

THE IEA CLEAN COAL CENTRE SUPPORTS THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to meet the urgent environmental, political and economic challenges facing the world. The overall aims are to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The 17 SDGs interconnect—they recognise that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability. For example, dealing with the threat of climate change impacts how we manage our fragile natural resources, achieving gender equality or better health helps eradicate poverty, and fostering peace and inclusive societies will reduce inequalities and help economies prosper.



How does the work of the IEA Clean Coal Centre support the SDGs?

The IEACCC mission statement is to continue to provide independent information and analysis on all coal-related trends compatible with the Sustainable Development Goals.





Why does this matter?

Coal remains the second largest source of primary energy and the dominant fuel for generating electricity, and this will be the case for many years, particularly in developing countries.

The IEACCC identifies, analyses and publicises policy and technology developments that improve the uptake and use of all clean coal technologies. This work is especially focused on initiatives that lead to higher operating efficiencies while ensuring that emissions are minimised for coal based power plants and industrial applications. This approach supports the SDGs of providing clean energy, promoting economic growth and improving infrastructure while minimising the physical and health impacts on the environment and communities.

These innovation- and policy-guided assessment activities are integral to the IEACCC operating framework as a unique provider of independent information and analysis on all matters related to clean coal development and deployment. In particular, the IEACCC recognises the geographical shift in the deployment of coal technologies to the industrialising nations of Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe where a social licence to operate is important in the adoption of clean coal technologies to help alleviate energy poverty in the most sustainable ways possible. Increasingly, our work programme is focused on such regions.

The IEACCC integrates the messages of the SDGs in its published reports, webinars and blogs and in its outreach activities including events organised both by itself and other like-minded organisations. All the IEACCC material and activities can be found at www.iea-coal.org which illustrates our increasing scope to disseminate policy and technology solutions to a wide audience in need of information and analysis on the sustainable use of coal.

