

# Reflecting on the five-year anniversary of the UN SDGs

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Today marks the five-year anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a transformative roadmap for a more sustainable future for people, wildlife, and the planet by 2030. As we come to the end of the Global Goals Week, we want to acknowledge the significant work to be done and the role we can all play in driving a more sustainable future.

2020 has seen many environmental and social challenges brought into sharper focus by COVID-19. Our hope is that 2020 marks a turning point to harness our collective ability to identify solutions and support the Sustainable Development Goals.

As an ESG data science company, RepRisk remains steadfastly committed to illuminating hidden and emerging ESG risks. Now more than ever, it is critically important that investors and allocators 'look under the hood' and treat ESG risks as a primary consideration in risk management.

The data industry has a responsibility to drive better decision-making for those allocating capital by providing timely and relevant data – allowing for risk mitigation before a risk incident occurs, not after. Multi-dimensional analysis, as opposed to a single rating, and looking beyond self-reported company disclosures leads to a better, comprehensive assessment of material ESG risks – thus more positive outcomes for stakeholders.

RepRisk is finalizing the integration of the SDG framework into our existing solutions and will be rolling it out to you in the coming months. The new feature will identify companies that might harm or reverse progress on any of the 17 SDGs – exclusively using an outside-in perspective to assess whether companies walk their talk when it comes to alignment with the SDGs.

We are proud to be a partner to our clients in this work and look forward to making strides toward the vision laid out by the UN five years ago.