

# SUSTAINABILITY CHEAT SHEET

**Sustainability** is development that meets today's needs without compromising the needs of the future. This requires natural, social, and economic resources – meaning that sustainability is about more than just the environment!



### **Economic sustainability**

The goal of economic sustainability is to maintain intact global communities and ensure that everyone has access to secure sources of livelihood.

#### Social sustainability

The goal of social sustainability is to protect the basic requirements needed to keep individuals and communities healthy, secure, and respected and ensure that they are available and accessible to all.

#### **Environmental sustainability**

The goal of environmental sustainability is to conserve natural resources and protect global ecosystems to support health and wellbeing, now and in the future. The concept of stewardship, in which humans must act as stewards of the earth, is deeply intertwined with environmental sustainability.

## United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

All countries are encouraged to embrace the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 17 SDGs are designed for all nations and are supposed to be a call to action. The goal of the SDGs is to promote "peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future."

