Capital Market Commitment to SDGs

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1. What are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- 17 goals and 169 targets announced by the United Nations in 2015
- Aimed to be achieved by 2030
- Based on the SDGs, members of the UN seek to alleviate poverty, combat inequality, and address climate change

Source: United Nations
# 2. Development in Japan for SDGs

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<td>2016</td>
<td>Government of Japan established “SDGs Promotion Headquarters” headed by the Prime Minister. The headquarters established “SDGs Implementation Guiding Principles”</td>
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<td>Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan attended “High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)” held by United Nations. Japan’s Green Bond Guidelines 2017 was established by Ministry of Environment. GPIF selects ESG Indices. “SDGs Action Plan 2018” was established by SDGs Promotion Headquarters</td>
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<td>High Level Meeting on ESG Finance set up by the Ministry of Environment released recommendations - Toward becoming a big power in ESG finance -</td>
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3. Initiatives of JSDA

The JSDA established the **Council for Promoting the SDGs in the Securities Industry** as an advisory body to the JSDA Chairperson (September, 2017).

**Council for Promoting the SDGs in the Securities Industry**
Chair: JSDA Chairperson, Members: JSDA member companies and external experts

- **Subcommittee on ending poverty/starvation and protecting the global environment**
  - Examines specific policies to promote the arrangement/distribution of financial products related to impact investments, in order to contribute to the resolution of social challenges through the securities business.
  - Examples of specific initiatives:
    - Creation of materials to deepen understanding of those products amongst officers and employees of securities firms.

- **Subcommittee on promoting decent working conditions and women’s participation in society**
  - Examines cross-sectional initiatives in the industry to promote decent working conditions and encourage women in the work force.
  - Examples of specific initiatives:
    - Women employees network
    - Compilation of best practices

- **Subcommittee on supporting education for the socially vulnerable**
  - Examines possible initiatives for the securities industry to support the promising growth of children, even those living under harsh economic circumstances.
  - Examples of specific initiatives:
    - Establishment of used book donation funds
    - Creation of platforms to facilitate collaboration between NPOs and securities companies