

IDB Contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals

The determination of alignment between sovereign-guaranteed (SG) loan operations approved at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is based on the relationship between the loan objectives and the goal, targets, and indicators associated with each SDG (as articulated on the [UN SDG website](#)). The results of this analysis may be used to understand which IDB-supported projects contribute to specific SDGs, but are not intended to be used to calculate the total dollar value of IDB's contribution to any particular SDG.

For three SDGs, the determination of a project's alignment is based on IDB's internal classification of a project's strategic alignment to institutional priorities. Specifically:

- For SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions), all SG loans that are aligned to IDB's strategic priority of "institutional capacity and rule of law" are also aligned to SDG 16. If the SG loan is not aligned to this strategic priority, then it is not considered aligned to SDG 16.
- For SDG 5 (Gender Equality), only SG loans that are aligned to IDB's strategic priority of "gender equality and diversity" are considered for alignment to SDG 5. Among those, only those that received this strategic alignment classification based on their focus on gender equality (as opposed to diversity) are aligned to SDG 5.
- For SDG 13 (Climate Action), those projects found to have 25% or more climate finance according to the MDB joint approach for assessing climate finance are marked as aligned to SDG 13.

For the remaining 14 SDGs, the determination of alignment is based primarily on the stated project objective/description, and components as outlined in the loan proposal. The project is considered to be aligned to the SDG if: (i) there is a clear and significant link between the core objective and activities of the project and the SDG goal and its associated targets; and (ii) a substantial portion of the project budget is expected to be dedicated to activities related to that SDG (i.e., it is related to one or more large components within the project). The project is not considered to be aligned to the SDG if: (i) there are only brief mentions of concepts related to the SDG or it aligns to only an isolated target within the goal; (ii) only a small portion of funding is dedicated to concepts related to the SDG; or (iii) the project only contributes indirectly to the SDG.