



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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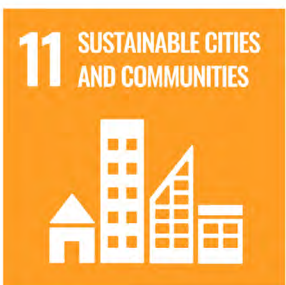
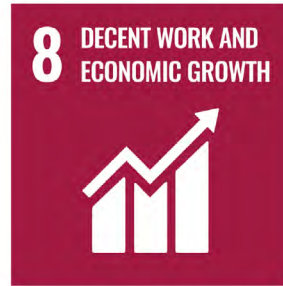
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The UN Sustainable Development Goals

- On 25 September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (UN, 2015). This new global framework aimed to redirect humanity towards a sustainable path and was developed following the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012.
- At the core of the 2030 Agenda are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The universal, transformational and inclusive SDGs describe major development challenges for humanity. Their aim is to secure a sustainable, peaceful, prosperous and equitable life on earth for everyone now and in the future.
- **What are they?** Detailed ideas, topics and learning approaches [here](#)





Palm Oil Production

Palm oil is used in everything from cosmetics to food to soap.
There is enormous demand for it.

- Its production has involved the clearing of tropical rainforests to develop oil palm plantation. This has led to the loss of biodiversity and habitat for under-threat animals and the methods used increase pollution and contribute negatively to climate change.
- Some palm oil production is described as sustainable – it needs to be certified to be branded as such and the producer signed up to the the [RSPO](#) (Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil).



Sustainable Palm Oil



To be RSPO certified organisations need to be committed to:

- No clearance of primary forest

- Have transparent and traceable supply chains

- Reducing their carbon emissions

- Limit planting on peatlands

- Treat workers fairly

- Create wildlife zones

How can we balance the needs of society with sustainable development?