■Appendix 1: Goals, Targets, and Examples of R&D Themes for 2021

Applicants shall choose one of the this year's goals and targets of the SDGs and additional goals, and decide an R&D theme.
When deciding the R&D theme, applicants should consider the correlation among multiple goals of the SDGs. It is vital to understand how closely every goal of the SDGs is linked to each other, when considering the pursuit of synergy as well as trade-offs, such as economy and the environment, among the goals. In designing an R&D theme and its implementation plan, interdisciplinary approaches are required in addition to disciplinary or sectoral contribution to the field of science, technology, and innovation.