



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly are to be achieved with the participation of all stakeholders “governments, private sector, civil society and people”.

The business sector is a key player for sustainable development. It can contribute to the SDGs, not only through innovative production processes, new products and services, but also by promoting sustainable lifestyles and better quality of life.

The focus of the third session of the October days for sustainable development will be on **SDGs and Business**: it will cover how private and public companies can contribute to the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and ‘ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns’, as required by the 12th SDG.

Four major questions will be discussed:

- 1. Can the SDGs create value for enterprises?**
Implementing the SDGs can be a source of innovations and business opportunities.
- 2. How can companies redesign production patterns in order to implement the SDGs?**
Business change to incorporate SDGs can foster systemic approaches for social innovation and help revamp business processes and the value chain.
- 3. How to foster awareness and capacity development in the business world for SDGs?**
New managerial, organizational and institutional arrangements can support innovating companies achieve the SDGs agenda.
- 4. How to assess business impacts on the Agenda 2030 goals?**
New assessment frameworks can help evaluate the real impact of business innovation on the SDGs.