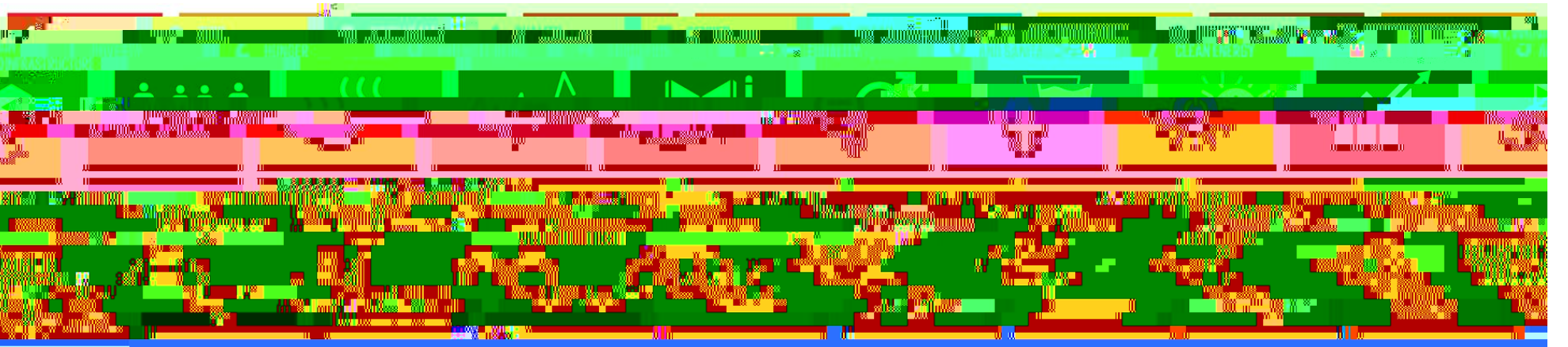


Revealed country priorities from four years of VNRs

The 2030 Agenda highlights the interconnected nature and the indivisibility of the 17 sustainable development countries set priorities according to their national circumstances.

rough their voluntary national reviews (VNRs). To gain some insights into the revealed importance assigned to SDGs, this note analyzes 100% of the 170 VNRs of the 100 countries¹ using machine learning. The relative contribution of each SDG to the total score of the 17 SDGs³ Hence, the SDG scores reported here [understanding of the SDGs](#)



¹ This note has been prepared by the CDP Secretariat on behalf of the CDP Subgroup on VNRs.

² This analysis was limited to the 100 countries that have submitted VNRs to the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) to the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDGs.

³ The scoring algorithm used here is described in Marcello L. Fiaschi (2019) "A Machine Learning Approach to the SDG Scoring System" (CDP Secretariat, 2019) and the SDG Scoring System (CDP Secretariat, 2019) Paper No. 159.

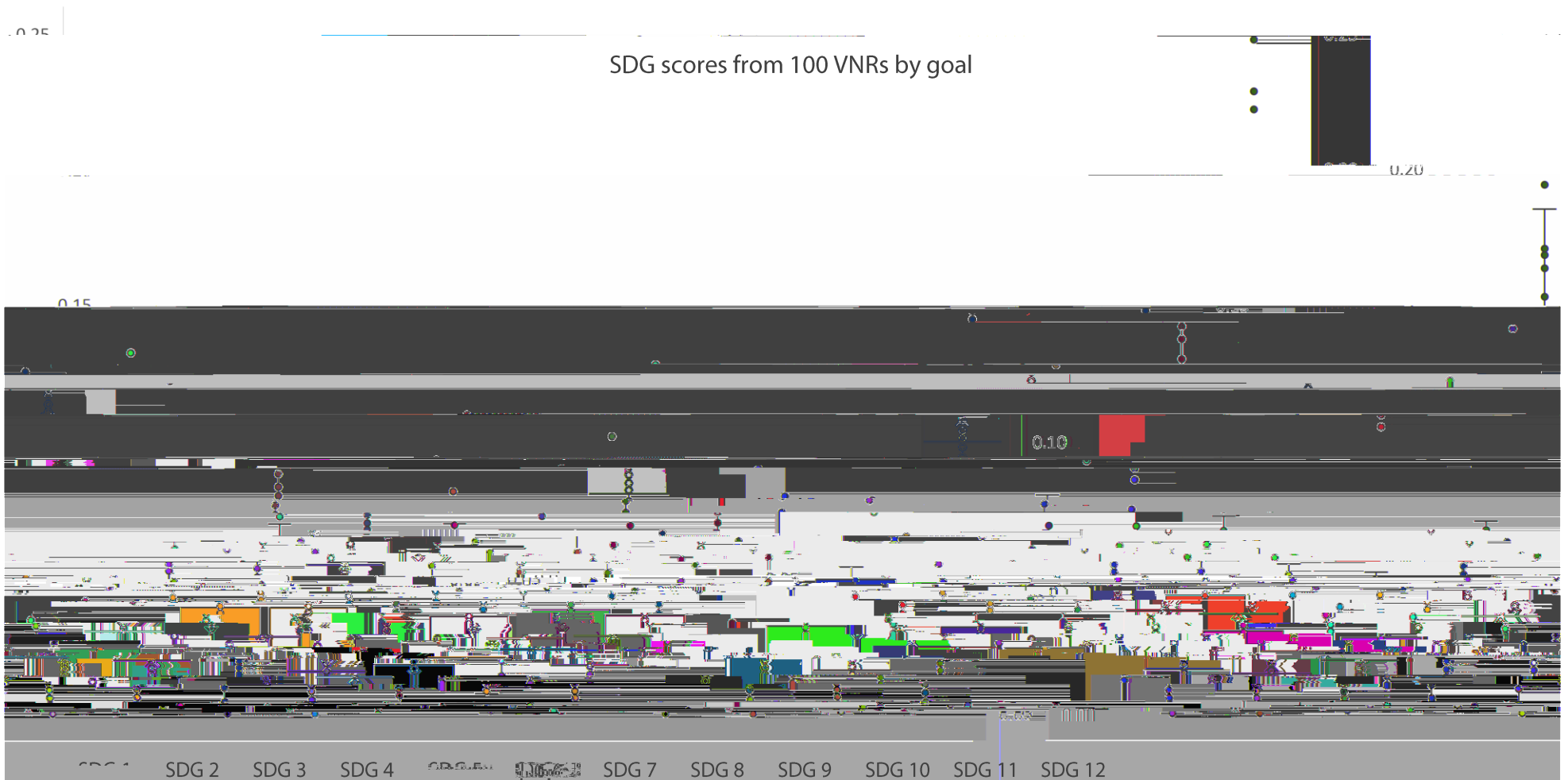
Which SDG is the most and least attention in the VNR

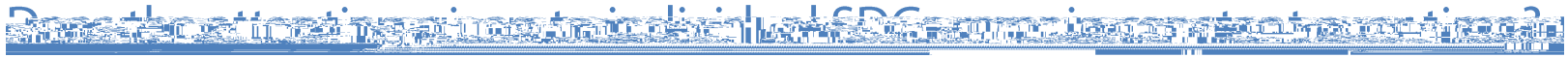
SDG 17 on global partnership finds most attention. *This might reflect not only the broad lead of SDG 17 but also the fact that global partnership is central to Agenda 2030.*

SDG 13 on climate change is given the second most attention, or means work but *the climate challenge needs to translate into action.*

SDG 10 on inequality has the lowest scores. *Given that inequality is a key impediment for Agenda 2030, this is highly concerning.*

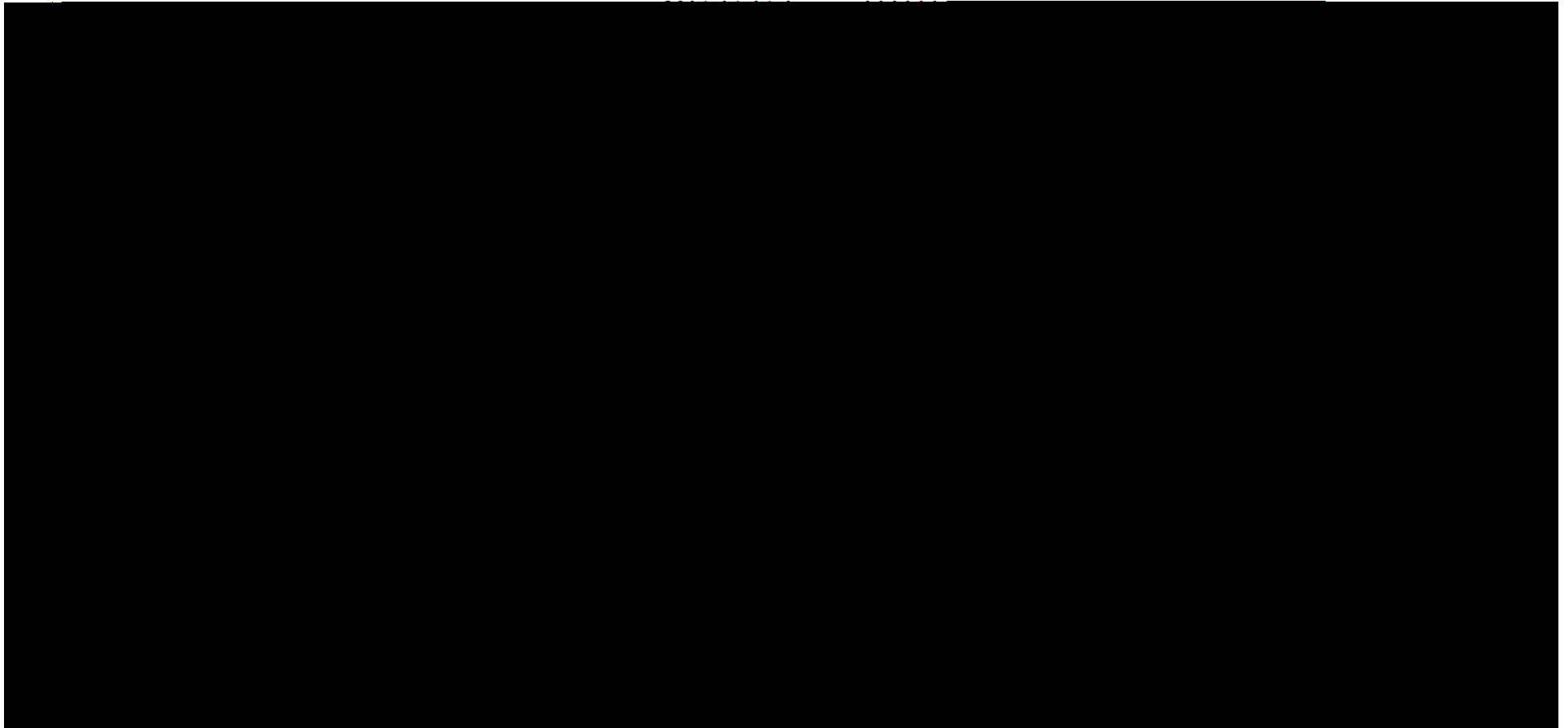
SDG scores from 100 VNRs by goal





Attention to SDGs varies over time. Those SDGs in focus at a given HJ PE receive more attention than in other years, but no clear trend emerge.

SDG scores from 100 V/NPs, by goal and year.



In 2017, SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14 were in focus; in 2018 SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15; and in 2019 SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14.

