



#CEOs4SDGs

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Everyone has a role to play in making our world more sustainable. At Schneider, we've been on our sustainability journey for the past 15 years. We have always considered the UN Global Compact as a common compass, which allows us to go faster inside Schneider and together with our ecosystem, our customers, our suppliers on the communities around us.

Since the beginning, we've been closely associated with UN Global Compact and we've taken a leadership role in many instances, Global Compact serves as a blueprint for business to make impactful change in society on the environment. Schneider's sustainability goals and targets have been created to contribute to all 17 goals.

However, we know that we can make a bigger impact as a company in some of those very specific goals. With our digital innovations and technologies, we can really help the world meet climate action objectives objective number 13 and with our technologies, we can allow more people in the world to have access to affordable on clean energy, which is the number seven goal, and we know at Schneider that access to energy is a passport to a decent life.

We on the top of it are really committed strongly to gender equality, which is objective number five, we are also very committed on the topic of decent work on economic growth for all which is objective number eight, and this everywhere in the world wherever we work, in all the countries where we operate standards such as the ones written or promoted by the IEC are an integral part of our business strategy to serve better our customers and guarantee them the highest level of safety and quality.

Standards provide a recognized and agreed technical approach for companies to access global markets and more important to serve properly their customers. Standards should also ensure and pay attention to sustainability, to allow us to progress sustainability further a relationship between standard bodies and SDGs of the UN Global Compact must be developed and new standards related to sustainability must be written including co developed standards with other international organizations like ISO.

Let's not forget that sustainability is part of the important quality of everything we do in industry. The future could be around conformity assessment schemes to help support our vision on the top of standards. The capability to demonstrate compliance of the office to those standards is a key element of our competitiveness on the credibility of any industry. IEC should develop conformity assessment schemes to allow us to show to our stakeholders and the society around us that what we do is compliant in terms of products and services and help the whole industry to keep reinforcing the trust of communities around us in what we do.