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## **SDG's as cross-cutting business opportunity with emphasis on water**

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Why Food & Beverage companies should opt for a commitment to a company's sustainability programme with a commitment to SDG?

The Food & Beverage industry has a huge impact on the community as a provider of safe and healthy nutrition while utilizing a significant share of the available resources and making a considerable impact on the global environment.

The UN's SDG targets are already part of the business strategy for most major global Food & Beverage players, however there is still work to be done on defining the roadmap towards reaching the SDG's

NIRAS provides tools to gain insight into the scale of environmental impacts related to various business activities, providing insight and enabling companies to consider the environmental impacts across the value chain.

Benchmarking business by measuring performance on several of the SDG's and providing roadmaps on how to integrate SDGs into the core business with the aim to meet the global sustainability agenda is a target for NIRAS. Water and energy use reduction and re-use are on-going objectives in our work of optimizing and designing production facilities together with our Clients.

Water management in different environments with an holistic approach is a key to future food processing; i.e. sustainable solutions with balanced approach to sourcing, recycling and safe discharge of treated waste water to the recipients. NIRAS is delivering solutions to these issues across the Food & Beverage industry and has set ambitious targets together with our Clients.

Working to obtain the SDG's also provides new financing opportunities. Impact Investing continues to broaden into mainstream funds e.g. pension funds and Denmark's SDG Investment Fund. There are also measurements such as carbon metrics being introduced that track company climate performance for investors. These represent push/pull factors in the climate finance ecosystem.

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