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Dear Readers,

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) present global priorities and aspirations of the world to reach a sustainable future by 2030. Achieving the SDGs asks for the mobilization of all available resources at global, regional, national and also individual levels.

We, at Sustainability Knowledge Group, have identified and selected the most prominent publications on the SDGs to create a collection for Sustainability Professionals. The aim of this collection, is to provide valuable resources in one place and ease your navigation in the maze of numerous of SDG publications.

We trust this collection will help you

learn more about the Sustainable Development Agenda, the ways SDGs can be incorporated within the corporate strategy and tangible benefits.

We invite you to take a look at the collection of resources and encourage you to read our upcoming collections on all other key topics of Sustainability.

Enjoy the reading and join us in taking an active role in the creation of a sustainable future!

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SDG COMPASS: THE GUIDE FOR BUSINESS ACTION ON THE SDGs

Publication Title: SDG Compass: The guide for business action on the SDGs

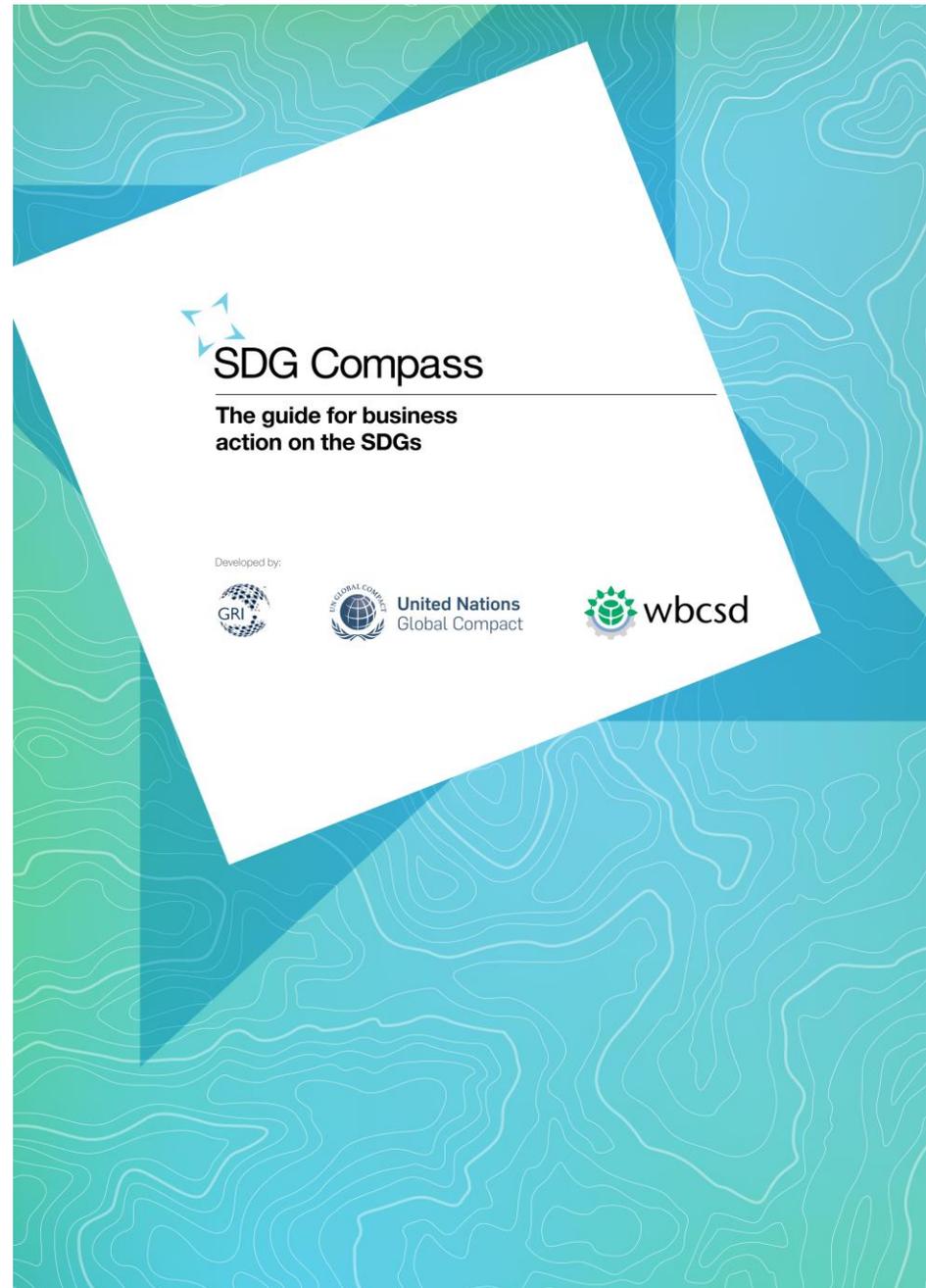
Issued by: GRI, UN Global Compact & WBCSD

Publication Date: March 15, 2016

Description: Business is to play a vital role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDG Compass provides an explanation how the SDGs affect businesses and offers the tools and knowledge to put sustainability at the heart of business strategy and embed sustainability across all functions within organizations.

Keywords: SDG, business, strategy, corporate sustainability, value chain, stakeholders

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TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Publication Title: Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

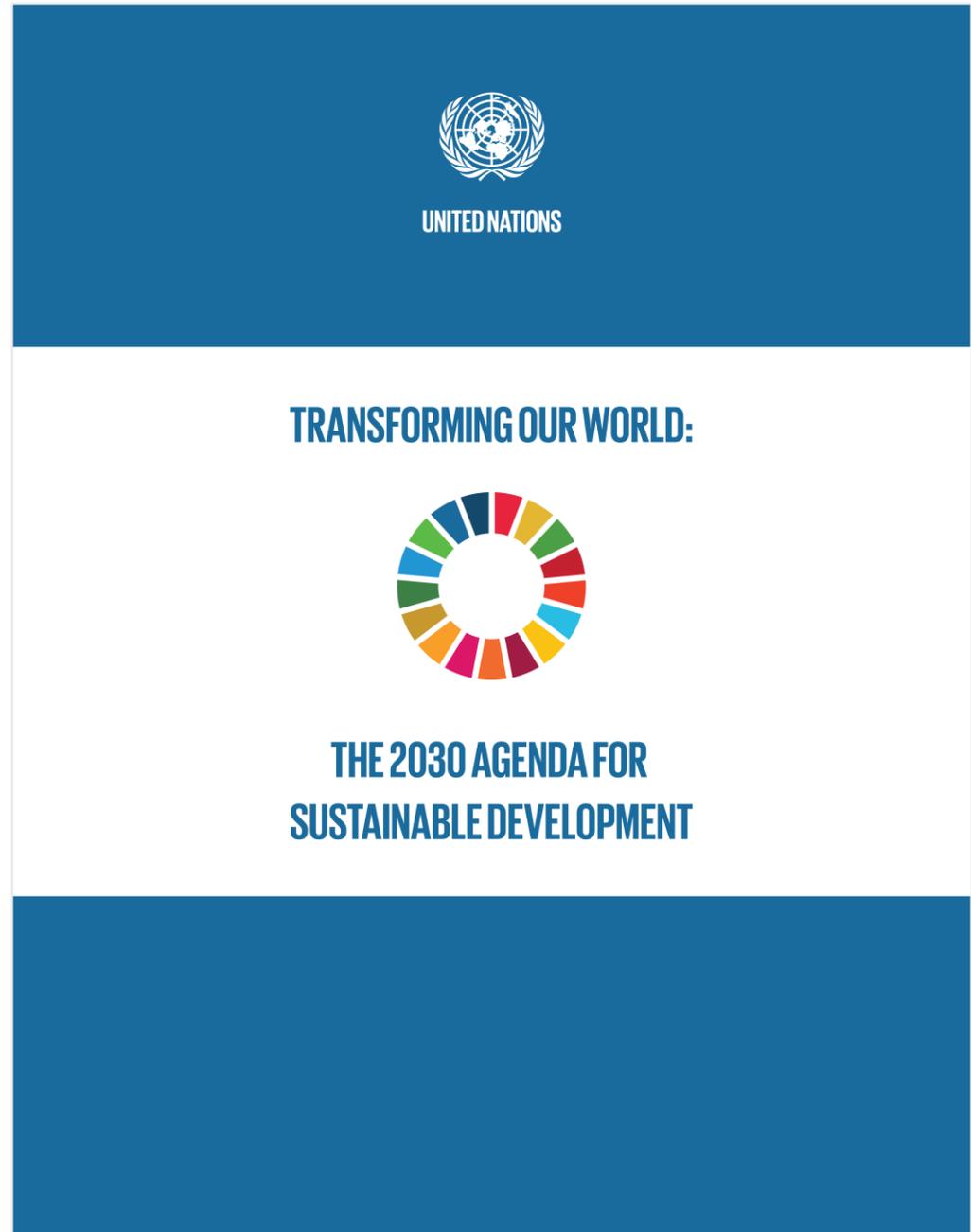
Issued by: The United Nations

Publication Date: October 21, 2015

Description: This document presents the resolution adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit September 25–27, 2015 in New York, USA. It lays out all the 17 SDGs and targets as well as the means of implementation for the achievement of the Agenda.

Keywords: Sustainable Development Agenda, SDGs, targets, shared principles and commitments, implementation, partnerships

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2019: TRANSFORMATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Publication Title: Sustainable Development Report 2019: Transformations to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

Issued by: The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Bertelsmann Stiftung

Publication Date: June, 2019

Description: The Sustainable Development Report 2019 presents the SDG Index and Dashboards and frames the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in terms of six broad transformations. The Report covers all 193 UN member states and presents data on changes over time in SDG indicators, as well as calculations for trajectories until 2030.

Keywords: SDGs, SDG Transformations, SDG Index, SDG dashboards, implementation, best practices, stakeholder engagement, monitoring mechanisms, country profiles

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2019

Transformations to achieve the
Sustainable Development Goals

Includes the SDG Index and Dashboards



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BUSINESS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: BEST PRACTICES TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY AND MAXIMISE CREDIBILITY

Publication Title: Business and the Sustainable Development Goals: Best practices to seize opportunity and maximise credibility

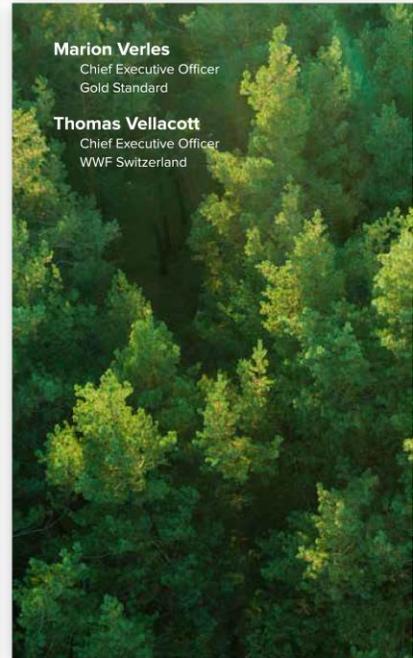
Issued by: The Gold Standard and WWF

Publication Date: 2018

Description: The report highlights the advantages for business in setting ambitious SDG strategies, details the common challenges and pitfalls that companies face today, and offers a clear, actionable set of good practices for business leaders to inform their strategies moving forward.

Keywords: SDGs, business, opportunities, challenges, best practices

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) AND THE NEW BUSINESS PARADIGM FOR GROWTH

Publication Title: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the new business paradigm for growth

Issued by: Sustainability Knowledge Group

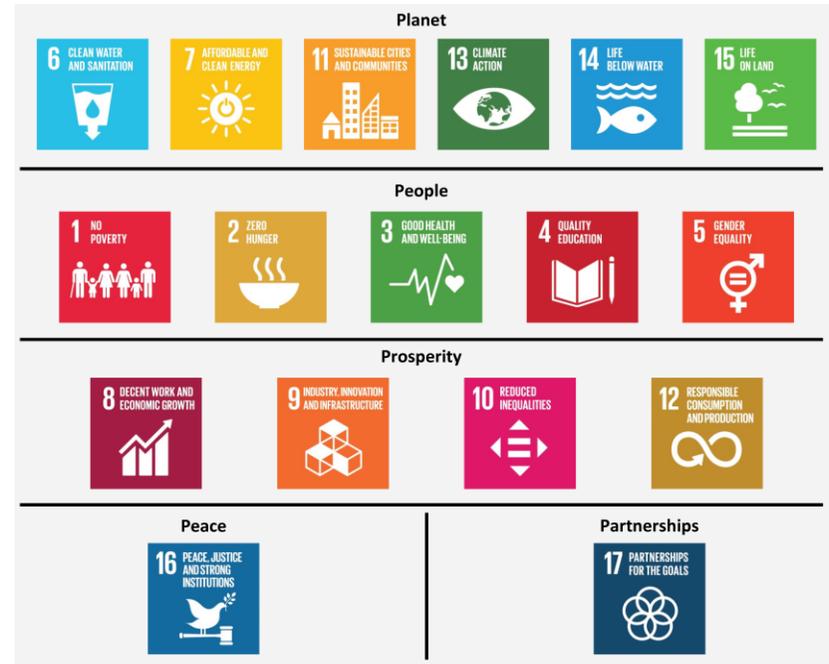
Publication Date: 2018

Description: The report explains how the SDGs can be used as a paradigm for growth by every organization. It lays out the steps Sustainability Knowledge Group recommends and deploys to help organizations implement the SDGs.

Keywords: SDGs, business, opportunities, strategy, reporting, growth

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The five pillars of sustainable development



In the most recent [UN Global Compact-Accenture Strategy CEO study](#), 87% of CEO state that the SDGs represent an essential opportunity to rethink existing approaches to sustainable value creation.

“ The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by world leaders two years ago, is a blueprint for making our world more equitable, sustainable and livable.

To implement this plan—and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals—we need to broaden the circle of action to include governments, bilateral and international organizations, and international financial institutions. Partnerships with civil society, the business community and others are critical to success

UN Secretary-General António Guterres, at the UN staff address, 2017

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The 17 Goals pose an excellent opportunity for organizations to form meaningful partnerships, resolve interconnected challenges and showcase leadership. Seizing a lot of opportunities goes beyond any single company and requires revitalized and enhanced partnerships. According to the [Global registry on partnerships for the SDGs](#), around 3,800 partnerships worldwide have been registered, mostly committed to Goal 15, on “Life on land”.

COMMUNITY PAPER: “FROM FUNDING TO FINANCING: TRANSFORMING SDG FINANCE FOR COUNTRY SUCCESS”

Publication Title: Community Paper: “From Funding to Financing: Transforming SDG finance for country success”

Issued by: The World Economic Forum

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Description: Achieving the SDGs will require a shift from project funding to financing, in which private capital from domestic and international sources must complement an efficient allocation of public investment. This paper describes recent progress, identifies key gaps and outlines a list of actions to advance efforts to support development finance.

Keywords: SDGs, funding, financing, the Global Future Council on Development Finance, strategic policy planning

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FRAMEWORK FOR BREAKTHROUGH IMPACT ON THE SDGs THROUGH INNOVATION

Publication Title: Framework for Breakthrough Impact on the SDGs Through Innovation

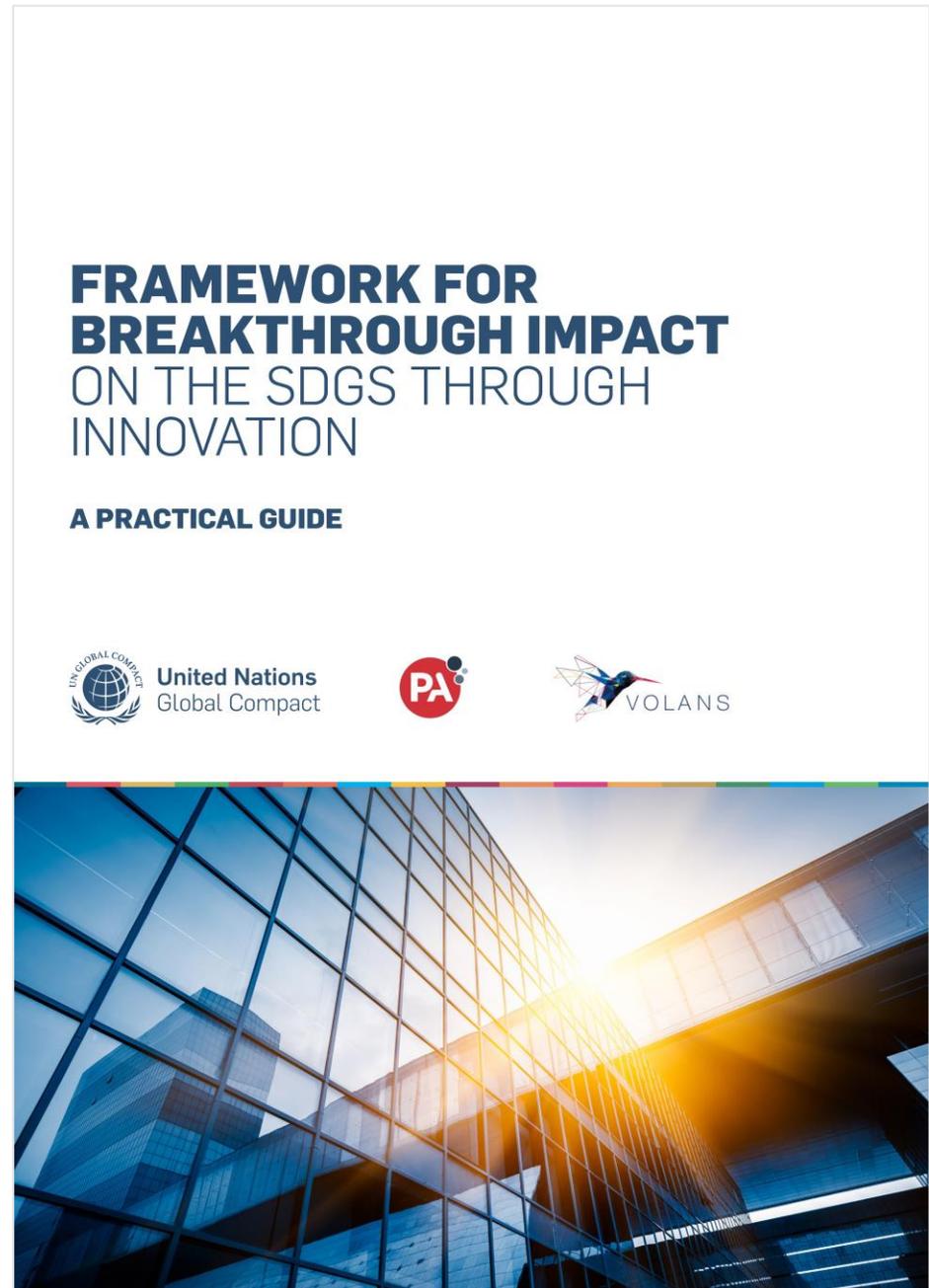
Issued by: The United Nations Global Compact

Publication Date: 2019

Description: This guide provides practical guidance to companies on how to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as an inspiration for innovation and orient their innovation processes to create positive impact.

Keywords: SDGs, innovation, tools

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BUILDING THE SDG ECONOMY: NEEDS, SPENDING, AND FINANCING FOR UNIVERSAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Publication Title: Building the SDG economy: Needs, spending, and financing for universal achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

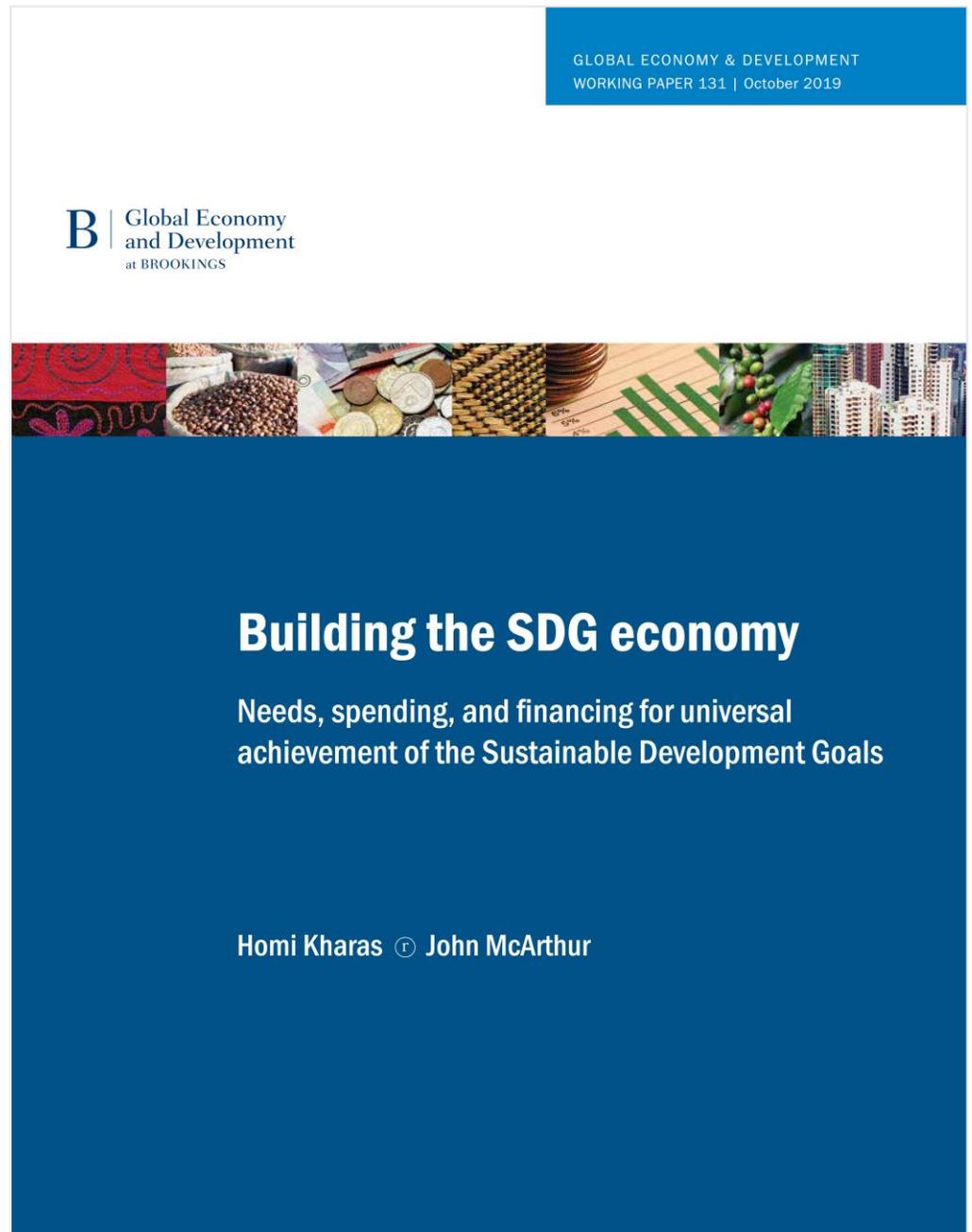
Issued by: The Brookings Institution

Publication Date: October, 2019

Description: The report discusses needs, spending and financing for the “universal” achievement of the SDGs.

Keywords: SDG economy, spending, gaps, public spending, methods

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BUSINESS REPORTING ON THE SDGs: IN FOCUS: ADDRESSING INVESTOR NEEDS IN BUSINESS REPORTING ON THE SDGs

Publication Title: Business Reporting on the SDGs: In Focus: Addressing Investor Needs in Business Reporting on the SDGs

Issued by: The GRI, The UN Global Compact, the PRI

Publication Date: October, 2019

Description: This document provides perspectives and recommendations on the key parameters of corporate reports that refer to the SDGs which investors are most likely to find useful. The aim is to help companies include information related to the SDGs in their corporate reporting in a way that can effectively inform investor decision making processes.

Keywords: SDGs, investors, business reporting

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THE FUTURE IS NOW: SCIENCE FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Publication Title: The Future is Now: Science for Achieving Sustainable Development

Issued by: The United Nations

Publication Date: September, 2019

Description: The Report was prepared by an independent group of scientists appointed by the Secretary-General, comprising 15 experts from various regions and representing a variety of scientific disciplines and institutions. The Report uses the latest scientific assessments, evidence bases about good practices, and scenarios that link future trajectories to current actions to identify calls to action by a range of stakeholders that can accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Keywords: SDGs, sustainable development, transformations, science

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No.	Publication Title	Link
1.	SDG Compass: The guide for business action on the SDGs	https://sdgcompass.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/019104_SDG_Compass_Guide_2015_v29.pdf
2.	Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf
3.	Sustainable Development Report 2019: Transformations to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals	https://s3.amazonaws.com/sustainabledevelopment.report/2019/2019_sustainable_development_report.pdf
4.	Business and the Sustainable Development Goals: Best practices to seize opportunity and maximise credibility	https://www.goldstandard.org/sites/default/files/documents/sdg_report_optimized.pdf
5.	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the new business paradigm for growth	https://sustainabilityknowledgegroup.com/sustainable-development-goals-sdgs-and-the-new-business-paradigm-for-growth/
6.	Community Paper: “From Funding to Financing: Transforming SDG finance for country success”	http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_From_Funding_to_Financing.pdf
7.	Framework for Breakthrough Impact on the SDGs Through Innovation	https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/5723
8.	Building the SDG economy: Needs, spending, and financing for universal achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals	https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Building-the-SDG-economy.pdf
9.	Business Reporting on the SDGs: In Focus: Addressing Investor Needs in Business Reporting on the SDGs	https://www.globalreporting.org/resource-library/addressing-investor-needs-sdgs-reporting.pdf
10.	The Future is Now: Science for Achieving Sustainable Development	https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/24797GSDR_report_2019.pdf



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