

**MISALIGNED SDG TARGETS:  
HOW TO HANDLE TARGET DATES  
BEFORE 2030**

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# 23 TARGETS FALL IN 2020 AND 2025

- **Goal 2: Zero hunger** – target 2.1 (2020) and target 2.2 (2025) – **Nothing planned**
- **Goal 3: Good health and well-being for people** – target 3.6 (2020) – **Originally a GA resolution**
- **Goal 4: Quality education** – target 4.b (2020) – **Nothing planned**
- **Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation** – target 6.6 (2020) – **Nothing planned**
- **Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth** – target 8.6 (2020) and target 8.7 (2020) and target 8.b (2020) – **Nothing planned**
- **Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure** – target 9.c (2020) – **Nothing planned**
- **Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities** – target 11.b (2020) – **Nothing planned**

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- **Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production** – target 12.4 (2020) – **SAICM Conference 2020**
- **Goal 13: Climate Change** - target 13.a (2020) – **UNFCCC 2020**
- **Goal 14: Life below water** – target 14.1 (2025), target 14.2 (2020), target 14.4 (2020), target 14.5 (2020), target 14.6 (2020) – **CBD 2020**
- **Goal 15: Life on land** - target 15.1 (2020), target 15.2 (2020), target 15.5 (2020), target 15.8 (2020), target 15.9 (2020) – **CBD 2020**
- **Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals** - target 17.8 (2020) – **Nothing planned**

# ***OPTION 1***

That **no updated targets** will be added to the **SDGs** to replace those that have **expired and monitoring and reporting will conclude at the date of the target.**

- **Pros:** The agreement on the SDGs and their targets was one that had balanced the interests of all member states and reopening this could cause that balance to be fractured
- **Cons:** Some of the targets will be updated by other forums and so then there will be reflection of progress reported to the HLPF in line with the new target. This will be particularly relevant to the CBD and SAICM targets

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## ***OPTION 2***

That **no updated targets will be added to the SDGs** to replace those that have fallen but there will be **continued monitoring of the indicators, and reporting on progress** if the target conditions have not been achieved.

- **Pros:** the agreement on the SDGs and their targets was one that had balanced the interests of all member states and reopening this could cause that balance to be fractured. It also allows reporting on the targets even if other forums have changed them
- **Cons:** These not updated targets will not have been absorbed into the SDG targets and so it creates two classes of targets. One which is in the SDGs and one that isn't. In particular this is true for the CBD and SAICM targets. It may impact on the level of commitment to the new targets if they are not absorbed into the SDGs

## ***OPTION 3***

Any **updated target** would need to be agreed through the **UN General Assembly if it was to replace an expiring target.**

- **Pros:** This option recognizes that the UN General Assembly had agreed the SDGs and their targets so is the only ‘official body’ that can update them
- **Cons:** This could see the whole agreement reopen unless member states agree to recognize the agreements made in other forums. This still doesn’t address the targets that do not have other forums to set new targets. In these cases, option 2 could continue

## ***OPTION 4***

**That any updated target agreed by a relevant UN body substitutes the old target without going through renegotiation in the UN General Assembly. Where there is no authoritative UN body then it is done through the UN General Assembly.**

- **Pros:** This would address all of the targets that are going to finish in 2020 and 2025
- **Cons:** This would open up the SDG targets negotiations to Committee 2 of the UNGA to address those that have no plans to be replaced and this could be a difficult negotiation

# CONCLUSION

- Four options – which one to go for?
- Or is it a combination of them?
- Are there other ideas options?
- Do we want to have two classes of targets?

