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Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGTs): Meeting Challenges through Regional Development

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COVID-19 has meant that attaining the SDGs in NSGTs proved difficult. Lost tourism and fractured

supply chains posed economic problems and service delivery slowed. Even prior to the pandemic,

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Towards Self-reliance?

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have proved limited in achieving adequate access to service provision, raising basic questions about social justice and the role of government as facilitator or otherwise.

Population concerns, and over-urbanisation, exist in some larger NSGTs but SDG 11 is the only one that mentions housing: 'Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable' and 'ensure access for all to adequate, safe, and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums'. Such typically lofty goals offer little on how

NSGTs have increasingly diversified partnerships beyond the administering power. That will prove of greater value in support of development within the emergent blue economy, applying as much to the need for adequate data as to the development of policies and practices.

Partnership, support and cooperation are possible at different scales, with ROs, neighbouring states, the private-sector, NGOs and universities- albeit with the possibility of

complicating the human landscapes of NSGTs. Each NSGT is unique and development

strategies and modes of collaboration vary, with caution required over what is promoted, by whom and why. Focus on coastal management (including urbanisation and biodiversity) and