (Milton Keynes, UK). His main interests are the evolving nature of citizen participation and the political economy of inequality.

UNDP

- As the United Nations lead agency on international development, UNDP works in 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. It helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities, and to build resilience to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. UNDP's work is concentrated in three focus areas; sustainable development, democratic governance and peace building, and climate and disaster resilience.
- Every person is entitled to live with dignity, opportunity and equity / fair chance

Lecture overview

- Video
- Brief Description: Summary of targets & indicators and links to other SDGs
- Current State of implementation, progresses

- Key issues & challenges related to the achievement of this Goal
- An example of good practice where youth are active
- Suggested action areas for the youth to engage and contribute

Video: UNDP-Building A Better Future

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=a4zLqIGXxbg+ture+tu.be>

Q1a: What is SDG 16 and why it matters?

- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
- A goal and an enabler
 - Peace justice and inclusion represent rights in and of themselves but also enable the achievement of other goals.
- SDG 16, 1 and 10
 - SDG16 has enabling effects on key aspects of SDG 1 and 10
 - ◆ 16: namely, transparency, accountability, participation and inclusion
 - ◆ 1, 10: namely, social protection, equality of opportunities and poverty reduction
- Greater participation and accountability correspond to an increase in the poverty reduction effects of per capita GDP growth, while transparency can have a significant impact on the reduction of inequality, mainly via reduced corruption and more equitable public goods provision

Q1b: What does it entail in terms of target & Indicators?

- Targets
 - Target 16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
 - Target 16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children
 - Target 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
 - Target 16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime
 - Target 16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms
 - Target 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

- Target 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels #non_discriminatory
- Target 16.8 Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance including
- Target 16.9 By 2030, provide legal identity for all, birth registration
- Target 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements
- Target 16.A Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime
- Target 16.B Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development

Q2: How much progress have we made since the launching of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2016?

- Key facts
 - The map reflects the current state of implementation, the vast majority of countries are colored in red which corresponds to major challenges still remaining.
 - ◆ Not implemented well, though improving — positive tendency
 - Example of the challenges that still remain
 - ◆ trafficking of children and child labor
 - ◆ corruption
 - ◆ developing a national human rights infrastructure

Q3: What are the key challenges that somehow making the progress of this important SDG goal not progressing as much as we would like to see?

- Challenges #1
 - Fiscal capacity
 - Terms of trade
 - Corruption
- Challenges #2
 - Responsiveness and accountability
 - Participation
 - Information
- Challenges #3

- The challenge of international cooperation around SDG 16.

Q4: Are there good examples in implementing this SDG goal 16?

- The young leaders for sustainable development goals started by the Secretary General's envoy on youth.¹
 - Every two years, 17 young change-makers are recognized for their leadership and contribution to a more sustainable world.

Q5: Could you also give some advice to the young people?

- Raising awareness
- Get the facts
 - try to document yourself and get information about the trend
- Get involved
 - Local action, global impact
 - Spread the word
 - Bring new ideas
 - Demand accountability

¹ <https://www.un.org/youthenvoy/about-the-young-leaders-for-the-sdgs/>