

SDGs as a great opportunity for the green growth in the private sector

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The new 2015-2030 agenda places particular emphasis on the role of business in achieving the SDG, with the private sector's participation in achieving these goals being considered as a critical contribution.

Due to the special characteristics of Iberdrola's activity, its performance generates important synergies, essential for the economic and social development of the countries.

As acknowledged by the United Nations SE4All initiative, socio-economic development is being fed by the growth of the energy sector allowing new opportunities for economic growth of communities which in turn translate into new increases in energy demand and, therefore, in the investments needed to meet the growing energy needs.

In this way, the development of the ordinary activity of the electric sector is shown as an element that favors the attainment of all the objectives, through the creation of new economic opportunities, thus favoring the improvement of education, health , sanitation, the position of women, the environment...

This is due to the dual role of electricity, which allows it to be both

-an end product in itself and

-a basic input for economic activity.

This situation places electric utilities in a privileged position linking their ordinary productive activity in order to comply with the ODS.

Iberdrola maintains a high commitment in environmental matters and the fight against climate change. This commitment leads to the reduction of the environmental impact of its operations through an increasingly polluting generation, the implementation of biodiversity programs and the improvement of operational efficiency, including sustainable use of natural resources, prevention of pollution and the proper management of waste generated.

Iberdrola is a reference company in the electric sector because of the characteristics of its generation mix, its investment profile (betting on renewable technologies and emissions reductions) and the ambitious goals that have already been self-imposed.

These efforts are aimed at making the productive activity of the group 100% compatible with the achievement of goal number 13 ("taking urgent measures to combat climate change and its

effects") and, therefore, with the objective of limiting the increase in global temperature at two degrees Celsius.

Iberdrola, in its attempt to advance in the accomplishment of objective 7, is simultaneously advanced in the development of objective 13. In a collateral way, this advance in these two objectives implies in improvements in the general conditions of life that result In the achievement of the whole new agenda of sustainability designed by the United Nations.