"Without overstatement, sustainable development is critical to meeting the needs of a growing global population while preserving the planet's potential. Goal 12 in particular is highly important because progress on sustainable consumption and production affects the achievement of other SDGs: from human well-being and health, economic growth to a healthy environment.

The Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production approach is highly relevant for Goal 12, as it reduces the consumption of raw materials, energy and water, as well as the generation of  waste and emissions, while improving economic and environmental performance, and promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development for prosperity for all."