

A Guide for Integrating Human Rights and Sustainable Development in the

Global Goal on Adaptation

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Theme	Global Goal on Adaptation *(Decision 2/CMA.5, para 9)*	Relevant SDGs and targets include	Relevant human rights standards include
Water and sanitation	Significantly reducing climate-induced **water** scarcity and enhancing climate resilience to water-related hazards towards a climate-resilient water supply, climate-resilient sanitation and towards access to safe and affordable potable water for all (9a)	**6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION** **Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all** *Relevant targets include ensuring universal and equitable access to safe, affordable drinking water (6.1); sanitation and hygiene for all (6.2); reducing pollution (6.3); increasing water-use efficiency (6.4); integrating water resources management (6.5); protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems (6.6), international cooperation and capacity-building (6.a), and promoting participatory management of water and sanitation services (6.b).*	• **Rights to safe drinking water and sanitation** [ICESCR art. 11(1); CRPD art. 28 (2); CEDAW art. 14 (2)(h); CRC art. 24 (2)(c); UNDROP, art. 21] • **Indigenous Peoples' right to free, prior and informed consent in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of water resources** [UNDRIP art. 32] • **Right to health** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 12; CRPD art. 25; ICERD art. 5(iv)] **particularly of women** [CEDAW art. 12]; **children** [CRC art.24], **persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 25], and **peasants and other people working in rural areas' right to health** [UNDROP, art 23] • **The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC Res. 48/13; UNGA Res. 76/300]
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- **International cooperation** [UDHR art. 28; ICESCR art. 2 (1); Declaration on the Right to Development arts. 3-4]
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Water and sanitation	Attaining climate-resilient **food and agricultural** production and supply and distribution of food, as well as increasing sustainable and regenerative production and equitable access to adequate food and nutrition for all (9b)	**2 ZERO HUNGER** **End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture** *Relevant targets include ending hunger and malnutrition (2.2); improving agricultural production (2.3); sustainable and resilient food production (2.4); increasing investment in rural infrastructure and agricultural research (2.a); orrecting trade distortions and ensuring functioning food commodity markets (2.b).* **12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** **Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns** *Relevant targets include halving global food waste and food loss (12.3); and encouraging companies to adopt sustainable practices and integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle (12.6).* *Other relevant SDGs:* 1 NO POVERTY, 5 GENDER EQUALITY, 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES, 13 CLIMATE ACTION, 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS, 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	• **Right to adequate food** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 11; CRC art. 24(2)(c); UNDROP, art 15] • **Right to be free from hunger** [ICESCR art. 11(2)] • **Peasants and other people working in rural areas right to seeds** [UNDROP art. 19] • **International cooperation, including ensuring equitable distribution of world food supplies in relation to need** [ICESCR arts. 2(1), 11(2)] • **Right to participate in cultural life** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 15; ICERD arts. 5(vi), 7; CRPD art. 30; CRC art. 31]
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Water and sanitation	Attaining resilience against climate change related **health** impacts, promoting climate-resilient health services, and significantly reducing climate-related morbidity and mortality, particularly in the most vulnerable communities (9c)	**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** **Ensure healthy lives and promote well–being for all at all ages** *Relevant targets include reducing maternal mortality (3.1); ending preventable child deaths (3.2); ending or reducing AIDS other diseases (3.3); reducing premature mortality (3.4); universal health coverage, affordable essential medicines, sexual and reproductive health care (3.7); reducing deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution (3.9); vaccine research, and access to medicines (3.b).* *Other relevant SDGs:* 1 NO POVERTY; 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES; 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES; 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION; 13 CLIMATE ACTION; 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS; 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	• **Right to life** [UDHR art. 3; ICCPR art. 6], **particularly of women** [CEDAW art. 12] **and children** [CRC art. 6] • **Right to health** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 12], **particularly of women** [CEDAW art. 12]; **children** [CRC art.24], **persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 25], and **peasants and other people working in rural areas** [UNDROP, art 23] • **The improvement of all aspects of environmental and industrial hygiene** [ICESCR art 12 (2)(b)] • **Special protection for mothers and children** [UDHR art 25 (2); ICESCR art.10] • **Indigenous Peoples' right to their traditional medicines and to maintain their health practices** [UNDRIP art. 24] • **Rights to safe drinking water and sanitation** [ICESCR art. 11(1); CRPD art. 28 (2); CEDAW art. 14 (2)(h); CRC art. 24 (2)(c); UNDROP, art. 21] • **International cooperation, particularly in relation to the right to health and children's rights** [CRC art. 4] • **The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC Res. 48/13; UNGA Res. 76/300]
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Water and sanitation	Reducing climate impacts on **ecosystems and biodiversity**, and accelerating the use of ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions, including through their management, enhancement, restoration and conservation and the protection of terrestrial, inland water, mountain, marine and coastal ecosystems (9d)	**14 LIFE BELOW WATER** **Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development** *Relevant targets include reducing marine pollution (14.1); sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems (14.2); minimizing impacts of ocean acidification (14.3); securing market access for small scale fishers (14.b)*	• **Right to health** [UDHR art. 25(1); ICESCR art. 12; CRC art. 24; CEDAW art. 12; CMW art. 28] • **Right to adequate food & rights to safe drinking water and sanitation** [UDHR art. 25(1); ICESCR art. 11(1), CRC art. 24(2)] • **Right of all peoples to freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources** [ICCPR, ICESCR art. 1(2)] • **Indigenous Peoples' right to the conservation and protection of the environment** [UNDRIP art. 29] • **Peasants and other people working in rural areas' right to conservation and protection of the environment** [UNDROP art. 18] • **Right to participate in cultural life** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 15; ICERD arts. 5(vi), 7; CRPD art. 30; CRC art. 31] • **The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC Res. 48/13; UNGA Res. 76/300]
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Ecosystems		**15 LIFE ON LAND** **Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss** *Relevant targets include the sustainable management of freshwater, mountain ecosystems and forests (15.1); combatting desertification (15.3); halting biodiversity loss (15.5); increasing the capacity of local communities to pursue sustainable livelihood opportunities (15.c).*	
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Global targets		*Other relevant SDGs:* 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES; 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION; 13 CLIMATE ACTION; 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS; 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	*Also Includes:* **Non-discrimination** [UDHR art. 7; ICCPR arts. 2, 4, 24 and 26; ICESCR art. 2; ICERD art. 2; CEDAW; CRC art. 2; CRPD art. 4; CMW art.7; UNDRIP art. 2; UNDROP art. 3] **Right to participate in decision-making** [ICCPR art. 19 and 25; ICESCR, art. 15; CRC, art. 12; CRPD art. 29; UNDRIP art. 19; UNDROP art. 10; UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders art. 8; Aarhus Convention art. 6; Escazu Agreement art. 7] **Right to access to information** [UDHR art. 19; ICCPR art. 19(2); Aarhus Convention art. 4; Escazu Agreement art. 6], **particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 9] **Right to access to justice** [ICCPR arts. 14 and 26; Aarhus Convention art. 9; Escazu Agreement art. 8], **particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 13] and **children** [CRC art. 12.2] **International cooperation** [UDHR art. 28; ICESCR art. 2 (1); Declaration on the Right to Development arts. 3-4] **Right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application** [UDHR art. 27; ICESCR art. 15(1)(b)]

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Water and sanitation **Food and agriculture** **Health** **Ecosystems** **Infrastructure** **Livelihoods** **Cultural heritage** **Global targets**	Increasing the resilience of **infrastructure and human settlements** to climate change impacts to ensure basic and continuous essential services for all, and minimizing climate-related impacts on infrastructure and human settlements (9e)	**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE** **Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation** *Relevant targets include affordable and equitable access to quality infrastructure (9.1); employment generating industrialisation (9.2); access to financial services and markets (9.3); innovation and technology transfer; upgrading infrastructure and retrofitting industries to make them sustainable (9.4)and increasing access to ICT (9.a and 9.c).* **11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES** **Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable** *Relevant targets include ensuring access to housing (11.1); basic services and public transport for all (11.2); participatory planning of human settlements (11.3); safeguarding cultural and natural heritage (11.4); reducing the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities (11.6), and strengthening resilience to disasters and increase human settlements integrating mitigation and adaptation to climate change (11.b).* *Other relevant SDGs:* 5 GENDER EQUALITY · 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION · 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY · 13 CLIMATE ACTION · 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS · 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	• **Right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application** [UDHR art. 27; ICESCR art. 15(1)(b)] • **Right to adequate housing, including land and resources** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 11; ICERD art. 5(iii)] • **Equal rights of women to financial credit and rural infrastructure** [CEDAW art. 13(b), art. 14(2)] • **Right to participate in cultural life** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 15; ICERD arts. 5(vi), 7; CRPD art. 30; CRC art. 31] • **Accessibility of transportation, facilities and services particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD arts. 9(1), 19, 28, and 30], **children** [CRC art. 23], **and rural women** [CEDAW art. 14(2)] • **The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC Res. 48/13; UNGA Res. 76/300] *Also Includes:* **Non-discrimination** [UDHR art. 7; ICCPR arts. 2, 4, 24 and 26; ICESCR art. 2; ICERD art. 2; CEDAW; CRC art. 2; CRPD art. 4; CMW art.7; UNDRIP art. 2; UNDROP art. 3] **Right to participate in decision-making** [ICCPR art. 19 and 25; ICESCR, art. 15; CRC, art. 12; CRPD art. 29; UNDRIP art. 19; UNDROP art. 10; UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders art. 8; Aarhus Convention art. 6; Escazu Agreement art. 7] **Right to access to information** [UDHR art. 19; ICCPR art. 19(2); Aarhus Convention art. 4; Escazu Agreement art. 6], **particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 9] **Right to access to justice** [ICCPR arts. 14 and 26; Aarhus Convention art. 9; Escazu Agreement art. 8], **particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 13] and **children** [CRC art. 12.2] **International cooperation** [UDHR art. 28; ICESCR art. 2 (1); Declaration on the Right to Development arts. 3-4] **Right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application** [UDHR art. 27; ICESCR art. 15(1)(b)]

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Water and sanitation	Substantially reducing the adverse effects of climate change on **poverty eradication and livelihoods**, in particular by promoting the use of adaptive social protection measures for all (9f)	1 NO POVERTY **End poverty in all its forms everywhere** *Relevant targets include eradicating extreme poverty (1.1); implementing social protection measures (1.3); ensuring equal access of men and women to economic resources (1.4); and reduce vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and environmental shocks (1.5)*	• **Right to an adequate standard of living** [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 11; CRC art. 27] • **Right to work (including working conditions and trade union activities)** [UDHR art. 23; ICESCR arts. 6, 7 & 8; CRPD art. 27; CEDAW art. 11; ICERD art,5(e)(i)] • **Right to social security** [UDHR art. 22; ICESCR art. 9; ICERD art.5(e)(iv); CEDAW, art. 11(e); CRPD art. 28; CRC art. 26] • **Right to participate in decision-making** [ICCPR art. 19 and 25; UNDRIP art. 19; UNDROP art. 10, ICESCR, art. 15] • **Equal rights of women in economic life** [CEDAW arts. 11, 13, 14(2)(g), 15(2), 16(1)] • **Indigenous Peoples's right to self-determination** [UNDRIP art. 3] • **The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC Res. 48/13; UNGA Res. 76/300]
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Global targets	Global targets which will help guide countries in developing and implementing adaptation plans		
Impact, vulnerability and risk assessment	**Impact, vulnerability and risk assessment:** by 2030 all Parties have conducted up-to-date assessments of climate hazards, climate change impacts and exposure to risks and vulnerabilities and have used the outcomes of these assessments to inform their formulation of national adaptation plans, policy instruments, and planning processes and/or strategies, and by 2027 all Parties have established multi-hazard early warning systems, climate information services for risk reduction and systematic observation to support improved climate-related data, information and services (10a)	**16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS** **Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels** *Relevant targets include promoting the rule of law and ensuring equal access to justice for all (16.3); developing effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels (16.06); ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels (16.07); broadening and strengthening the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance (16.08); ensuring public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms (16.10).*	• **The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment** [HRC Res. 48/13; UNGA Res. 76/300] • **Non-discrimination** [UDHR art. 7; ICCPR arts. 2, 4, 24 and 26; ICESCR art. 2; CERD art. 2; CEDAW; CRC art. 2; CRPD art. 4; CMW art.7; UNDRIP art. 2; UNDROP art. 3] • **Right to participate in decision-making** [ICCPR art. 19 and 25; ICESCR, art. 15; CRC, art. 12; CRPD art. 29; UNDRIP art. 19; UNDROP art. 10; UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders art. 8; Aarhus Convention art. 6; Escazu Agreement art. 7] • **Right to access to information** [UDHR art. 19; ICCPR art. 19(2); Aarhus Convention art. 4; Escazu Agreement art. 6], **particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 9] • **Right to access to justice** [ICCPR arts. 14 and 26; Aarhus Convention art. 9; Escazu Agreement art. 8], **particularly of persons with disabilities** [CRPD art. 13] and **children** [CRC art. 12.2] • **International cooperation** [UDHR art. 28; ICESCR art. 2 (1); Declaration on the Right to Development arts. 3-4] • **Right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application** [UDHR art. 27; ICESCR art. 15(1)(b)]
Planning	**Planning:** by 2030 all Parties have in place country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent national adaptation plans, policy instruments, and planning processes and/or strategies, covering, as appropriate, ecosystems, sectors, people and vulnerable communities, and have mainstreamed adaptation in all relevant strategies and plans; (10b)	**17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS** **Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development** *Relevant targets include strengthening domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection (17.1); developed countries to implement fully their official development assistance commitments (17.02); mobilizing additional financial resources for developing countries (17.3); Assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability (17.4); enhancing North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation (17.6); promoting the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries (17.7); enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries (17.9)*	
Implementation	**Implementation:** by 2030 all Parties have progressed in implementing their national adaptation plans, policies and strategies and, as a result, have reduced the social and economic impacts of the key climate hazards identified in the assessments referred to above (10c) relevant strategies and plans; (10b)		
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