

The Global Infrastructure Report: An Aid for Decision-making in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Infrastructure report cards have been used in various countries to report on the state of infrastructure. As long as this is done unemotionally, objectively and based on solid data, it serves the purpose of informing society whether or not they have the necessary infrastructure to achieve their aspirations. Engineering organizations are in the perfect position to produce infrastructure report cards, as they have access to a vast pool of knowledge and expertise and can play the role of an honest broker between civil society and government. A guide has been produced as a guideline for individual engineering organizations to produce their own infrastructure report cards. It is a guideline with suggested minimum requirements but is not intended to be prescriptive. At the same time, if the minimum requirements are adhered to, it becomes possible to combine individual scorecards into a regional, continental and even global scorecard that can be submitted to the UN General Assembly through the High-Level Political Forum. In this way engineering organizations can make a real contribution in achieving the SDGs by focusing attention on where infrastructure is lacking or dysfunctional.