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**Global Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Achieving the SDGs
With a focus on SDG16**



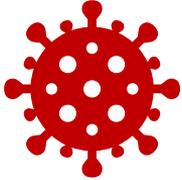
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Cascading Crises Put the SDGs at Risk



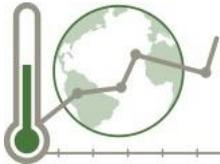
COVID-19 derails SDG progress. It is far from over.

Almost **15 million** people died as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19 by the end of 2021.



Conflicts destroy the lives of many and destabilize the world.

The outbreak of war in Ukraine has caused food, fuel and fertilizer prices to skyrocket, and roiled financial markets, fuelling the threat of a **global food crisis**.



Climate crisis is fast approaching.

Global emissions are set to increase by almost **14%** over the current decade.



A Focus on Goal 16





Further Impacts, Some Positive Trends and the Importance of Data



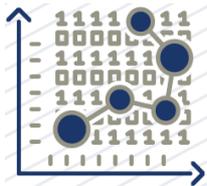
The vulnerable are being hit the hardest.

There is a rise in **child labour** and **child marriage**. **Women** are also particularly impacted with lost jobs and increased burdens.



There are some positive trends.

A surge in **internet users**. Resurgence of **global manufacturing** and **higher-technology industries**.



Data and statistics can light the way.

We still lack the data we need to better target responses and anticipate future needs.



SDGs are Our Roadmap Out of Crises



Accelerated global-scale action.

These challenges require accelerated global-scale action that is committed to and follows the **SDG roadmap**.



Crises as opportunities.

Crises have a way of forcing new ways of thinking and opening up new opportunities.



Solutions are linked.

Taking action on the SDGs will address the root causes on inequality, environmental degradation and climate change.



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