The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) were developed at a United Nations (UN) summit held in 2015. There are 17 over-arching goals which correspond to several more targets. The SDG’s build on the Millennium Development Goals that were agreed on by UN states at the start of the new millennium. The due date for the SDG’s is 2030, and given the scope and scale of them, there remains substantial progress to be made towards their attainment.

Choose one of the countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and write a short essay discussing the relevance of the SDG’s to that country and the progress made by that country towards them. **In an essay of approximately 800 words, critically discuss no more than five of the goals that are key to the country you have selected.** Highlight the challenges that have hindered the process of reaching the goals, and any milestones that have been reached. Your essay should not merely be a summary of information. Rather, it should show some **critical thinking around the SDG's**, and their alignment with the country’s individual development goals and capacity.

The foundation of the material needed for your essay can be found in a report written by the UN Economic Commission for Africa titled “Report on Sustainable Development Goals for the Southern African subregion”, to which a link has been included below. However, this need not be the only source of information on which you base your essay.

**Sources:**