

## Chapter 2

# Introduction to Sustainable Development Goal 17

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Realising the scale and ambition of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* requires commitment to providing the means of implementation by which the SDGs can be achieved. This is reflected in the importance accorded to SDG 17 and its associated targets. Intensive global engagement across the United Nations system, bringing together governments, civil society and private sector actors, is promised so as to mobilise all available resources for sustainable development.

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While seeking to enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* strongly and consistently reiterates that:

*each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized.*

(UNGA 2015)

The means of implementation, therefore, need to be considered and strengthened within each country, alongside the global impetus to be provided by the United Nations system, through the auspices of the Commonwealth, and by other multilateral actors. As stated in Chapter 1, this guide also focuses on policies that can be implemented by country governments to enhance the contribution of sport to sustainable development. Aspects of SDG 17 are recognised as key to this contribution and underpin policy options identified in respect of specific SDGs in Section Two of this guide.

Informing these policy options is the analysis, presented in Chapter 3, of the relevance to governments and sport stakeholders of the SDG 17 targets associated with country-leadership and policy coherence, mobilising financial and human resources, and multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral partnerships. This analysis leads to the presentation of a framework of approaches to implementation that can enhance the collective contribution of sport to sustainable development, and specific goals and targets.

SDG 17 targets for data, monitoring and accountability are associated with the primary responsibility that governments have for reviewing progress towards implementing and achieving the SDGs. Effective policy-making is reliant on access to reliable, high-quality and disaggregated data. Chapter 4 analyses current approaches to monitoring, evaluating and evidencing sport-based approaches. From this analysis, Chapter 4 identifies potential methods and important considerations for policy-makers who have responsibility for reviewing the contribution of sport to the SDGs.

### Reference

UN General Assembly (UNGA) (2015), *Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, available at: [www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/L.1andLang=E](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/L.1andLang=E)