

UN Sustainable Development Goals

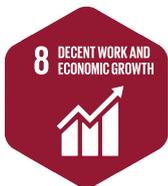
In 2016 we incorporated six of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) to show our support, strengthen our reporting and highlight areas to which we can contribute the most. The goals represent a way to prioritize our activities and initiatives in local communities and other relevant areas of our business. During this year, we have worked to review and further integrate the goals into our sustainability strategy by aligning our existing sustainability targets with each SDG and developing new targets and activities.



Scatec Solar acknowledges the importance of education and its role in transforming lives and fostering economic growth. We put strong emphasis on our contribution to education through local development programs from early childhood to adult vocational training and general skill enhancement. We have set a target to have minimum one development program related to education in every country where we have a solar plant in operation. In most countries, we have several different programmes across a broad range of age groups.



Scatec Solar's main objective is to deliver competitive and sustainable solar energy globally. As a company, we contribute directly to the sustainability goal "Affordable and clean energy". We currently have more than 700 MW installed capacity in operation and under construction in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. Renewable energy is one of the fastest growing markets globally and we aim to have 1,300-1,500 MW in operation and under construction by the end of 2018.



Scatec Solar is strongly committed to providing fair, safe and healthy working conditions and always avoid the use of child or forced labor. Scatec Solar contributes, to job creation by employing local labour and suppliers as far as possible, regardless of whether this is a requirement or not. This contributes to reducing unemployment rates and provides knowledge and technical skills transfer to the communities where we are present. We also support and manage several Economic Development (ED) initiatives with the overall aim of enabling the sustainability of the regional economies surrounding our projects. Going forward, this will be an area of particular focus to us.



Scatec Solar attaches strong importance to local value creation – to create local jobs, enhance local skills, strengthen local supply chains, support entrepreneurship, fund research and community development programmes. We establish local development programmes for all our solar projects to contribute directly in the communities where we have operations. In addition to increasing access to electricity, one of our main efforts to contribute to sustainable cities and communities is local development programmes in the field of education, vocational training, health and infrastructure.



We always work to minimize our impact on the environment. We conduct environmental and social impact assessments for all projects to anticipate risks and we establish management systems to avoid, minimize and compensate for our impacts. We recognize that solar energy development may result in loss or fragmentation of habitat and/or disturbance of protected species. Whenever possible, Scatec Solar avoids impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services. If an impact is unavoidable, measures are implemented to minimize impacts and restore biodiversity.



Our partnership-based approach is essential to our role as an integrated solar power producer, which requires solid partnerships with governments, authorities, developers, financing partners, contractors, suppliers, shareholders, NGOs and others. We work with strong and trusted partners such as the IFC, Norfund, KLP and several major international development banks that all have high standards for the projects and their associated impacts. Serious and credible partners return to us because of our proven track record from implementing projects in complex markets. Our strong partnerships represent a win-win because we build on each other's strengths and we gain new allies.