Many organisations have adopted ‘triple bottom line’ accounting to also report on their social and environmental impact, alongside their financial performance. Often referred to as ‘profit, people and planet’, reporting it has driven corporate responsibility actions for many private sector organisations. Similarly, charities and not-for-profit organisations have also reported on social impact, also often including environmental policies. Government of all levels has been less likely to report in similar ways, and many government programs are not assessed for their social and environmental impact. This is beginning to change as electorates become more concerned with both social and environmental justice measures.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have created both a challenge to contribute towards their achievement, and an opportunity to report actions within a comprehensive, globally recognised framework. National governments now complete a National Voluntary Review for submission to the United Nations. Many local councils have declared a ‘climate crisis’ with an expectation that they will align policies and programs and measure their contribution to the SDGs.

Compass is able to assist all types of organisations to assess their current performance and to examine what future actions they can take to further their contribution to the SDGs. An Agenda 2030 Audit achieves three core objectives;

1. To assess current activities and their contribution to SDG achievement. This may include review of past activities, not necessarily framed in the pattern of the SDGs, but nevertheless assisting their achievement.
2. To provide an external and independent verification of the actions of an organisation and its progress towards SDG alignment.
3. A review of policies and programs to identify further possibilities for SDG alignment. Areas reviewed will include a tailored analysis of organisational performance in employment and recruitment policy, transport, energy, facilities management and stakeholder relations.

Compass is also able to provide training to organisational teams to conduct future reviews and further develop the role of the organisation. Alternatively, we are able to provide a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation service to maintain the independent, external verification that our initial audit provides.

In summary, we can provide a specific combination of support services to assist all organisation, large or small, to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and to be fully recognised for their contribution.