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THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



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The enlightenment trail – consisting of 17 light installations, one for each SDG. More than 5000 people climbed the Norwegian mountain Gaustatoppen at night – to enlighten others and be enlightened about the 2030 Agenda themselves. See the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi0Q_dE2yfQ
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Preface

We are pleased to present this report on Norway's work to follow up the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at the national and international level.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a universal call to action to end poverty in all its forms. The main ambitions behind the 2030 Agenda are to protect the planet and bring stability and a better life for all people.

This report offers a bird's eye view of how the SDGs are being addressed in Norway, as well as in our international cooperation. It underlines that if we are to reach the goals, this will require cooperation between various stakeholders, both within and between countries.

We therefore call for concerted action by civil society, faith groups, academia, statistical bureaus, the private sector, unions, governments and parliaments to eradicate poverty.

Let us be clear: we are aware of the demands the SDGs place on us. Reaching the goals will be a momentous task, which will require a high level of efficiency in both the public and the private sector. Relevant statistical information is important for gauging progress towards the SDGs. Conflicts and forced migration, pandemics, illiteracy and gender inequality mean that multi-stakeholder engagement is needed in order to reach the goals. And not least, political commitment to change is vital for achieving the transformation called for by the 2030 Agenda.

Despite numerous challenges, there are grounds for optimism. The international work towards fulfilling the Millennium Development Goals showed us that in many areas, the world is on the right track.

We welcome the global engagement to work towards fulfilling the 2030 Agenda. It is our responsibility to build economically, socially and environmentally sound societies for both current and future generations.



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