

Goal 17:Partnerships for the Goals - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

THE FACTS:The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can only be realized with a strong commitment to global partnership and cooperation. While official development assistance from developed countries increased by 66 percent between 2000 and 2014, humanitarian crises brought on by conflict or natural disasters continue to demand financial resources and aid. Many countries also require Official Development Assistance to encourage growth and trade. The goals aim to enhance North-South and South-South cooperation by supporting national plans to achieve all the targets. Promoting international trade, and helping developing countries increase their exports, is all part of achieving a universal rules-based and equitable trading system that is fair and open, and benefits all.

THE FIGURES:

- Official development assistance stood at \$135.2 billion in 2014, the highest level ever recorded
- 79 per cent of imports from developing countries enter developed countries duty-free
- The debt burden on developing countries remains stable at about 3 per cent of export revenue
- The number of Internet users in Africa almost doubled in the past four years. But more than four billion people do not use the Internet, and 90 per cent of them are from the developing world

WANEP shares in the global belief that the success of the sustainable development agenda requires partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. In this wise, WANEP works with governments, states and non-state actors to promote peace and stability in the region. Across the national networks, WANEP is collaborating with diverse stakeholders to facilitate the establishment of infrastructures for peace and has also built partnerships with notable think-tanks, academia and research institutes to promote the utilization of research for peace and security. This stems from the conviction that urgent action is needed to mobilize, redirect resources both at the private and public level to deliver on sustainable development objectives. The establishment of WANEP has sustained the efforts of Civil Society collaboration with diverse stakeholders in building peace in the region.