



## Ethics and the Sustainable Development Goals SDGs 2015-2030

### GLOBETHICS.NET ENGAGED FOR VALUES-DRIVEN SDGs

The SDGs define the future development agenda for 2015-2030 of the international community of states and all sectors of societies. They will be adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit taking place from 25-27 September 2015.

Globethics.net is a global network on ethics with 144'000 registered participants (August 2015) from over 200 countries and territories, with a platform that features the leading global online library on ethics and related areas with a wealth of resources and news of programmes on responsible leadership and other topics carried out with a broad base of partners around the world, including nine regional programme partners and over 40 national contacts. Our aim is to contribute to a more just, sustainable and peaceful world through ethical orientation. This means promoting values-driven decisions and actions, especially those of current and future leaders as decision-makers.

#### 1. Values within the SDGs and envisaged Impact-level of Globethics.net

Globethics.net (GE) promotes the values of sharing, respect, participation, responsibility, transparency/accountability, justice, human dignity, freedom, sustainability and solidarity. (See GE Strategy 2012-2015, [www.globethics.net/about-us/strategy](http://www.globethics.net/about-us/strategy))

IMPACT level of Globethics.net: 3 high (direct impact), 2 medium (indirect, through behavioural change), 1 low (indirect, but still linked) 0: no impact.

GOAL	GE IMPACT LEVEL	SPECIFIC SDG SUB-TARGET
GOAL 1	2	
GOAL 2	2	
GOAL 3	1	
GOAL 4	3	4.7
GOAL 5	2	5.1, 5.5
GOAL 6	1	
GOAL 7	1	
GOAL 8	2	8.3, 8.4, 8.8

GOAL 9	1	
GOAL 10	2	
GOAL 11	0	
GOAL 12	1	
GOAL 13	1	
GOAL 14	0	
GOAL 15	2	
GOAL 16	3	
GOAL 17	3	17.6, 17.9, 17.17

## 2. Sustainable Development Goals and Targets

Note that the **values** in the 17 goals are highlighted **in yellow**.  
The existing and potential **activities of Globethics.net** for the 17 goals are marked **in green**.

### **Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere**

1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day.

1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions.

1.3 Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.

1.4 By 2030 ensure that all men and women, particularly the poor and the vulnerable, have **equal rights** to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership, and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology, and financial services including microfinance.

1.5 By 2030 build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations, and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.

1.a Ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development cooperation to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries, in particular LDCs, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions.

1.b Create sound policy frameworks at national, regional and international levels, based on **pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies** to support accelerated investments in poverty eradication actions

### **GOAL 1: GE Global impact level 2**

For Globethics.net poverty is an ethical issue. If we want to live in a just and sustainable world, people's dignity and rights have to be respected. There are enough resources to feed everyone and if the resources would be more equally distributed, there would be no poverty. It is an issue of respect of basic human rights and human dignity, to ensure that people do not have to live in poverty.

How do we address that in practice?

- Information sharing: most of GE's users and contributors are based in the south: by offering a digital library at no cost we encourage people everywhere to hear the voices of and share their opinions with people living in the south. That is perhaps also why over 40,000 articles and books in the library relate to poverty and the poor.

- Free access to the library increases the quality of students' and teachers' work and increases their chances of getting a job as a high quality academic.
- Most fields in ethics are relevant, directly or indirectly, to poverty. Whether it is about leadership, or technical innovation, bio-science and CSR, GE promotes a dialogue that includes poverty as an important ethical issue to include in consideration, judgement and decision making. As an example GE's publication on innovation ethics pleads that innovation be put at the service of society, particularly of the poor, and not the other way around.
- Encouraging ethical action: The most direct way is to include the issue of poverty as an issue of concern through training for responsible leaders, addressed to business leaders, politicians and media leaders. As another example, at the Global Ethics Forum organised by GE in 2014, a declaration was launched on the 'Principles of Equality', which was opened to public consultation with the intention of making it available as an input in the discussions On the developments of the SDGs. Also at the same event social media were mobilised during the 'My Choice for Equality' campaign aimed at recognising individuals who combat against diverse forms of inequality around the world. The winning candidates were presented and awarded at the Global Ethics Forum 2014 in Bangalore.

**VALUES: Justice, Human Dignity, Sustainability, Sharing, Accountability Participation, Solidarity**

## **Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture**

2.1 by 2030 end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round

2.2 by 2030 end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving by 2025 the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under five years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women, and older persons

2.3 by 2030 double the agricultural productivity and the incomes of small-scale food producers, particularly women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets, and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment

2.4 by 2030 ensure **sustainable food production** systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters, and that progressively improve land and soil quality

2.5 by 2020 maintain **genetic diversity of seeds**, cultivated plants, farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at national, regional and international levels, and ensure access to and

fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge as internationally agreed

2.a increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development, and plant and livestock gene banks to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular in least developed countries

2.b. correct and prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets including by the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round

2.c. adopt measures to ensure the proper functioning of food commodity markets and their derivatives, and facilitate timely access to market information, including on food reserves, in order to help limit extreme food price volatility

## **GOAL 2: GE Global impact level 2**

The ethics of hunger: Access to adequate food is a human right and is part of our quest for justice. Is there ethics involved in an equal access to adequate food? Yes. Ethical choices and dilemmas around food start with its production (in a way that is respectful of resources, including animal husbandry, the environment, food producers and their families), its distribution (in fair, transparent, traceable ways), its consumption (with care for consumer safety, for example) and the reproduction and control on reproduction of planting material, among others.

GE has contributed to special projects, such as the Global Social Observatory's Scaling-Up Nutrition project, in which GE provided ethical expertise in the development of criteria for settling conflicts of interests in the nutrition sector. Other projects are the global survey on eco-theology, climate justice and food security.

**VALUES: Justice, Sustainability**

## **Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**

3.1 by 2030 reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births

3.2 by 2030 end preventable deaths of newborns and under-five children

3.3 by 2030 end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases, and other communicable diseases

3.4 by 2030 reduce by one-third pre-mature mortality from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) through prevention and treatment, and promote mental health and wellbeing

3.5 strengthen prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol

3.6 by 2020 halve global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents

3.7 by 2030 ensure **universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services**, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes

3.8 achieve universal health coverage (UHC), including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health care services, and access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all

3.9 by 2030 substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water, and soil pollution and contamination

3.a strengthen implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries as appropriate

3.b support research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and non-communicable diseases that primarily affect developing countries, provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines, in accordance with the Doha Declaration which affirms the right of developing countries to use to the full the provisions in the TRIPS agreement regarding flexibilities to protect public health and, in particular, provide access to medicines for all

3.c increase substantially health financing and the recruitment, development and training and retention of the health workforce in developing countries, especially in LDCs and SIDS

3.d strengthen the capacity of all countries, particularly developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction, and management of national and global health risks

### **GOAL 3: GE Global impact level 1**

One of GEs' themes in research is Health Ethics. As an example of what has been done so far, GE developed a Health Ethics Collection in cooperation with the World Health Organization. Many GE participants are members of ethics committees in hospitals and medical associations, etc., and use the GE library for this responsibility.

**VALUES: Human dignity, Solidarity**

### **Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**

4.1 by 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete **free, equitable and quality** primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes

4.2 by 2030 ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education

4.3 by 2030 ensure **equal access** for all women and men to affordable quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university

4.4 by 2030, increase by x% the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship

4.5 by 2030, **eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access** to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and children in vulnerable situations

4.6 by 2030 ensure that all youth and at least x% of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy

4.7 by 2030 ensure **all learners acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including among others through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship, and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development**

4.a build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all

4.b by 2020 expand by x% globally the number of scholarships for developing countries in particular LDCs, SIDS and African countries to enrol in higher education, including vocational training, ICT, technical, engineering and scientific programmes in developed countries and other developing countries

4.c by 2030 increase by x% the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially LDCs and SIDS

### **GOAL 4: GE Impact level 3**

Goal 4 is highly relevant, particularly '4.7'. GE puts access to information at the core of its work, notably free availability of information for all. For GE it is not only a question of open access, it is also that the diversity of information sources needs to be safeguarded—too much information is coming from western sources, little attention is given to scholars in the south. Language barriers, review barriers and cultural barriers obstruct a true dialogue among scholars and students of different background. Breaking that barrier does not only allow people to express and contribute their ideas freely, but it also contributes towards having a more diversified debate around ethical issues, allowing participation and the sharing of voices from around the world.

In addition to the library, GE contributes to this SDG with research in specific areas related to the sustainability agenda, responsible leadership and ethical innovation, through its research projects and publications. Furthermore, GE contributes directly through providing educational modules to students as well as online training. Students are also encouraged to participate with regular opportunities to submit and publish essays that discuss issues around ethics and sustainability.

PhD candidates in countries in the South researching areas relevant to ethics and sustainability are actively invited to submit their PhD Theses, if recommended by their University, for publication by the GE publishing house. This allows for a much wider consultation of new published work that would normally be impossible if the publications were not available and downloadable for free on the GE website. Since September 2014, the GE Theses Series receives on average 2000 monthly downloads (which is considered very high).

**VALUES: Justice, Sharing**

## **Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

5.1 end all forms of **discrimination** against all women and girls everywhere

5.2 eliminate all forms of **violence** against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

5.3 eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilations

5.4 recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies, and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

5.5 ensure women's **full and effective participation** and **equal opportunities for leadership** at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, and public life

5.6 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences

5.a undertake reforms to give women **equal rights to economic resources**, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance, and natural resources in accordance with national laws

5.b **enhance the use of enabling technologies, in particular ICT, to promote women's empowerment.**

5.c adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels

### **GOAL 5: GE Impact level 2**

GE is particularly active on goals 5.1 and 5.5. Ethical dialogue is based on the mutual premises of non-discrimination and respect. For GE it is not a matter of words but of practice. Girls and women play an important role in the GE network and represent 40% of the 44,000 register participants. Furthermore, the audience of GE's website is split equally between

women and men (Google analytics data). 50% of GE's Board is represented by women, 50% of all management positions are held by women and 50% all staff in GE regional programmes are women.

## **VALUES: Justice, Participation**

### **Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all**

6.1 by 2030, achieve **universal and equitable access** to safe and affordable drinking water for all

6.2 by 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations

6.3 by 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater, and increasing recycling and safe reuse by x% globally

6.4 by 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity, and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity

6.5 by 2030 implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate

6.6 by 2020 protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes

6.a by 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water and sanitation related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies

6.b support and strengthen the participation of local communities for improving water and sanitation management

#### **GOAL 6: GE Impact level 1**

Water is a primary source of life—its control, preservation, access, distribution, consumption and safety are all matters of vital importance. Although as GE we do not work directly on water issues, some of our publications discuss issues directly related to water and its control. For example, GE recently published a book titled *La gouvernance éthique des ressources en eaux transfrontalières: le cas du lac Tanganyika en Afrique* (2015) (Ethical Governance of Transboundary Water Resources: The Case of Lake Tanganyika in Africa).



GE's influence and impact is more on national and international policy and advocacy level than on providing infrastructure. Reducing corruption in all sectors, including investments in infrastructure programmes, has a direct impact.

**VALUES: Accountability**

### **Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all**

7.1 by 2030 ensure **universal access** to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services

7.2 increase substantially the share of **renewable energy** in the global energy mix by 2030

7.3 double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030

7.a by 2030 enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technologies, including **renewable energy, energy efficiency**, and advanced and cleaner fossil fuel technologies, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technologies

7.b by 2030 expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, particularly LDCs and SIDS

#### **GOAL 7: GE Impact level 1**

GE contributes to this goal mainly with contributions to conferences on renewable energy (e.g. Baku CS Energy ethics) and as a topic of GE's own workshops during the recent Global Ethics Forum (GEF 2015). GE also has a number of publications on sustainability.

**VALUES: Sustainability**

### **Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**

8.1 sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances, and in particular at least 7% per annum GDP growth in the least-developed countries

8.2 achieve higher levels of productivity of economies through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high value added and labour-intensive sectors

8.3 promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises including through access to financial services

8.4 improve progressively through 2030 global resource efficiency in consumption and production, **and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation** in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production with developed countries taking the lead

8.5 by 2030 achieve full and productive employment and **decent work** for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value

8.6 by 2020 substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training

8.7 take immediate and effective measures to secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, eradicate forced labour, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms including recruitment and use of child soldiers

8.8 **protect labour rights** and promote safe and secure working environments of all workers, including migrant workers, particularly women migrants, and those in precarious employment

8.9 by 2030 devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism which creates jobs, promotes local culture and products

8.10 strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and to expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all

8.a increase **Aid for Trade support for developing countries**, particularly LDCs, including through the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs

8.b by 2020 develop and operationalize a global strategy for youth employment and implement the ILO Global Jobs Pact

## **GOAL 8: GE Impact level 2**

SDGs 8.3, 8.4 and 8.8 are in particular relevant (in part) to our work. GE supports value-driven action by providing capacity training to SMEs, notably in China. In the delivery of its training modules GE's focuses on the universal sustainability standards in the educational material, in a way that these concepts are more easily understood and more readily accepted. Values-driven enterprises lead to better working conditions, decent work and long term sustainable positioning of a company in the market.

Relevant to the issue of 'decent work', GE undertook joint actions with ILO addressing this subject: <http://www.globethics.net/web/1.6-religion-and-work-open-workgroup>

**VALUES: Human dignity, Sustainability**

## **Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation**

9.1 develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all

9.2 promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and by 2030 raise significantly industry's share of employment and GDP in line with national circumstances, and double its share in LDCs

9.3 increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, particularly in developing countries, to financial services including affordable credit and their integration into value chains and markets

9.4 by 2030 upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities

9.5 enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, particularly developing countries, including by 2030 encouraging innovation and increasing the number of R&D workers per one million people by x% and public and private R&D spending

9.a facilitate sustainable and resilient infrastructure development in developing countries through enhanced financial, technological and technical support to African countries, LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

9.b support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries including by ensuring a conducive policy environment for inter alia industrial diversification and value addition to commodities

9.c significantly increase access to ICT and strive to provide universal and affordable access to internet in LDCs by 2020

### **GOAL 9: GE Impact level 1**

Innovation ethics, cultural discourse on values between tradition and innovation and dealing with cultural value clashes are key for innovation and industrialization. By promoting research and publications on the ethics of mining, of natural resources and of innovation directly contributes to a participative discussion, which includes ethics as an important component of new developments in technology.

**VALUES: Sustainability, Accountability**

### **Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries**

10.1 by 2030 progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40% of the population at a rate higher than the national average

10.2 by 2030 **empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion** of all irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status

10.3 ensure **equal opportunity and reduce inequalities** of outcome, including through eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and actions in this regard

10.4 adopt policies especially fiscal, wage, and social protection policies and progressively achieve **greater equality**

10.5 improve **regulation and monitoring of global financial markets and institutions** and strengthen implementation of such regulations

10.6 ensure enhanced representation and voice of developing countries in decision making in **global international economic and financial institutions** in order to deliver more effective, credible, accountable and legitimate institutions

10.7 facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible **migration and mobility** of people, including through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies

10.a implement the principle of special and differential treatment for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, in accordance with WTO agreements

10.b encourage ODA and financial flows, including foreign direct investment, to states where the need is greatest, in particular LDCs, African countries, SIDS, and LLDCs, in accordance with their national plans and programmes

10.c by 2030, reduce to less than 3% the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5%

### **GOAL 10: GE Impact level 2**

GE has consistently dealt with the issues of inequality, empowerment, regulation and monitoring of global markets and financial institutions within the framework of the Global Ethics Forum. GE also participates in conferences on the reformation of the international financial architecture. As an example of GE's research, in 2012 we published a book, as part of the GE Global series, titled "*Trust and Ethics in Finance*", which was well received and has been downloaded over 18,000 times from the GE online library over the last few months.

**VALUES: Justice, Accountability**

**Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements **inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable****

11.1 by 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums

11.2 by 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons

11.3 by 2030 enhance **inclusive and sustainable** urbanization and capacities for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries

11.4 strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage

11.5 by 2030 significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of affected people and decrease by y% the economic losses relative to GDP caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with the focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations

11.6 by 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality, municipal and other waste management

11.7 by 2030, provide universal access to **safe, inclusive and accessible**, green and public spaces, particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities

11.a support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning

11.b by 2020, increase by x% the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, develop and implement in line with the forthcoming Hyogo Framework holistic disaster risk management at all levels

11.c support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance, for sustainable and resilient buildings utilizing local materials

## **GOAL 11: GE Impact level 0**

**VALUES: Human dignity, Sustainability**

## **Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns**

12.1 implement the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on **sustainable consumption and production** (10YFP), all countries taking action, with developed countries taking the lead, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries

12.2 by 2030 achieve sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources

12.3 by 2030 **halve per capita global food waste** at the retail and consumer level, and reduce food losses along production and supply chains including post-harvest losses

12.4 by 2020 achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle in accordance with agreed international frameworks and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

12.5 by 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse

12.6 encourage companies, especially large and trans-national companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle

12.7 promote public procurement practices that are sustainable in accordance with national policies and priorities

12.8 by 2030 ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature

12.a support developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacities to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production

12.b develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism which creates jobs, promotes local culture and products

12.c rationalize inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption by removing market distortions, in accordance with national circumstances, including by restructuring taxation and phasing out those harmful subsidies, where they exist, to reflect their environmental impacts, taking fully into account the specific needs and conditions of developing countries and minimizing the possible adverse impacts on their development in a manner that protects the poor and the affected communities

### **GOAL 12: GE Impact level 1**

Business ethics deals as a core issue with sustainable production and with ethical consumption patterns. GE promotes professional Codes of Ethics, which are useful soft-law instruments that can help improve production processes, quality, sustainable use of resources and transparency, etc. GE is also involved in ethical reporting standards.

**VALUES: Sustainability, Accountability**

### **Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts**

13.1 strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related hazards and natural disasters in all countries

13.2 integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies, and planning

13.3 improve education, awareness raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning

13.a implement the commitment undertaken by developed country Parties to the UNFCCC to a goal of mobilizing jointly USD100 billion annually by 2020 from all sources to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation and fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund through its capitalization as soon as possible

13.b Promote mechanisms for raising capacities for effective climate change related planning and management, in LDCs, including focusing on women, youth, local and marginalized communities

### **GOAL 13: GE Impact level 1**

GE publishes regularly on role of faith communities in climate change and on ethics of climate change. GE is also involved in the Humanitarian Forum addressing this topic.

**VALUES: Sustainability, Accountability**

### **Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**

14.1 by 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, particularly from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution

14.2 by 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration, to achieve healthy and productive oceans

14.3 minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

14.4 by 2020, effectively regulate harvesting, and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics

14.5 by 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on best available scientific information

14.6 by 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, and eliminate subsidies that contribute to IUU fishing, and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the WTO fisheries subsidies negotiation\*

14.7 by 2030 increase the economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism

14.a increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacities and transfer marine technology taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs

14.b provide access of small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets

14.c ensure the full implementation of international law, as reflected in UNCLOS for states parties to it, including, where applicable, existing regional and international regimes for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by their parties .

#### **GOAL 14: GE Impact level 0**

Globethics.net publications on sustainability and environmental ethics do include marine ecosystems, among others, but the impact is very indirect and minor.

**VALUES: Sustainability, Accountability**

#### **Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss**

15.1 by 2020 ensure conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements

15.2 by 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests, and increase afforestation and reforestation by x% globally

15.3 by 2020, combat desertification, and restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land-degradation neutral world

15.4 by 2030 ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, to enhance their capacity to provide benefits which are essential for sustainable development

15.5 take urgent and significant action to reduce degradation of natural habitat, halt the loss of biodiversity, and by 2020 protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species

15.6 ensure fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, and promote appropriate access to genetic resources

15.7 take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna, and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products



15.8 by 2020 introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems, and control or eradicate the priority species

15.9 by 2020, integrate ecosystems and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes and poverty reduction strategies, and accounts

15.a mobilize and significantly increase from all sources financial resources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems

15.b mobilize significantly resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management, and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance sustainable forest management, including for conservation and reforestation

15.c enhance global support to efforts to combat poaching and trafficking of protected species, including by increasing the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities

### **GOAL 15: GE Impact level 2**

The promotion of responsible management of land, forest and water resources is part of GE's leadership capacity building training and is related to this goal directly. Religious organizations around the globe own large land and forest resources and can give a strong educational signal to society by responsible use of their resources.

**VALUES: Sustainability, Accountability**

### **Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels**

16.1 significantly **reduce all forms of violence** and related death rates everywhere

16.2 **end abuse, exploitation, trafficking** and all forms of violence and torture against children

16.3 **promote the rule of law** at the national and international levels, and **ensure equal access to justice for all**

16.4 by 2030 **significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows**, strengthen recovery and return of stolen assets, and combat all forms of organized crime

16.5 substantially **reduce corruption and bribery** in all its forms

16.6 develop **effective, accountable and transparent institutions** at all levels

16.7 **ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making** at all levels

16.8 broaden and strengthen **the participation of developing countries** in the institutions of global governance

16.9 by 2030 provide legal identity for all including birth registration

16.10 ensure **public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms**, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

16.a strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for **building capacities at all levels**, in particular in developing countries, for preventing violence and combating terrorism and crime

16.b **promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development**

### **GOAL 16: GE Impact level 3**

Goal 16 is very relevant to the work of GE, particularly with regards to SDGs 16.4, 16.5 and 16.6. GE contributes to this goal through the following: The GE library has over 30,000 documents relating to this topic. Additionally, GE informs on issues of corruptions and on the need for transparency.

Through research projects and publications: GE publishes several titles that deal with combating corruption practices and promoting transparency standards. GE recently developed a Code of Ethics Collection, as a tool for enterprises and other organizations in public and private sphere to introduce and adopt code of ethics. GE also intends to aid enterprises in the implementation these codes in practice.

In promoting ethics in action, GE is currently and actively promoting a programme of work that focuses on faith based institutions. One function of the programme intends to promote professional standards at all levels, but particularly at higher management and Boards. The second function of the programme intends to tackle corruption at its foundation, by promoting an ethical culture of transparent resource management and behaviour.

**VALUES: Accountability, Participation, Justice**

## **Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development**

### **Finance**

17.1 strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection

17.2 **developed countries to implement fully their ODA commitments**, including to provide 0.7% of GNI in ODA to developing countries of which 0.15-0.20% to least-developed countries

17.3 mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources

17.4 assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring, as appropriate, and address the external debt of highly indebted poor countries (HIPC) to reduce debt distress

17.5 adopt and implement investment promotion regimes for LDCs

### **Technology**

17.6 enhance North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation, and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, particularly at UN level, and through a global technology facilitation mechanism when agreed

17.7 promote development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed

17.8 fully operationalize the Technology Bank and STI (Science, Technology and Innovation) capacity building mechanism for LDCs by 2017, and enhance the use of enabling technologies in particular ICT

### **Capacity building**

17.9 enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South, and triangular cooperation

### **Trade**

17.10 promote a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the WTO including through the conclusion of negotiations within its Doha Development Agenda

17.11 increase significantly the exports of developing countries, in particular with a view to doubling the LDC share of global exports by 2020

17.12 realize timely implementation of duty-free, quota-free market access on a lasting basis for all least developed countries consistent with WTO decisions, including through ensuring that preferential rules of origin applicable to imports from LDCs are transparent and simple, and contribute to facilitating market access

### **Systemic issues**

### **Policy and institutional coherence**

17.13 enhance global macroeconomic stability including through policy coordination and policy coherence

17.14 enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

17.15 respect each country's policy space and leadership to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development

### **Multi-stakeholder partnerships**

17.16 enhance the global partnership for sustainable development complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources to support the achievement of sustainable development goals in all countries, particularly developing countries

17.17 encourage and promote effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships

### **Data, monitoring and accountability**

17.18 by 2020, enhance capacity building support to developing countries, including for LDCs and SIDS, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts

17.19 by 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement GDP, and support statistical capacity building in developing countries

### **GOAL 17: GE Impact level 3**

This goal is very relevant to the business model of GE, in particular in the areas of Technology (17.6), Capacity building (17.9) and Multi-stakeholder partnerships (17.16, 17.7) The concepts of the sharing of knowledge and responsibility is at the core of GE's work. GE's partners and its extended network represent most countries and territories around the world.

### **VALUES: Sharing**

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