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Gift of Quality to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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In continuation of Millennium Development Goals, in Sept. 2015, 193 member countries of United Nations adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals, (SDGs), also known as Global Goals. The goals are underpinned by 169 targets and 230 Indicators. SDGs are universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity with a commitment to *“Leave No-One Behind”*.

The 2030 Agenda is deliberately ambitious and transformational. E.g. Goal No.2 is to *“End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture”* supported with facts & figures.

- There is more than enough food produced in the world to feed everyone, yet 815 million people go hungry.
- One third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally = about 1.3 billion tons per year

Highly engaging presentation, will share fact based performance data on host of social issues such as health, clean water, education, sanitation, child mortality rates, and supported with best practices and inspiring stories about the leaders, innovations, policies that have made this world a better place.

Improvement is at the core of SDGs and the Targets such as Reducing waste, Reducing Child mortality, Enhancing Safety, Reliability, Affordability, Productivity, etc. are repeated throughout SDGs. Plus projected costs of achieving SDGs is expected to be in billions of US dollars thereby huge potential to save cost of poor quality.

As achieving SDGs requires commitment and involvement from one and all it is a wonderful, unique and huge opportunity for Quality professionals to get involved in SDGs. Quality Leaders and Professionals can contribute their knowledge & expertise in tackling complex social issues. They can help Governments and other organizations save billions of dollars in implementing UN SDGs by about adopting Quality Management strategies.

Presentation will also raise awareness about Global Goals and inspire attendees to become Goal Keepers and join others such as Mr. Barak Obama, Queen Rania of Jordan, Bill & Melinda Gates. And help make this world a sustainable planet by realizing the global vision of *“No One Left Behind”*.

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