

# Introduction to Sustainability

## Key terms

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



Sustainable development

## Sustainability

The relationship or balance between social, economic and environmental issues.

An awareness of the world as a global community and recognition of the rights and responsibilities of citizens within it.



Global citizenship

## A Global Citizen...

... is aware of the wider world

... lives sustainably

... tackles social injustice

... recognises our human right to education (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 28; The Human Rights Act, Protocol 1: Article 2)

... respects and values diversity

... is open and curious

... takes action towards equity



Image from [United World Schools](#).

# United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations, in light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, have presented 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that aim to improve health and education, reduce inequality, and act against climate change. Throughout Unit 3 of the SQA Environmental Science course, there are opportunities to refer to these SDGs and place the course content in a global context.

The United Nations website offers an interactive board to explore each goal individually, with resources available to support wider research.

**THE 17 GOALS** | 169 Targets

**1 NO POVERTY**

**2**  
**Goal 2**  
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

8 Targets  
14 Publications  
43 Events  
1056 Actions

More info

**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

**2**  
**End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture**

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

