

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Libraries are at the heart of research, technology, innovation and academic life. They provide access to research infrastructure, data and quality information to foster innovation and competitiveness.



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10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Reduce inequality within and among countries

Equitable access to information, freedom of expression, freedom of association and assembly, and privacy are central to individuals' independence. Libraries help to reduce inequality by providing safe, civic spaces open to all, in both urban and rural areas.



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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Libraries are an essential element of contemporary urban planning. To reach the services to most vulnerable groups, libraries provide a safe space for older people, marginalized communities and general public offering opportunities to socialize and take part in cultural activities. It is a space for immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, and refugees as well.



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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Libraries are the precursors of the new sharing economy, offering all kinds of materials for loan (not only books, music, movies, and all kinds of information resources, but also tools, musical instruments, appliances, and more), thus reducing the carbon footprint and the impact on the environment.



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