

**GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure-** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

**THE FACTS:**Investments in infrastructure – transport, irrigation, energy and information and communication technology – are crucial to achieving sustainable development and empowering communities in many countries. It has long been recognized that growth in productivity and incomes, and improvements in health and education outcomes require investment in infrastructure. Inclusive and sustainable industrial development is the primary source of income generation, allows for rapid and sustained increases in living standards for all people, and provides the technological solutions to environmentally sound industrialization.

**THE FIGURES:**

- 2.5 billion people worldwide lack access to basic sanitation and almost 800 million people lack access to water, many hundreds of millions of them in Sub Saharan Africa and South Asia
- Least developed countries have immense potential for industrialization in food and beverages (agro-industry), and textiles and garments, with good prospects for sustained employment generation and higher productivity
- Middle-income countries can benefit from entering the basic and fabricated metals industries, which offer a range of products facing rapidly growing international demand
- In developing countries, barely 30 per cent of agricultural production undergoes industrial processing. In high-income countries, 98 per cent is processed. This suggests that there are great opportunities for developing countries in agribusiness

WANEP notes that lasting peace requires capacities and structures to deal with the range of conflicts and security threats that most immediately affect societies and communities. In this wise, the organization has been supporting the establishment of infrastructures for peace at national and regional levels. This is in line with it's believe that an effective infrastructure for peace anchored on national and local ownerships will ultimately lead to resilience and long-term sustainability.

