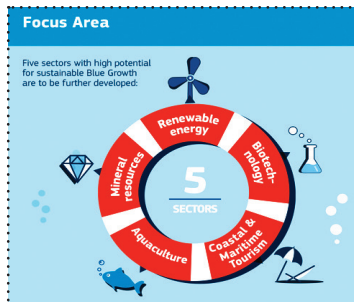


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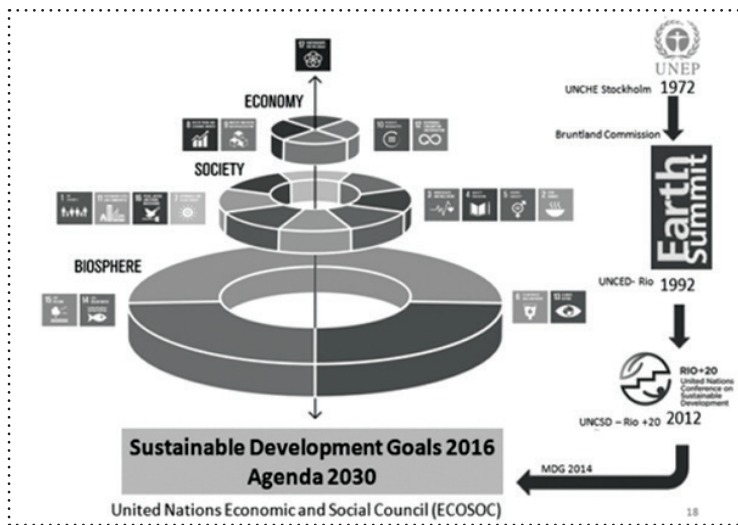
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A snapshot of the evolution of SDGs is depicted below.



Let's see what SDG (sustainable development goals) are:

Several of the Government's programmes would directly contribute to advancement of the SDG agenda.

Agenda 2030 comprises 17 SDGs and 169 related targets for implementation that came into effect from 1 January 2016 and will be valid for a period of 15 years, till 2030. The Agenda outlines the goals and targets to be achieved and corresponding indicators for measurement. Agenda 2030 is also being steered by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) under UN aegis.

The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) enables a government to review its own performance and communicate the national initiatives implemented to the UN. In 2016, 22 countries conducted VNRs and presented their reports to the HLPF. In 2017 the number nearly doubled to 43, indicating the effectiveness of the VNR system. India submitted its VNR in July 2017.

According to FICCI's Blue Economy Vision 2025, Blue Economy is an integral element of Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs). Kapil Narula writes that the notion of Blue Economy and the SDGs are aligned and mutually reinforcing. There is wide acceptance that in order to implement the Blue Economy effectively, the SDGs will have to become its foundation.

This Paper is of the view that SDGs can serve as a guiding methodology for governments to implement, calibrate and prioritise national programmes on Blue Economy. In order to comprehend the effectiveness of government policies from the perspective of Blue Economy, one has to examine the implementation methodology of SDGs by the UN and the Government of India.

About 48 countries are expected to submit their VNRs in 2018. The VNRs of other countries are also available on the UN website and can be freely referred to, in order to let a country calibrate its own national schemes.

The Goals:

The 17 Goals identified under Agenda 2030 are:

Goal 1 – End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Goal 2 – End hunger, achieve food security and improved

nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Goal 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Goal 4 – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Goal 5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Goal 6 – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Goal 7 – Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Goal 8 – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Goal 9 – Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.

Goal 10 – Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Goal 11 – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Goal 12 – Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

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