

Why Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure?

Investment in infrastructure and innovation are crucial drivers of economic growth and development. With over half the world population now living in cities, mass transport and renewable energy is becoming ever more important, as is the growth of new industries and information and communication technologies.

Technological progress is also key to finding lasting solutions to both economic and environmental challenges, such as providing new jobs and promoting energy efficiency. Promoting sustainable industries, and investing in scientific research and innovation, are all important ways to facilitate sustainable development.

More than 4 billion people still do not have access to the Internet, and 90% are from the developing world. Bridging this digital divide is crucial to ensure equal access to information and knowledge, as well as foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

Facts and Figures

- Worldwide, 2.3 billion people lack access to basic sanitation.
- In some South Asian regions, the average number of power outages is as high as around 25 per month. This is estimated to reduce revenue by for example 5-10 % in India.
- According to the Asian Development Bank, it is expected that the ASEAN nations will require around US\$ 3 trillion in infrastructure investments between 2016 and 2030, to meet the growth and economic development of the South East Asian region.
- 2.6 billion people in developing countries do not have access to constant electricity.
- More than 4 billion people do not have access to the Internet; 90% of them are in the developing world.

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- The renewable energy sectors currently employ more than 2.3 million people; the number could reach 20 million by 2030.
- In developing countries, barely 30% of agricultural products undergo industrial processing, compared to 98% high-income countries.

See inspiration references and stories below:

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