

## SDGs launched at UN

25 September 2015 – The 193-Member United Nations General Assembly today formally adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, along with a set of bold new Global Goals, which [Secretary-General](#) Ban Ki-moon hailed as a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world.

“The new agenda is a promise by leaders to all people everywhere. It is an agenda for people, to end poverty in all its forms – an agenda for the planet, our common home,” declared Mr. Ban as he [opened](#) the [UN Sustainable Development Summit](#) which kicked off today and wraps up Sunday.

The UN chief’s address came ahead of the Assembly’s formal adoption of the new framework, [Trans](#)



forming [Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), which is composed of 17 goals and 169 targets to wipe out poverty, fight inequality and tackle climate change over the next 15 years.

The Goals aim to build on the work of the historic Millennium Development Goals ([MDGs](#)), which in September 2000, rallied the world around a common 15-year agenda to tackle the indignity of poverty.

The Summit opened with a full programme of events, including a screening of the film *The Earth From Space*, performances by UN Goodwill Ambassadors Shakira and Angelique Kidjo, as well as call to action by female education advocate and the youngest-ever Nobel Laureate, Malala Yousafzai along with youth representatives as torch bearers to a sustainable future.

## World leaders agree sustainable development goals – as it happened

- UN general assembly has formally adopted new development goals
- Agenda consists of 17 goals designed to end poverty and hunger by 2030
- Pope spoke out on environmental issues in opening address at UN
- New goals expected to shape political policy worldwide for next 15 years