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## CSLA endorses the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

Ottawa – November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects' (CSLA) Board unanimously adopted a motion to endorse the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2000, the UN established Millennium Development Goals, which include eight anti-poverty targets to be accomplished by 2015. Since then, enormous progress has been made towards achieving the MDGs.

The United Nations has now defined Sustainable Development Goals designed to finish the work of the Millennium Development Goals. Sustainable Development Goals were launched in September 2015, and include 17 goals which address the interconnected elements of sustainable development: economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection in all countries by 2030. The 17 goals include water and sanitation, energy, economic growth, infrastructure, cities, climate change, oceans, biodiversity, forests, peace and justice.

According to Robert Norman, CSLA President:

*The UN's Sustainable Development Goals are in keeping with the results we wish to achieve as landscape architects and have much in common with the CSLA's interests, such as establishing targets to combat climate change. The goals also express the values we have endorsed in the [Canadian Landscape Charter](#): recognize landscapes as vital, consider all people, inspire stewardship, expand knowledge and show leadership. We believe that, in togetherness with the world, these goals can help us achieve societies which are peaceful, free of conflict and poverty, just and equitable for all.*

To learn more about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, visit the [UN's website](#).

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The **Canadian Society of Landscape Architects** (CSLA) is a professional organization with over 1,900 landscape architects as members represented by provincial and territorial associations plus academic programs across the nation. As the voice of the profession in Canada, the CSLA is an advocate for its members on issues such as urban renewal, sustainable development and cultural heritage.

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