Introduction

Goal 9 covers the importance of inclusive and sustainable industrial development alongside resilient infrastructure and strong innovation. It is recognized that industrialisation is a driver of development; increasing productivity, creating jobs and income and contributing to poverty eradication.

The 8 aims of this goal are to:

- Develop reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure to support economic development and wellbeing. 1
- Promote sustainable industrialisation and raise the share of employment in industry as well as GDP 2 produced by industry.
- Increase access to financial services for small scale industrial and other enterprises particularly 3 in developing countries.
- 4 Upgrade infrastructure and systems with new technologies to make them sustainable using clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes.
- To enhance scientific research and the technological capability of industry and substantially increase 5 the number of research and development workers.
- Facilitate sustainable infrastructure development in developing countries through improved financial and technological support to African countries and other less developed countries.
- Support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries. 7
- 8 Increase access to information and communications technology and to work towards providing affordable access to the internet in the least developed countries.

Background information

Industrialisation is known to be a driver of development however it also contributes to other development goals including providing opportunities for social inclusion, empowering women and girls, creating youth employment, gender equality, labour standards and greater access to education and healthcare. There is a mutually reinforcing relationship between social and industrial development.

Further Reading/Linked Resources

- Addis Ababa Action Agenda
- Agenda 21 Chapters 9 and 7





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