



# SDG 16 as an enabler for the 2030 Agenda

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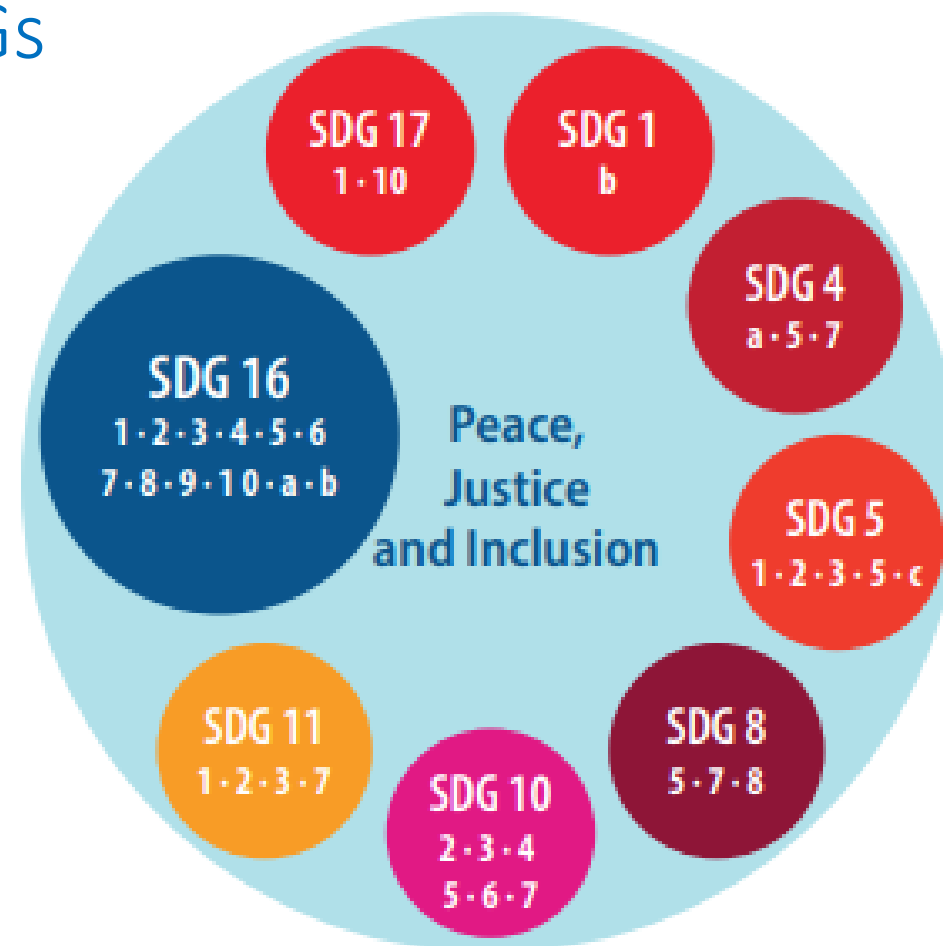


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In addition to the direct 12 targets within SDG 16, 24 targets in other SDGs contribute to peace, justice and inclusion

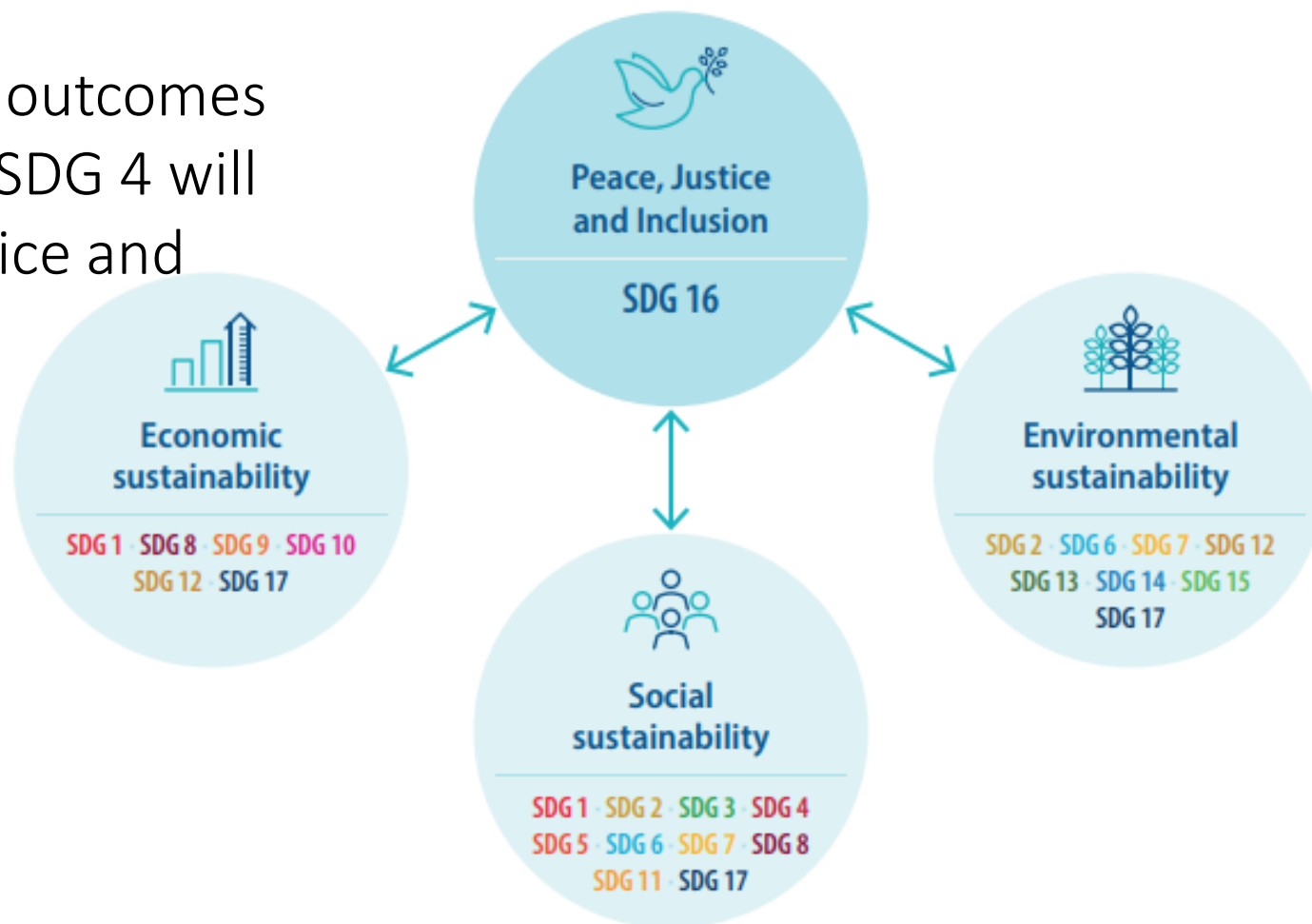
- For example, SDG 4 (Quality Education) target 7 entails education for human rights and a culture of peace.





# SDG 16 Interlinkages

- Progress on SDG 16+ will enhance economic growth (SDG 8).
- SDG 16+ will improve education outcomes (SDG 4) and in turn progress on SDG 4 will promote a culture of peace, justice and inclusion.





- Central to sustaining peace by strengthening institutions at all levels
- Rights-based approach, addressing the root causes of poverty
- Requires full-ownership of the process and investment
- Free, active and meaningful participation
- The most vulnerable and marginalized groups in societies are engaged as “actors” rather than just “beneficiaries”

# Monitoring and Reporting on SDG 16 - VNRs



- Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
  - a stock taking exercise to assist in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Useful tool to track progress on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and to promote accountability
- Monitoring SDG 16 requires innovative approaches to monitor the progress

# Monitoring and Reporting on SDG 16 - Challenges



- No uniformity in reporting SDG 16 in VNRs
- Limited high-level political ownership
- Inadequate periodic monitoring
- Lack of data – data revolution & partnerships
- Insufficient inclusive and participatory consultations
- Limited policy development and implementation capacities
- Requires contextualization in the national context – exploring additional indicators to monitor specific situations if necessary



## Iraq:

- After the various conflicts, millions of people live in poverty, and infrastructure and State assets have been destroyed, and data collection especially on governance was a challenge.
- A NGO Network developed, together with academics, a questionnaire on Goal 16 indicators to share on NGO, youth and academic pages on Facebook. Within the first three weeks of January 2019, more than 1000 people had responded to the questionnaire. The data collected was shared with the Iraqi Central Statistics Bureau and is now being used to help prepare Iraq's first VNR.



## Tunisia:

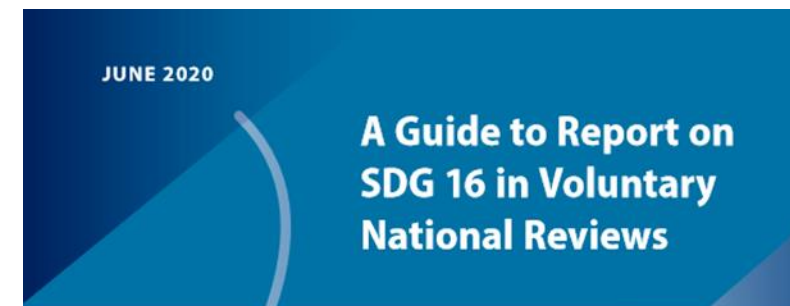
- Reflecting the mood in the country post-2011 revolution, the country saw as its priority to establish a democratic state that promotes, protects and respects fundamental rights and freedoms.
- A broad array of state and non-state stakeholders participated in formulating SDG 16+ targets and indicators given Tunisian context.
- The country also mainstreams SDG 16+ dimensions into national and local planning processes.



# A Guide to Report on SDG 16 in VNR



- Developed by the [\*Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies\*](#) a coordinating platform for UN Member States, private sector, civil societies and UN Agencies to strengthen evidence-based reporting, monitoring and measurement of Sustainable Development Goal 16.
- The [\*\*Guide\*\*](#) provides a step-by-step process for Member States on how to put SDG 16 into action through an inclusive and participatory VNR process,



# Global Alliance Call to Action - Strengthening Inclusive, Accountable and Responsive Societies to tackle COVID-19



To ensure ‘whole of government’ and ‘whole of society’ approaches to SDG 16+ during this crisis, **the Global Alliance recommends that member states:**

- Implement a human rights-based approach to data collection and disaggregation to ensure that no one is left behind as a result of the pandemic.
- Strengthen institutions that are accountable, inclusive, and transparent in their COVID-19 response.
- Invest sufficiently in National Statistics Offices (NSOs) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to enhance the quality of COVID-19 statistics.
- Strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships between data actors to monitor national responses to COVID-19.