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SDSN President Jeffrey Sachs speaking at the COP25 Low-Emissions Solutions Conference
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> *The 2020 Networks in Action Report is an inspiring and illuminating account of the leadership by universities around the world to develop and promote transformative solutions for the SDGs. In the current global crisis, it is more important than ever for the world's SDG problem-solvers and leaders to be closely connected, working together to forge new pathways to the future we want."*

Jeffrey Sachs, President, SDSN

Introduction to the SDSN's Networks Program

In 2015, 193 countries adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity, for people and the planet. The transformation that is needed to make this vision a reality is enormous in scale and complex. Universities are well-positioned to support this transition. They develop new technologies, business models, and governance frameworks; train future leaders to be globally-conscious and innovative; and have a proven track record working with diverse stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations.

The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) mobilizes the world's academic and research institutes and leverages their strengths to help realize the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. It has operated under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General since 2012. The SDSN pursues its mission by working with over 1,300 member institutions in 130 countries, organized into 38 networks at the national and regional level. This expertise is channeled into multi-stakeholder events, pilot projects and SDG implementation in the field, and reports, including the Sustainable Development Report and the World Happiness Report, which have been downloaded millions of times.

In their respective countries and regions, SDSN's networks of universities, research centers, and other knowledge institutions focus on:
› Localizing and mobilizing support for the SDGs, including supporting governments in understanding and addressing the challenges of sustainable development;
› Promoting high-quality education and research collaboration for sustainable development;
› Vetting and launching solution initiatives, including supporting the preparation of long-term pathways

This report presents our unique global network of problem solvers and their contributions to addressing the world's most pressing problems.

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^ The Fuller Projection Map is the only flat map of the entire surface of the Earth which reveals our planet as one island in one ocean, without any visually obvious distortion of the relative shape and sizes of the land areas, and without splitting any continents. It was developed by R. Buckminster Fuller in 1954.

SDSN Networks work together to respond to COVID-19 and achieve the SDGs

2020 has been a challenging year for humanity. Climate change continues to threaten human and natural systems, with 2019 the second hottest year on record. Many African countries fought swarms of desert locusts, jeopardizing food security and the livelihoods of millions of small-scale farmers. Australia has seen a record-setting fire season. And all of this has been completely eclipsed by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the biggest global peril to human well-being since World War II.

It is hard to exaggerate the devastation wrought by the new coronavirus. At the time of writing, over 27 million people have been confirmed to have been infected, and over 800,000 have died. Health systems and health workers have been put in extreme situations, as have the many millions of people who found themselves at home juggling childcare and remote work commitments, or the millions of others left unemployed. It is impossible to predict the many lasting and deep ways this crisis will transform our society, but we remain hopeful.

This pandemic is a multidimensional health and humanitarian crisis, and solving it requires contributions from all areas of science. Saving lives is the immediate objective, but in the long term, addressing this crisis requires the strengthening of health systems, ensuring universal access to care, developing therapeutics in record time, and ensuring no one is left behind with regards to a vaccine. Networks like the SDSN are critical in the response; they facilitate the formation of research collectives, share best practices across scientific disciplines and political borders, and are efficient at distributing accurate and timely information. The key challenges of 2020 are all collective; exacerbated by global climate change and accelerated by a globalized economy and society, the only paths to effective solutions are collaborative, and depend on networks such as SDSN.

In the last century, the world has suffered from and in turn solved many public health problems; the number of people affected by smallpox, measles, polio, and yellow fever has fallen dramatically. Solving these challenges was a result of major investments in the sciences, and the advancements made have had many additional benefits for human well-being. Development has always raised environmental and social issues, including the emergence of disease. Public health institutions respond by making scientific breakthroughs. Today, science and technology institutions and public policy makers face a great challenge, but also an opportunity to strengthen health systems with strong foundations in primary care and expand access. We also have an opportunity, as we improve care, to reduce historical inequalities in the health system. Now more than ever, networks of scientists and public health practitioners like the UN SDSN are building on a powerful tradition of strong responses during crises.

At present, there is a global mobilization of national investments in health for development, innovation, and production. The World Health Organization (WHO) is making an important effort to ensure access to new vaccines and medicines. However, there remain fierce disputes and several countries have blocked exports of medical equipment and supplies, seriously limiting other countries' ability to procure essential goods. Just ten countries account for 90% of patents, showing great disparities in innovation, which make universal access to health globally unfeasible. This situation needs to be addressed, local production and innovation must be scaled up globally, and the existing social contract between governments and patent owners reconsidered in order to protect human well-being. Innovative forms of global health governance – such as the ACT-Accelerator for the development and distribution of diagnostics, treatments and vaccines – pay testimony to this rapidly changing landscape.

∧ COVID-19 Researcher at ISGlobal

The social sciences are also vital in health emergencies, particularly in understanding the circulation of a virus and its impacts on society. The social sciences also make important contributions to understanding how we perceive risk and in designing effective public policies. Social scientists are needed to look at what measures and communication tools can change behavior and reduce inequalities. There is a very important social dimension to disease; everyone can catch the disease, but at the same time, there are different risk factors that align to unequal social relationships and power structures. If historian Eric Hobsbawn were alive today, he might say that the pandemic marks the socio-cultural beginning of the 21st century, as it calls into check the movement of people and goods from the so-called globalized world.

This emergency has brought out the worst in some of us, but it has brought out the best in the vast majority. We have seen the strength of our social fabric in the myriad creative ways people have found to help others while protecting themselves, from delivering groceries to the doorsteps of elderly neighbors, to the mass sewing of homemade masks, to the stirring rounds of nightly applause to celebrate essential workers. SDSN's World Happiness Report identifies both generosity and social support as essential ingredients to well-being, and one of the positive results of the global pandemic is the many ways it has bolstered our sense of community, despite the many tragedies it has also caused.

The global scientific community has also come together in solidarity, with many efforts launched for joint research on effective prevention, treatment, and vaccines. Countries have facilitated better data sharing, and the WHO has done a herculean job of coordinating the response. WHO's Global research and innovation forum: towards a research roadmap is a critical input, and WHO is also leading an international clinical trial on treatments, with input from a number of top-tier institutions.

The SDSN's Health for All network has been a key player in this, hosting several webinars on COVID-19, as have many of SDSN's other networks, organizing local efforts to address their distinct regional or national contexts. Our respective institutions, which together co-host the Health for All network, are also global leaders in the response. The Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz) has led a number of initiatives, including a collaboration lab to train countries across Latin America on COVID-19, and a COVID-19 Observatory to track the spread of the

disease and coordinating the WHO Solidarity Clinical Trial in Brazil. The Laboratory for Respiratory Viruses and Measles of the Oswaldo Cruz Institute has been nominated Reference Laboratory of the World Health Organization for COVID-19 in the Americas and participates in the WHO network of laboratory specialists for COVID-19. In addition, it is leading the Latin American and Lusophone African countries' networks of national public health institutes, establishing joint research projects, training staff, and supporting laboratories in partner countries. Fiocruz is also supporting the Brazilian Unified System of Health (SUS) in their response, and manufacturing and distributing more than 1 million diagnostic kits for testing, clinical attention, social support projects, and epidemiological information.

Srinath Reddy of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) was appointed to India's National Technical Taskforce on COVID-19 and has been supporting the response there at both the state and national level. PHFI's health technologies division developed a digital solution to help community health workers identify people at increased risk of contracting COVID-19 based on travel history, comorbidities, and symptoms, and also led the way on training health workers to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19, offer diagnoses, and treat cases.

With Spain critically affected by COVID-19, the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) is providing critical support locally in Barcelona, to the Spanish government at the national level, and also to European collaborators. Critical contributions include a number of white papers on strategies for progressively loosening COVID-19 containment measures, and ISGlobal's partnership with over 70 institutions in the COVID-19 Clinical Research Coalition. The institute is also leading important prophylactic and serological studies in various locations, while co-leading major policy transformation efforts at the national level through the ad-hoc coalition 'The Day After', which brings together private, public and social sectors around the implementation of SDGs.

In China, Dr. Gordon Liu was the only economist selected to serve on the China National Expert Panel for COVID-19. He has been advocating globally for increasing resources and access to mass testing, especially antibody testing, which can be more cost effective than diagnosing infections and contact tracing. Antibody testing would allow us to identify the healthy and return them to work so that the economy can function while preventing

future waves. An alternative to this would be to target high risk groups for testing, tracing, and isolation, letting the majority of the population at low risk to continue normal social and economic activities.

While the COVID-19 crisis has shown, in dramatic fashion, the many weaknesses of our global health system, even in well-resourced countries, it has also demonstrated clearly the interlinkages between health and many other social, economic, and environmental issues. Academia has long recognized these connections, but the pandemic has brought this to the forefront for both policymakers and the public.

We have seen how marginalized people, always the most vulnerable in a crisis, have been disproportionately affected. Social isolation and lockdowns have affected poor people, particularly people in low-wage jobs with little benefits and those working in the informal sector, more than the wealthy. The economic impacts of this outbreak severely threaten gains at reducing poverty (SDG 1), with global poverty increasing for the first time since the 1990s. There are stark examples of inequality as well in communities of color in the United States, where statistics on both incidence and mortality show dramatic disparities. It is important to consider SDG 10, Reduced Inequalities, in tailoring our response, from both a health and economic perspective, to ensure no one is left behind.

Disruption to global trade and supply chains has yet to be fully understood, but already we are seeing effects on certain commodities, particularly in the food and agriculture sector.

In recent years a number of issues have caused an increase in the number of undernourished people globally, and the current crisis threatens to pull us further backward. However, this is an opportunity, for as we recover, we can re-define value chains to be more sustainable, and to help small-scale farmers gain access to markets and higher incomes (SDG 2, No Hunger).

We have seen dramatic impacts to the education sector as well, at all levels, from early childhood through tertiary. However, this crisis has led to a lot of innovation in this space and some great advances have been made in virtual learning. Several cities and individual schools have been successful at adapting to online classrooms, while continuing to provide services like school meals and healthcare to students. However, these gains have been unequal and most students who are out of school, particularly in low-income countries, have not been given meaningful opportunities to continue learning. Achieving SDG 4 means that all students, at all levels, receive a quality education. But realizing this goal means success stories must be scaled up rapidly, and interventions undertaken to ensure the most vulnerable students, without access to the internet, do not fall behind.

Inequalities in access to infrastructure have also made it difficult to respond to COVID-19, emphasizing the importance of SDG 6, Clean Water and Sanitation, and SDG 7, Affordable and Clean Energy. Much of the advice we receive to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, such as washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, or placing clothing in a dryer to kill germs, assumes that all people have access to safe water and reliable electricity. However, two out of every five people in the world do not have

access to basic handwashing facilities. The lives of these people are at stake, today from COVID-19, but also from diarrheal disease and other pathogens. Responding to today's crisis is an opportunity to bring lasting improvements and resiliency for the long term.

This global pandemic has educated many about the links between deforestation, human encroachment on natural systems, and the emergence of zoonotic diseases. The academic literature has drawn these linkages for years, and today their findings are receiving much attention. This strengthens arguments for preserving natural lands, particularly tropical and temperate forests, and reaffirms the importance of SDG 15, Life on Land. As we think through policies to prevent future pandemics, we must consider the preservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

While these have been truly devastating times for humanity, they also represent an opportunity to accelerate the transition away from business as usual towards the achievement of the SDGs. But working together to share what we have learned and develop a common vision for a better future, we can 'build back better' and create a more resilient global community. Now more than ever, it is clear that achieving the goals will bring lasting resiliency and prosperity for both people and the planet. Despite the current challenge, let us all remain committed to our mission to value human and non-human life, and work together through organizations like the SDSN for a more inclusive, vibrant, and sustainable world.

∧ Hospitals Respond

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∧ Immunopharmacology Lab at Fiocruz

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Our National and Regional Networks

SDSN's National and Regional Networks promote the localization and implementation of the SDGs, develop long-term transformation pathways, provide education for sustainable development, and launch Solutions Initiatives to address challenges. Each network focuses on distinct projects and priorities in line with their local contexts and challenges.

‹ The United Nations in Germany - Commitment to the 2030 Agenda

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^ SDSN Chair giving a speech at the Conference on "Best Practices and Innovations of Private Schools of Afghanistan"

Performed best on SDG 13	On track to achieve SDGs 4, 7 & 12	Lacks data for SDGs 1, 10 & 14

Kateb University

Kateb University, a pioneer private university, is currently the top ranked university as per the Afghanistan National Accreditation indexes. It has over 5,000 students currently studying in ten academic disciplines at Bachelor and Master's level. Kateb has an applied research institute and five research centers in areas of management science, economics, social science, and engineering and computer science. Kateb also has over 150 local partners from the private sector, government, and civil society organizations and research and educational linkages with universities and organizations in Canada, Indonesia, Turkey, India, Iran, England, and the United States.

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^ Organizing team of the conference on the role of universities in achieving the SDGs.

SDSN Afghanistan

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SDSN Afghanistan launched in August 2020 as a platform for universities, businesses, government, and civil society organizations to promote evidence-based solutions to help achieve the SDGs in the country. The network is set out to act on three long-term objectives: Awareness and Engagement, Teach Afghanistan, and Solutions for Sustainable Development.

Awareness and Engagement

By using platforms such as research journals and community-based campaigns, SDSN Afghanistan will raise SDG awareness in different sectors. An SDG Solutions Forum and sectoral SDG dialogues are planned to accelerate their implementation in the country. The network will also translate SDG-related documents into local languages to enhance their understanding within society. In this context, Kateb University organized the first-ever conference on the role of universities in achieving the SDGs in Afghanistan in August 2019. As a result, UNDP pledged financial support and collaboration on data sharing, the Afghan government promised political support, and the Ministry of Economy suggested the One University – One Goal Initiative, a project aimed at providing dedicated SDG-support to higher education institutions.

SDSN Afghanistan also participated in the SDSN's 24-Hour Webinar on Happiness and Sustainability, held in April 2020, with a one-hour panel discussion on the topic 'Afghanistan Peace Process: Role of Women – Opportunities and Challenges'. The session highlighted policy options for more gender equality in the country and generated broad interest among participants from business, public sector, and civil society.

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^ Discussing the role of universities in achieving the SDGs

Teach Afghanistan

In order to support access to quality education in the country, the network will adopt a three-tier solution:
› Implement a systematic study of higher education to formulate recommendations for improvement;
› Provide high quality affordable programs in public and private universities to increase access to higher education;
› Train universities to improve education on the SDGs and better instruct current and future implementers.

As a concrete example, Kateb University participated in the national conference on "Best Practices and Innovations of Private Schools of Afghanistan"; held in December 2019. It will work with the association of private schools to develop an SDG training program for school teachers and promote the SDGs among students and teachers.

Solutions for Sustainable Development

The decade of action to achieve the SDGs has started but Afghanistan is still in the localization phase. However, reliable data, technological support, and reporting mechanisms are missing and impede timely action on the SDGs. Therefore, SDSN Afghanistan will provide solutions for each of the above challenges by setting up an SDGs data center that supports data collection and monitoring on the SDGs while preparing a gap analysis on current policies.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Afghanistan is currently growing its membership, while engaging its Leadership Council, building strategic partnerships with businesses, and enhancing linkages with organizations to facilitate the implementation of the named objectives.

∧ Uatumã Community

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SDSN Amazônia

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COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Perú, Suriname, Venezuela

The only SDG the region has achieved is
SDG 7
in Brazil.

The region is performing best on
SDGs 1, 7, 13, & 17.

Amazonian countries are performing poorly on
SDG 15.

Sustainable Amazon Foundation (FAS)

The Sustainable Amazon Foundation (FAS) is a Brazilian non-governmental organization that has helped over 10,000 families, benefiting 41,808 people living in 647 communities in 16 Conservation Units (UC) across Brazil's Amazonas state. FAS, founded in 2007, promotes sustainable development of the Amazon Basin, including environmental conservation, improvements to the quality of life of riverine communities, and the inclusion of stakeholders in decision-making processes.

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< Participants of the 2019 Amazon Journey immersion course

The SDSN Amazônia network coordinates action on the 2030 Agenda across the Amazon Basin region, aiming to mobilize local knowledge in the search for solutions and good practices in line with the SDGs, while respecting local contexts.

Amazon Solutions Platform

The Amazon Solutions Platform, developed by SDSN Amazônia and supported by UN-Environment, is a georeferenced database of SDG solution projects from around the Amazon. It features 160 solutions (from 5 countries) implemented by a diverse set of institutions. The projects are in different stages of development, with some in the implementation stage, while others are ready to be scaled up. The platform is available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese to facilitate exchange of information.

SDSN Amazônia Award

This Award raises awareness of promising solutions to the most challenging problems of sustainable development in the Amazon. In 2019, the most innovative initiative, Gastronomy with Conservation Flavour of Amazónicos por la Amazonía (Amazônians for the Amazon), a peruvian NGO, represented the network at the Global Solutions Forum in New York. In its third edition, the 2020 theme was Sustainable solutions to face COVID-19 in the Amazon. The 2020 Award aims to identify and encourage good practices and effective, sustainable solutions that address COVID-19 in vulnerable communities, in particular indigenous, traditional, and low-income urban areas.

Amazon Education Program

One of SDSN Amazônia's main goals is to promote education and capacity building for Amazônian leaders. In this context, Amazônia-Edu was launched to train change agents for sustainable development through experiential education. In 2019, SDSN Amazônia supported the Amazon Journey immersion course. The Amazon Journey is an intensive, 10-day program focused on capacity building, which helps participants understand, reflect on, and take action in the field of sustainable development. Through a collective learning process, the group builds their experience together based on shared purpose, work, and values.

SDSN Youth in Amazônia

Our youth network launched an SDG Photography Contest in July 2019. The 17 winning pieces, representing positive actions for achieving the SDGs, were exhibited during the Turn Around Manaus Festival. Also, the youth representatives actively participated in events to create awareness about the importance of the Amazon forest and the 2030 Agenda. The youth Network Coordinator represented the Amazon network during several side events at Climate Week in New York and made an inspirational presentation at the 2019 Vatican Youth Symposium, focused on empowering youth to act locally and think globally.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Amazonia and SDSN Andes are developing an online, SDG-focused, user-friendly, open-access platform for monitoring SDG progress in South America. The tool will also provide essential information for implementing projects towards achieving the 2030 Agenda. The Initiatives Lab hosted by SDSN and GIZ selected this project as the top solution. Through the program, the initiative will receive mentorship from strategic partners. The platform is a pioneering tool to boost the 2030 Agenda in South America.

∨ Santa Rita Community, Piagaçu Purus, Sustainable Development Reserve, Amazonas, Brazil

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⌃ Atacama desert, Chile

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Venezuela

⌄ Often confused with llamas, alpacas are noticeably smaller. The amazing benefits of Alpaca wool are derived from their millennia-long breeding in the high altitudes of the Andes Mountains

71/100
is the regional average SDG score

SDG 10 & 16
still present major challenges

At the time of writing, COVID-19 infections continue to grow rapidly in South America

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Yachay Tech

Yachay Tech is an Ecuadorian public university founded in March 2014, which aims to position Ecuador as a center for research, innovation, and technological excellence in Latin America.

SDSN Andes

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SDSN Andes works on four thematic areas: 1. Biodiversity protection and sustainable management of ecosystems, 2. Sustainable and resilient human settlements, 3. Sustainable production and consumption, and 4. Data management and monitoring of the SDGs.

Online Community Action Platform

SDSN Andes and Hapicorporate launched an online, open access, platform focused on COVID-19. The platform is a virtual space for academics, researchers, engineers, specialists from various organizations, and the public-at-large, to share ideas, information, best practices and lessons learned in relation to the fight against the pandemic. In addition to being a repository of free information, this platform is an opportunity to generate synergies that contribute to the search for solutions to the crisis caused by COVID-19, and an invitation to everyone (particularly from the Andean region) to join the discussion about how to turn this global shock into an opportunity and reshape our communities into more resilient and sustainable social systems.

24-hour webinar

On April 22, SDSN hosted the first worldwide 24-hour webinar to address the issues of happiness, well-being, and sustainability. SDSN Andes' session Reflections and Solutions from the Andean Region explored human-nature relations and conservation, as well as SDG localization efforts in Argentina, Chile, and Ecuador. Panelists included a Nobel Peace Prize winner; Yolanda Kakabadse, former President of IUCN and WWF; Estela Cammarota, Founder of Engineering Without Borders - Argentina; Reinalina Chavarri, Director of the Sustainability Observatory - University of Chile; Mariano Oberlin, Catholic Priest working with impoverished communities in Argentina; Julio López, Director of Sustainable Cities - Grupo FARO; and Mireya Villacis, Project Coordinator - Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano.

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SDSN Andes and SDSN Amazonia will create an SDG-focused, user-friendly and free online platform to display key information for implementing projects to achieve Agenda 2030. The platform will show georeferenced information on progress made, on local prioritization of SDGs, local authorities in charge of SDG-implementation, SDSN member organizations, solution initiatives, lessons learned, and locally applicable funding opportunities. This project won the Initiatives Lab contest hosted by SDSN and GIZ, and will be developed with the support of several partners. While encouraging action on all of the SDGs, the platform directly addresses SDG 17 by "encouraging and promoting effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships" (Target 17.17).

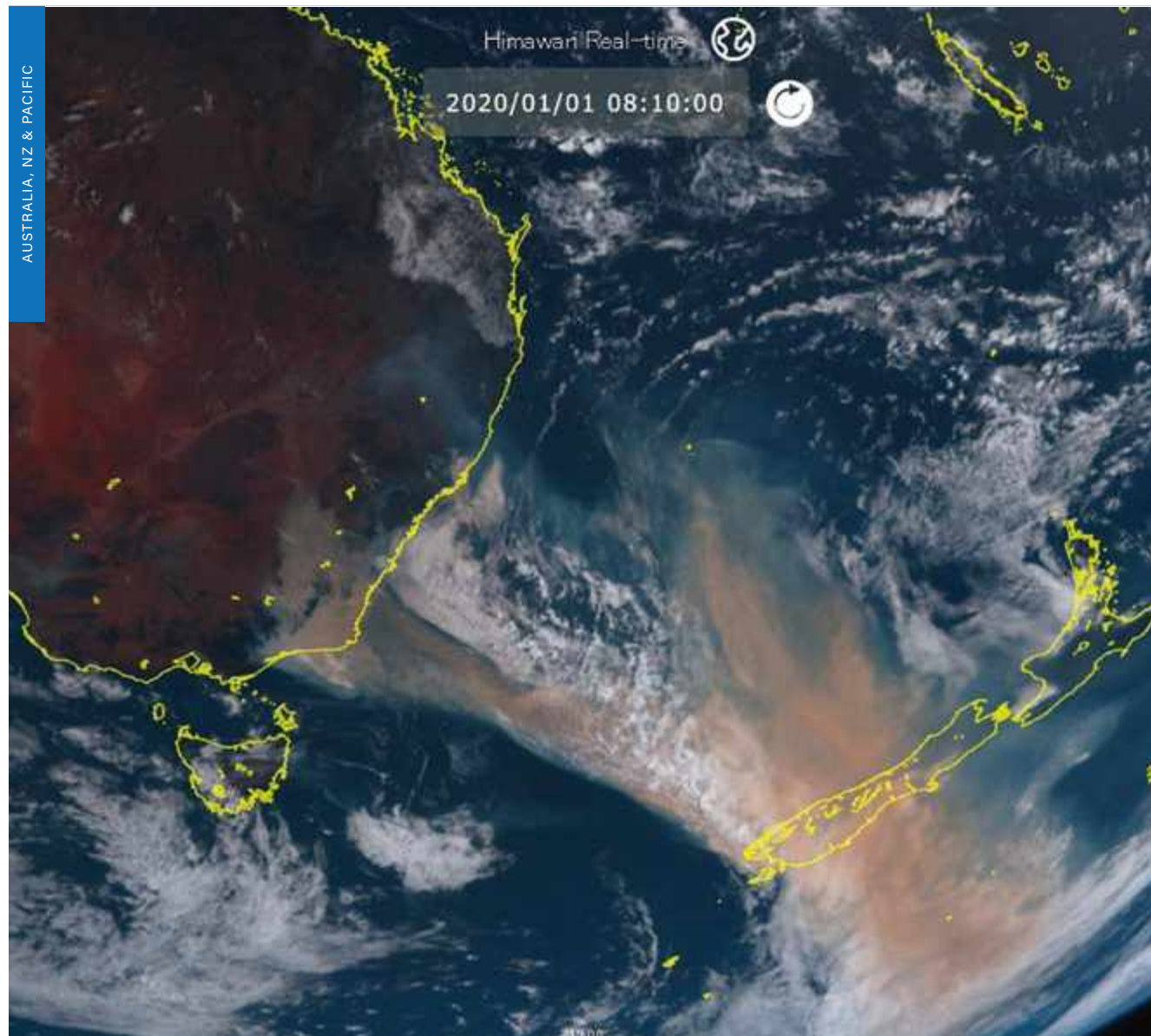John Vossen from Pixabay

‹ Patagonia

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∧ Smoke from Australia's extreme summer of bushfires spreading across New Zealand and the Pacific, as captured by the Himawari satellite.

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

American Samoa, Australia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Réunion, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna

New Zealand performs best on SDG 7, but is doing poorly on SDGs 12, 13, and 17.

Small islands in the Pacific generally perform well on
SDGs 13 & 17,

...and poorly on
SDGs 2, 3 and 9.

Australia performs best on SDG 3, but has a long way to go to achieve SDGs 2, 7, 12, and 13.

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Monash Sustainable Development Institute

One of the world's preeminent interdisciplinary research and education institutes for sustainable development, the Monash Sustainable Development Institute finds real solutions to the most significant challenges facing our world today. The institute sits within Monash University, a leading Australian university ranked in the top 100 globally.

∧ City of Auckland, New Zealand

SDSN Australia, New Zealand & Pacific

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› Melbourne, Australia

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SDSN Australia, New Zealand & Pacific focuses on four main areas: i) fostering cross-sectoral action to support SDG localization, ii) mobilizing university action on the SDGs, iii) supporting the activities of SDSN Youth in the region, and iv) supporting regional contributions to global SDSN initiatives.

Empowering universities to address the SDGs
As part of our ongoing Accelerating SDG Practice initiative, organized jointly with Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS), the network organized several forums to enhance our members' capacity on the SDGs. Topics included how to engage staff and students on the SDGs, and how the COVID-19 crisis will affect this work. The network is also playing a leading role in the preparation of the SDSN guide Accelerating Education for the SDGs at Universities.

Advancing local SDG action
In February, the network launched the SDGs in Action initiative to showcase pioneering member projects that use the SDG framework as a tool to help governments, businesses, communities, universities, and others take ambitious "beyond-business-as-usual" action on sustainable development. The initiative is gathering case studies for a regional action report, and showcasing them in virtual forums.

Strengthening evidence-based policy making
In September 2019, as part of UNGA week in New York, the network teamed up with SDSN Canada to host a workshop introducing a global audience to Social Systems Evidence, a new online repository of the best available research evidence on SDG implementation for policy and decision makers. The platform is an initiative of two SDSN members, the McMaster Health Forum and Monash University.

Supporting Youth Action
In 2019, the network supported SDSN Youth's SDG Students Program, aimed at engaging university students in SDG implementation. The program helped SDG Coordinators at six member-universities set up SDG Student Hubs and organize a range of events and activities – such as public lectures, campaigns and solutions labs – to encourage students to learn about, engage with, and take action on the SDGs.

Supporting Global Projects
Australia is contributing to SDSN's Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land Use and Energy (FABLE) initiative through the Land Use Futures project. Led by SDSN members ClimateWorks Australia and Deakin University, together with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the project is working with a cross-sector coalition of organizations to develop pathways and build a roadmap to a sustainable food and land use system for Australia.

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In August 2020, the network will host SDSN President Jeffrey Sachs in a virtual regional tour, which will engage different audiences on how the region is tracking five years into the SDGs, and the role of the SDGs in the regional public health and economic response to the COVID-19 crisis.
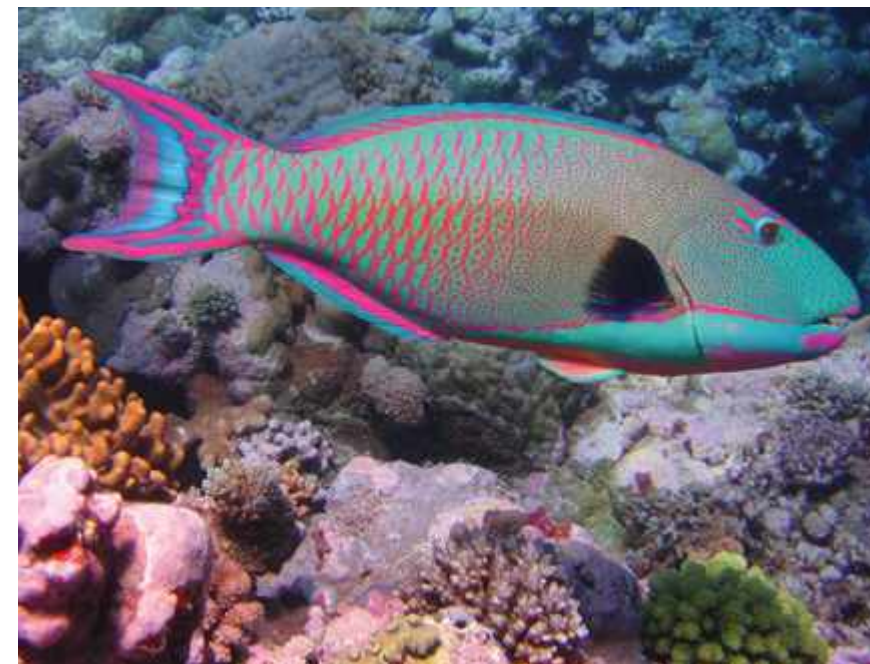

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‹ A male Bicolor Parrotfish

^ Brussels, Grotte Markt

Belgium climbed to
11th
place
in the SDG Index ranking

Best scores on goals
1, 4, 7 & 10

Belgium scores poorly on
SDG 14

University of Antwerp

The University of Antwerp is a young, dynamic and forward-thinking institution, and one of the Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE). More than 20,000 students are enrolled, of which 20% are international students. Ecology and sustainable development are some of the frontline research domains. Specifically, SDSN Belgium is hosted by the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development (IMDO). IMDO offers multidisciplinary research and education programs that aim to support the complex challenges of society, industry, and authorities on sustainability questions.

Université Catholique de Louvain

The Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain) is Belgium's largest French-speaking university. It welcomes more than 30,000 students in seven locations in Brussels and Wallonia. The university offers courses in all disciplines, from bachelor's degree to doctoral degree level, as well as many lifelong learning programmes. It is also a pioneer in the creation of massive open online courses (MOOCs), and the first French-speaking university in Europe to offer online courses on the edX platform. UCLouvain is amongst the top 1% universities worldwide.

^ Brugges

SDSN Belgium

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› Antwerp & Louvain, Belgium

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Launched in 2018, SDSN Belgium is working on localizing the SDGs in the country through education and engagement of students and the general public on the issues of sustainability.

SDG Voice 2020

In 2020, SDSN Belgium was appointed by the Belgian federal government as an "SDG Voice 2020" and official ambassador translating the SDGs into concrete actions. SDSN Belgium actively works on creating a Youth Hub with and for students in Belgian higher education institutions. The Youth Hub and its committed members will inform students on the SDGs and help them transform their college's or university's teaching, research, services, and policies towards full alignment with the SDGs.

Holistic Approach to Sustainability

SDSN Belgium brings people together for the exchange of innovative and practical ideas on the SDGs and the best ways of achieving them. In particular, the Network is trying to place greater emphasis on sustainable development in research and education by taking a holistic approach to academic institutions.

Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation Conference

Technological innovation gets connected with decision making for sustainable development at the Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation (G-STIC) Conference in which all members of the network take part. This year, the G-STIC conference will be part of a special SDG week, co-organized by SDSN Belgium.

Antwerp's SDG Transition

In 2020, SDSN Belgium also started the 'SDG transition' project.

^ Port House in Antwerp

This project supports the Province of Antwerp in integrating the SDGs into their operations. A stakeholder co-creation process with the province administrative staff is ongoing, in parallel with the development of a methodology to assess and monitor implementation of the SDGs at subnational level.

SDG Barometer 2020

The network is a supporting partner of the SDG Barometer 2020 (led by the Antwerp Management School, member of SDSN Belgium), a research project which gives insights on the engagement of civil society organizations, companies, government, and educational institutions with the SDGs. The project also tracks the progress made, the challenges, success factors, and barriers for implementation. The results of this research will be compared with the data of the previous edition from 2018 to highlight best practices and showcase working strategies.

LOOKING AHEAD

In December 2020, SDSN Belgium, the Interuniversity Centre for Education Law and Policy (ICOR), and SDSN Great Lakes plan to organize an international conference on SDG 4 in the Great Lakes region. The Conference will explore the interlinkages between human rights, water management and treatment, and health care.
Responding to the growing need for long-term thinking and action in the post COVID-19 world, together with ICOR, SDSN Belgium will take the lead in establishing a Flemish Scientific Foresight Council.The Council, supported by a research department that focuses on the methodology and the foundation of future-studies, will work across sectors aiming at sustainable, integrated policies.
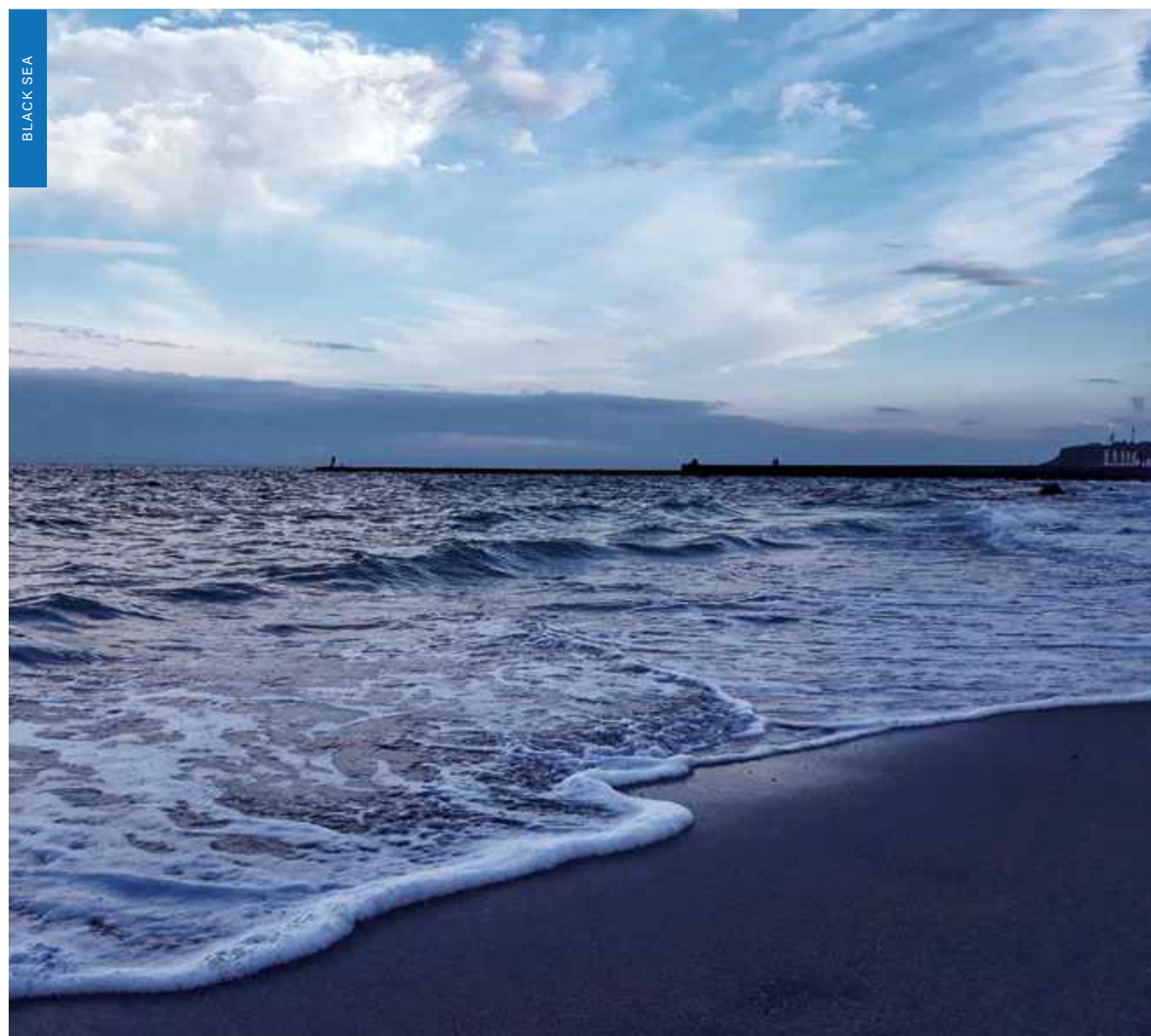
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COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine

Improvement in
SDGs 2, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16.

Region's average spillover score is
89.3
an increase of 0.9 compared to last year.

More data is needed for
SDGs 10, 12, & 14.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh)

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh) was founded in 1925 and is the largest university in Greece, covering all disciplines, consisting of 11 faculties and 41 schools. It is widely recognized as a vibrant center of learning which draws its inspiration from a long tradition of academic achievement. It hosts three UNESCO Chairs, including on Education for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, the International Network of Water-Environment Centers for the Balkans, and the C2c Center for Integrated Water Resources Management.

⌄ Linking urban design to happiness: SDSN Black Sea's contribution to the 24h Webinar

SDSN Black Sea

Hosted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh)
› Thessaloniki, Greece

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SDSN Black Sea

SDSN Black Sea was officially launched in October 2018 at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh). Its vision is to unite the people in the Black Sea region under the goal of sustainable development. It aims to protect and preserve the region's vulnerable ecosystem and to build programs around economic transformation, youth unemployment, innovation, and sustainable tourism.

Regional Powerhouse for Sustainable Development

In October 2019, the network co-organized the international Conference "Implementation of the UN 2030 SDGs in the Black Sea Region." It was highlighted that many cross-border problems exist among countries of the region. Thus, regional actors such as SDSN Black Sea are crucial in providing a regional dimension to SDG implementation.

SDSN Black Sea supported the 3rd Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe and the Mediterranean, organized by SDSN Greece and The Economist Events. Stakeholders from government, academia, public and private sectors discussed the status of SDG implementation in the region, stressing the challenges and opportunities related to critical issues such as migration and security, climate change, and tourism.

In March 2020, SDSN Black Sea co-organized the 1st International Conference on Blue Growth in the Black Sea Region entitled "Ecosystem Services on River-Sea Macro-Ecosystems". The conference offered a framework for free debates, exchange of ideas, best practices, and knowledge. Such exchange allowed to identify new directions for conceiving policies to implement a regional Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda.

∧ 3rd Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe and the Mediterranean, organized by The Economist Events in Athens, Greece

Happiness Webinar

The network celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Earth Day by participating in the 24-Hour Webinar organized by SDSN. Prof. Theodossiou, Chair of SDSN Black Sea, joined world-renowned academics in a session on inclusive and sustainable economic growth and human well-being, while SDSN Black Sea explored the interlinkage between wellbeing and urban environment in the session "Happy Cities: Strategies and Applications in Pursuit of Urban Wellbeing."

∧ 1st International Conference on Blue Growth in the Black Sea Region: "Ecosystem Services on River-Sea Macro-ecosystems", Constanta, Romania

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Black Sea has been impacted by the cancellation of numerous events due to the global pandemic. In the coming months, these events will be revisited:

› Baku Forum 2020 and the SDSN Black Sea Regional Meeting (March 2020)
› Perspectives and Challenges of defossilization in South-Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean (May 2020)

› Thessaloniki Sustainability Summit "Sustainable Cities and Ports" (September 2020)
› 4th Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe and the Mediterranean" (October 2020)

The network will further grow its membership base by involving more research and educational institutions in the Black Sea Region. Secondly, SDSN Black Sea Youth is expected to launch soon

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∧ Lake Titicaca, La Paz, Bolivia

> **20%**
of adults are obese.

50%
of the demand for family planning is satisfied

Bolivia has one of the worst property rights scores in the world.

∨ Victoria Amazónica in La Rinconada Ecopark, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

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Universidad Privada Boliviana

Universidad Privada Boliviana (UPB) is one of the top universities in Bolivia and Latin America. According to América Economía, UPB is among the 23 best business schools in Latin America and is the only Bolivian university to be included in this prestigious ranking. Headquartered in Cochabamba, UPB also has a campus and post graduate center in La Paz, and a new campus has just been inaugurated in Santa Cruz.

Fundación Solidaridad y Desarrollo Productivo Sostenible

Fundación SOLYDES is a foundation based in La Paz, which was established in 1987 with the sole purpose of fighting poverty in Bolivia by supporting innovative initiatives. Since then, Fundación SOLYDES has been a central actor in the development and consolidation of the microfinance sector in Bolivia and has strengthened productive entrepreneurship with positive social impacts.

SDSN Bolivia

Hosted by the Universidad Privada Boliviana (UPB) and Fundación Solidaridad y Desarrollo Productivo Sostenible (SOLYDES)
› La Paz, Bolivia

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📘 **SDSN Bolivia**

The overarching objective of SDSN Bolivia is to promote sustainable visions and solutions for long-term development in Bolivia. The network aims at bringing academia, government institutions, the private sector, philanthropic efforts, and civil society together to tackle the most pressing issues in the country. This year, the key challenge is the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

The Municipal Atlas of the SDGs in Bolivia

SDSN Bolivia has been working for almost two years on producing a Municipal Atlas of the SDGs in Bolivia. Launched in July 2020, this is the most detailed SDG Index in the world, covering all of the 339 municipalities that exist in Bolivia. The results indicate that the differences in the SDG Index between municipalities within Bolivia are similar to the differences between all the 166 countries in the global SDG Index. That is why it was so important to provide this information at the sub-national level.

SDSN Bolivia's main goals with this effort are to i) stimulate research in all areas of sustainable development in Bolivia, ii) inform national, departmental and municipal-level policy-making by providing relevant data and analysis in an easy-to-understand format, and iii) help local stakeholders develop roadmaps towards sustainable development for their communities.

The 2020 Bolivian Conference on Development Economics

SDSN Bolivia's annual development conference was held in July 2020 in a free, online format. One of the keynote speakers was Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, and the network used this opportunity to officially launch SDSN Bolivia and the Municipal Atlas of the SDGs. The event included more than 60 research paper presentations, as well as several panel discussions addressing some of the most pressing policy issues in Bolivia.

Eco-tourism as an Engine of Sustainable Development

With about 25% of the national territory covered by national, departmental, or municipal protected areas, Bolivia has tremendous potential for tourism based on nature, culture and adventure. SDSN Bolivia is working together with its member institutions, as well as national and local authorities, to position tourism as an engine for sustainable development in dozens of Bolivian municipalities.

LOOKING AHEAD

In the coming months, SDSN Bolivia, together with local member organizations, will use the Municipal Atlas of the SDGs in Bolivia to promote decentralized and locally formulated processes of sustainable development.

∧ Municipal Atlas of the SDGs in Bolivia
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∧ Concepción Main Square Church, Jesuit Missions of Chiquitos, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

^ PUC-RIO Campus is located in the middle of the Atlantic Forest.

^ Mangroves are rich in biodiversity. Its conservation is essential for the maintenance of ecosystems.

Ranks
53rd
globally

Achieved
SDG 7

Major challenges remain in
SDG 10

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

PUC-Rio is a non-profit philanthropic university based on Christian humanistic principles. It is an academic center of excellence in Brazil and welcomes around 16,000 students each year. PUC-Rio values excellence, being well-ranked nationally as well as internationally, and offering scholarships and exchange programs through its numerous partnerships around the world. The Interdisciplinary Center of Environment (NIMA) supports cooperation to face interdisciplinary socio-environmental questions and hosts the executive secretariat of SDSN Brazil.

SDSN Brazil

Hosted by the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)
› Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

🌐 **www.sdsnbrasil.org.br**

SDSN Brazil was set up to help achieve the 2030 Agenda in Latin America's largest country. In light of the social and economic impacts caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the network has increased its efforts to build effective partnerships to overcome the current crisis and to use the SDGs to frame recovery in the Decade of Action. By the end of the year 2020, SDSN Brazil aims to have completely reactivated and remapped all of the current SDSN member institutions and initiatives located in the Brazilian territory. The network also continues ongoing work regarding SDG 11, and promotes new engagement with other SDGs.

Strengthening the National Network

Brazil is a country of continental dimensions, which is why SDSN Brazil has started the process of restructuring the national network by designating state chapters to better assess the relevance of the SDGs throughout the different stages of their implementation in the country. These permanent state chapters will bring nationwide coverage to the network, give visibility in a consistent and institutional way, and also enable proximity to local communities for open dialogue. Local initiatives will be reported to all Brazilian regions, in order to connect groups with shared interests.

Cooperation for Education and Research

On behalf of SDSN Brazil, the Interdisciplinary Center of Environment of PUC-Rio is coordinating an initiative to build a national network of academic institutions to promote education and research about sustainable development in the Brazilian territory. This initiative will also build international cooperation for research and is

^ "Green Roof: Organic Family Garden" is a PUC-Rio educational project located inside the Campus.

partnering with the Jesuit University Association of Latin America. SDSN Brazil will also be hosting debates, lectures, and workshops to educate the population, create new solutions, and discuss progress towards the SDGs. In addition, the network has taken on itself to translate the SDG Academy's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the Encyclical Laudato Si' to Portuguese. This self-paced mini course focuses on Pope Francis' urgent call to action to protect the earth and its inhabitants from ruin.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Brazil is committed to the Decade of Action and has established a work plan with a long-term perspective. The network is working on establishing the remaining state chapters to enhance the network's presence nationwide, to localize and shed light on the countless and diverse initiatives around the country, and to support implementation of the SDGs. In addition, the network is working on identifying

higher education institutions for cooperation in teaching and researching of sustainability in order to educate professionals for a world in transformation.

∨ Pau Brasil tree *(Caesalpinia echinata)*, the symbol of Brazil, is one of the Atlantic Forest native species cultivated at PUC-Rio's Campus

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∧ Bay of Fundy, Canada

Ranked **147 of 166** in the Spillover Index	The government has begun integrating the SDGs into strategic national and international policy initiatives	Ranks **21st** in the world for progress on the SDGs

University of Waterloo in partnership with the Waterloo Global Science Initiative

The University of Waterloo is home to Canada's largest Faculty of Environment and has researchers and institutes across campus working on every facet of sustainability and social justice. Consistently ranked Canada's most innovative university, the University of Waterloo is home to advanced research and teaching in science and engineering, mathematics and computer science, health, environment, arts and social sciences. Waterloo Global Science Initiative (WGSI) has been catalyzing collective action since 2009. The conversations they host bring people with diverse viewpoints together, prompting multi-disciplinary, inclusive collaboration to address sustainable development challenges. By combining the results of these cross-cutting conversations with the science and technology of today, WGSI and their network take answers from paper to the real world, addressing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in sectors such as energy, education, and beyond.

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< Parliament Hill, Ottawa

SDSN Canada

Hosted by the University of Waterloo in partnership with the Waterloo Global Science Initiative
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∧ Impact Alliance, University of Waterloo

SDSN Canada is focused on three main objectives: to develop an SDG-oriented research agenda for Canada; to cultivate high-quality SDG education; and to galvanize support throughout the country to achieve the SDGs. As the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada moves from a public health emergency to the early stages of recovery, SDSN Canada is now considering how its work can focus on supporting 'building back better' to achieve the sustainability objectives of the SDGs.

Together|Ensemble

Together|Ensemble, co-created by the network, is Canada's annual national conference devoted to tracking progress on the SDGs. An inclusive pan-Canadian SDG gathering for academia, civil society, business, youth, and government to advance implementation and collaboration on the SDGs, the 2020 conference was hosted online in May (sessions were recorded and available to view online). The conference aims include sharing SDG work happening across the country and mobilizing new partnerships, innovations and pathways for progress on the SDGs.

SDG Student Alliances

In partnership with SDSN Youth, the SDSN Canada Youth Coordinator oversaw and mentored six student SDG Campus Coordinators on member campuses. The Campus Coordinators built SDG hubs and student alliances to further youth action for the SDGs. SDSN Canada also co-hosted a meeting of youth from across the country focused on how to build a strong network to advance the SDGs on campus, including how to build administrative partnerships and lead effective advocacy campaigns.

Joint Initiatives with Members

To spur collaboration between network members, SDSN Canada issued a challenge to its members to take urgent action on the SDGs. The challenge outlines six ways for campus leaders to take action, including aligning institutional reporting to the SDGs and pursuing new research focused on SDG achievement. SDSN Canada has also created a seed funding initiative to support members to work together to develop research that addresses the economic, social,

and/or environmental responses to COVID-19 that will lead to achieving one or more of the SDGs in Canada.

LOOKING AHEAD

The network has several initiatives planned for the year ahead, including:
› Collaborating within SDSN to build a global community of practice to share approaches and best practices on reporting on the SDGs in post-secondary institutions.
› Developing a pilot program with members to create 'evidence gap maps' to identify existing evidence that can help answer pertinent SDG policy issues in Canada.
› Working with municipalities across the country to pilot the creation of Voluntary Local Reviews that align the SDGs with municipal plans.

∨ Skyline Trail, Pleasant Bay, Canada

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Dr. Henry presenting at the 2019 Global Solutions Forum

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THE REGIONAL NETWORK

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States Virgin Islands and Venezuela

University of the West Indies

Established in 1948, UWI is the largest and longest-standing institute of higher education in the English-speaking Caribbean. UWI enrolls over 45,000 students, and their impressive network of alumni includes more than 18 current and former heads of state, two Nobel Laureates, and dozens of Rhodes Scholars.

Several countries have achieved
SDG 7

The region is lagging on
SDGs 2 & 16

Significant data gaps pose a challenge, especially on
SDG 10

Photo: ©University of the West Indies

Field Visit to Mona Campus Renewable Energy Installations

SDSN Caribbean

Hosted by The University of the West Indies
› Kingston, Jamaica

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This year brought major challenges to every organized activity across the globe, corporate and personal. Most Caribbean Islands registered their first cases of COVID-19 in mid-March, with most early cases imported from the United Kingdom. The response of shutdowns was swift. Many islands closed their borders, and many Caribbean nationals have been locked out of their countries, as airspace closed and airlines cancelled bookings. Internet and mobile connectivity became a serious issue across the region as all but essential workers began working remotely. While the pandemic seems to threaten our very existence, the Caribbean is forging ahead, with the necessary precautions. SDSN Caribbean continues to support initiatives to create a space that is equitable, just, safe, and environmentally and economically sound.

2019 Global Solutions Forum
SDSN Caribbean participated in the first Global Solutions Forum in New York in September 2019. The Network's solution was "Alternatives to EVs: Biofuels in Barbados," presented by Dr. Legena Henry, Lecturer in Renewable Energy at the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies, and principal investigator for the project. As a result of her presentation, Dr. Henry received a grant of one hundred thousand U.S. dollars from the Blue Chip Foundation, to support 21 months of research to further the initiative, starting in December 2019. Two Home Biogas support systems, each with a capacity of 2,500 litres, have been acquired to test the potential of turning rum distillery waste into fuel around Barbados. The equipment arrived during the peak of the pandemic and the testing plan has been accordingly amended to take place on the Cave Hill Campus.

Youth Entrepreneurs Seminar
In October 2019, young people gathered at the Mona Campus in Kingston, Jamaica, to hear from young entrepreneurs on how they can tap into entrepreneurship. The Seminar was organized by SDSN Caribbean and the Institute for Sustainable Development, and addressed SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure). Each presenter delivered a short presentation on the nature of entrepreneurship and how they found their niche, the importance of entrepreneurship in sustainable livelihoods, and advice on how to manage and navigate discouraging situations. The seminar was attended by over sixty participants, who left saying that they received sound advice from the seminar and were encouraged to embark on starting their own businesses.

International Seminar on Climate Action
The SDSN Caribbean network and the SDG Center for Latin America the Caribbean held the 4th International Seminar on Climate Action on March 4th and 5th at the University of the West Indies. Participants and presenters discussed climate adaptation and resilience strategies in Caribbean SIDS, vulnerable farming communities in Latin America, and shifts to renewable energy in the region, taking into account community engagement, market-based solutions and institutional incentives. Young people from the Vice Chancellor's Ambassadors Corps also presented a forum on climate action, and another public forum explored hurricanes in Caribbean SIDS, with a focus on mitigation strategies and economic recovery.

LOOKING AHEAD
In the next several months, SDSN Caribbean will continue to support the implementation of the Biofuels in Barbados solution and to focus on youth engagement. The pandemic is complicating these activities, but has renewed everyone's passion to support lasting, sustainable development in the region.

International Seminar on Climate Action

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^ Tsinghua University, Beijing

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Institute for Sustainable Development Goals of Tsinghua University

Founded in April 2017, the Institute for Sustainable Development Goals of Tsinghua University (known as TUSDG) is housed in Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. It aims to establish a leading platform to conduct interdisciplinary research and collaborate with global partners to boost the implementation of the SDGs.

Ranks
48
out of 166 countries

Great improvement in Goals
6, 9 & 13

Strong performance in
Goals 1 & 8

Photo: © TUSDG

^ Inaugural Ceremony of TUSDG (May 14th, 2017 Beijing China)

SDSN China Hub

Hosted by the Institute for Sustainable Development Goals of Tsinghua University (TUSDG)
› Beijing, China

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TUSDG became the China Hub of the SDSN in February 2019. As one of the leading academic institutes focused on the SDGs in China, TUSDG is committed to building an interdisciplinary, high-end platform to contribute to: frontier research, talent training, policy consulting, and international exchange and cooperation.

清华大学全球可持续发展研究院
Institute for Sustainable Development Goals
Tsinghua University

Forging Partnership Towards A Sustainable World
Locally , nationally and globally

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Major Research Projects

Approved and funded by the National Social Science Fund of China in 2017, TUSDG has been working on the 3-year major project: Research on the Evaluation System Construction and Implementation Path of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The research raised a conversation on how China can achieve sustainable development by implementing the SDGs from the perspectives of global development and public governance; what would be long term implementation pathways, response strategies and policies at global, national, and local levels. Meanwhile, this research will share with other countries first-hand knowledge and perspectives on China's experience of SDGs implementation.

SDGs Localization

Since 2018, the state council, P.R.C. has initiated the national plan of China's Innovation Driven Demonstration Zones for promoting SDGs implementation in China, starting with several pilot cites, and will gradually expand to the whole county in the future. Since then, TUSDG has been working with local governments in Hubei, Yunnan, Zhejiang and Guangxi provinces, and jointly promoted the SDGs localization by providing SDGs implementation strategies, policy suggestions and practical solutions. Currently, TUSDG is working on the Study on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the Deqing county government, which will be the first SDGs implementation and localization solution at the county level within China.

Dual Master's Programme in Public Policy for SDGs

In January 2017, Chinese President Xi Jinping and then Swiss President Doris Leuthard witnessed the signing of a cooperative memorandum on sustainable development between Tsinghua University and University of Geneva. This cooperation would result in the launch of a unique Dual Master's Programme entirely focused on the SDGs.

Meet SDGs High-End Forum

This is one of the TUSDG's flagship events set up for international exchange and communication on the SDGs. Many world-known experts in political, business and academic circles have been invited to share their frontier research, thoughtful insights, and practical experience about the SDGs. The Forum has received broad attention and massive coverage from hundreds of media outlets at home and abroad.

LOOKING AHEAD

Research Progress
The results of the above mentioned Research on the Evaluation System Construction and Implementation Path project will be finalised in 2020 and published soon thereafter.

∨ "Meet SDGs" High End Forum

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Ranks
34
out of 166

Scores well on
SDGs 1 & 4

75.2
Index Score,
higher than the region's average 70.9

The Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation

The Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation (CREF) was established in February 2004 driven by the vision of promoting the advancement of knowledge and its humane and benevolent applications throughout the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, highlighting the role of Cyprus as a gateway of knowledge and innovation between EU and the region and to help in the transformation of Cyprus' economy into a knowledge-based economy. To realize its vision and objectives, CREF planned the establishment of a new research and educational institution, which would promote research and education in Cyprus and its region. CREF designed the new institution, The Cyprus Institute (CyI), aiming at benefiting the public interest at large. The Cyprus Institute, which is both a research and educational institution, as well as the physical manifestation of CREF, is the physical location for the Secretariat of SDSN Cyprus, and provides all the necessary administrative backstopping.

‹ SDG 16 - the word "Peace" written in English, Greek and Turkish in the Kontea peace park.
Efforts are under way to resolve the long standing "Cyprus Question"

Photo: ©Nicolas Jarraud

SDSN Cyprus

Hosted by the Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation (CREF)
› Nicosia, Cyprus

SDSNCyprus

Established in November 2019 and publicly launched on June 12, 2020, SDSN Cyprus is dedicated to providing science-based solutions for the implementation of the SDGs in Cyprus. The network is led by an influential multi-sectoral, multidisciplinary Leadership Council representing all the different sectors in Cypriot society: universities and academia, the private sector, influential former high-ranking civil servants, and civil society organizations. SDSN Cyprus is working with all parts of society to improve the country's performance in implementing the SDGs until 2030. To do this, the network is collecting and disseminating best practices, raising awareness, promoting sustainable development education, engaging with youth, and assisting the authorities, the private sector, and civil society organizations in mainstreaming the SDGs into their daily operations.

While there is broad consensus on the importance of environment and climate change as major issues facing the island, in addition to the need for gender equality when facing these challenges, it was considered premature to select specific SDGs for the network to focus on at this stage. Thus, SDGs 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 were all agreed to be important areas of work for SDSN Cyprus, but this does not restrict the network from examining any of the other SDGs as considered relevant.

The network is chaired by Prof. Costas N. Papanicolas, President of the Cyprus Institute and Special Envoy on Climate Change of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, and Dr. Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and member of the CREF Board of trustees.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Cyprus is looking forward to establishing an SDSN Youth Network for the island, as well as participating in the SDSN MED Hubs, which are internationally renowned research centers and will be of reference in the SDSN MED Community in the deep transformations needed to implement the Agenda 2030. SDSN Cyprus has been selected as the MED HUB for "digital revolution for sustainable development". The network has also set out to bring 100% of the universities in the Republic of Cyprus on board. Aside from that, and beyond its launch event on 12th June 2020, SDSN Cyprus is working on establishing an SDSN Youth network, and preparing to roll out a summer environmental documentary film series, as well as encouraging CSOs and other organizations and networks to sign up as local partners.

ˇ SDG 13 - The top of the ski slope in the Troodos mountains. How much longer will we be able to enjoy the annual snowfall in Cyprus?

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‹ Panelists at the launch of SDSN Cyprus

Launch of the French SDG Roadmap at the International University Campus in Paris

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| Performs best on **SDGs 1, 3, 5 & 9** | Scores most poorly on environmental spillover indicators | Significant challenges remain on **SDGs 12 & 13** |

CY Cergy Paris Université

CY Cergy Paris Université is a French public university and a leading center of teaching and research, which welcomes 17,700 students and 1,500 international students interested in studying abroad. UCP is a cultural, scientific and vocational institution that has decided to put the issues of societal transition at the heart of its priorities and to commit itself more resolutely to an approach of social responsibility and sustainable development.

Kedge Business School

Kedge is a French management school with four campuses in France (Paris, Bordeaux, Marseille and Toulon), and three abroad (two in China, and one in Senegal). KEDGE is recognized as a key player in the field of sustainable development and CSR which focuses on coherence between research, pedagogy, campus social and environmental management, and governance.

PSL University

PSL is a French collegiate university that was formed in 2010 and is made up of nine member institutions in Paris. PSL offers an education based on research and interdisciplinary instruction, and its 20,000 students have access to a broad range of disciplines in science, engineering, humanities and social science, and the arts. PSL runs cross-cutting flagship programs such as the Scripta Interdisciplinary and Strategic Research Initiative (IRIS), the PSL Mathematics program, and the Q-Life Institute.

SDSN France

Hosted by CY Cergy Paris Université, Kedge Business School, and PSL University
› **Cergy-Pontoise, Marseille, and Paris, France**

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SDSN France was launched to federate and mobilize scientists and experts who focus on practical solutions to achieve the SDGs. Four themes have been prioritized: education, sustainable finance, media, and best practices. Held in January 2020 in Paris, the annual conference was dedicated to scaling up solutions that contribute to the SDGs and presented the first tangible results of the working groups across these four themes.

Education

The Education working group, co-hosted with Sulitest, identified two key projects that are taking shape: 1) promoting the sustainable development and social responsibility label (DD & RS) beyond higher education, and 2) extending digital platforms of sustainable development and social responsibility resources for higher education.

Sustainable Finance

The Sustainable Finance working group is focused on developing: 1) the content of teaching and research in economics and finance, 2) the consideration of SDGs by the specialized financial press and decision-makers, and 3) the capacity of research to integrate socio-economic actors in order to produce relevant solutions to achieve the SDGs. With the Alliance for Post-Crisis Finance, the finance working group aims to aggregate and connect existing initiatives. In 2020, the working group will develop a new sustainable finance textbook, numerous research conferences, and actions in connection with civil society.

Media and the SDGs

The working group on Media and the SDGs is organized in partnership with the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) and the Elyx Foundation. It started from the observation that outside specialized media, the press rarely talks about the SDGs or the 2030 Agenda. The working group, which includes many actors from a variety of media houses, identified the "complexity" of the 17 Goals as well as insufficient quality content as barriers. The group is now working on developing a comprehensive information tool that will be distributed to editorial offices. This tool will be based on a more exhaustive study of the press through the SDG grid and the creation of an SDG media barometer.

Best practice

What are the most common mistakes for a CSR or project manager to 'mess up' the transition to sustainable development? By posing the question in this way, the working group focuses its attention on the frequent errors made in this area to help spur progress on their elimination. During the annual conference, a brainstorming session was held and the results were summarized in the form of an infographic, which is an accessible and playful way to present the substantive material. By disseminating this infographic, the working group hopes that stakeholders can identify with some of these mistakes and consider ways to stop committing them.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN France was deeply engaged in the yearlong development of the French government's new SDG roadmap, which was formally launched in September 2019 and which explicitly names SDSN France as an important partner for SDG implementation in France. The network is now considered a key player in the French SDG ecosystem and will continue to support the government in its deployment of the national roadmap. In the coming months, SDSN France will also focus on consolidating its organization and communications, as well as setting up a local SDSN Youth network. The 2021 conference will continue in this direction and develop partnerships with the various French organizations engaging with sustainable development issues.

⌄ Launch of the French SDG Roadmap at the International University Campus in Paris

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^ Conference "Connecting the Dots: Digitalization, Finance & Sustainable Development"

**Major challenges in
SDGs 12,
13 & 14**

**In 2020,
31.2 %
of the seats in the national
parliament are held by
women.**

Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

The German Development Institute (DIE) is one of the leading think tanks for global development and international cooperation worldwide. Founded in 1964, DIE's work is based on the interplay between research, policy advice, and training. DIE is committed to building bridges between theory and practice.

**Index score of
80.8
out of 100**

^ Bonn UN City

SDSN Germany

Hosted by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
› Bonn, Germany

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Since 2014, leading knowledge centers and partners from civil society and the private sector have been working together in SDSN Germany to promote sustainable development in the country and encourage Germany's commitment to sustainable development in the EU and globally. Going beyond silos, the network creates new forums for dialogue and transdisciplinary cooperation.

Germany's National Sustainable Development Strategy

SDSN Germany is actively involved in the institutional architecture for further developing Germany's National Sustainable Development Strategy, thus combining academic and scientific debates with governance and implementation. The 2016 overhaul of the strategy brought it in line with the 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda. In 2021, its next extensive revision is around the corner. Building on its five structural proposals for this update from March 2020, SDSN Germany published a statement in June 2020 in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic on sustainable development policy in times of crisis.

Digitalization, Finance & Sustainable Development

How can financial innovations, new technologies, and digitalization contribute to financing sustainable development? While the critical role of finance for achieving the SDGs and the climate goals is widely accepted, the role of digitalization for both the finance sector and sustainable development still needs to be further explored. Driving this debate forward was the aim of the high-level conference 'Connecting the Dots: Digitalization, Finance & Sustainable Development', which

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^ Panel on "New Trends in the Finance Sector" at the Conference "Connecting the Dots: Digitalization, Finance & Sustainable Development"

^ Berlin Brandenburger Tor

took place in Berlin in January 2020. The conference was organized by the SDSN Germany, the Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance (SDFA) and the UN Secretary General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs in cooperation with Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.

EU Activities

Together with other European SDSNs and the Secretariat of SDSN, SDSN Germany organized a webinar and developed a memo to inform other European SDSNs about the processes, which aim at bringing the European Semester in line with the SDGs. SDSN

Germany has also engaged within the 2020 edition of the Europe Sustainable Development Report (ESDR).

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Germany will continue its work at the science-policy interface regarding processes towards sustainable development. In 2020, the network will support activities in the context of the advancements of Germany's National Sustainable Development Strategy, the German EU Council Presidency, the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) and the 75th anniversary of the UN.

Tanzania Irrigation Scheme enables women farmers to invest in additional generating activities

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The region's SDG score has significantly improved

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Tanzania

The region performs better on SDGs 13 & 15.

In 2020, Tanzania has become the first middle income country in East Africa.

UR College of Business and Economics

The College of Business and Economics (CBE) is one of the six colleges composing the University of Rwanda (UR), the largest public university in Rwanda. The UR's vision is to be a leading university that develops highly enterprising graduates prepared and dedicated to building a more just and sustainable society locally, nationally, and globally, with appropriate innovations that advance the quality of life. The UR's mission is to support the development of Rwanda by discovering and advancing knowledge, and being committed to the highest standards of academic excellence, where students are prepared for lives of service, and leadership, transforming communities through finding solutions.

SDSN Great Lakes

Hosted by the University of Rwanda, College of Business and Economics
› Kigali, Rwanda

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SDSN Great Lakes was launched in 2014 with a mandate to promote the implementation of the SDGs in the complex region of Central and Eastern Africa. Through its activities, it takes the lead in mobilizing universities, research centers, and civil society in the region to take action and get involved.

Local Solutions Initiatives

Since 2015, SDSN Great Lakes has been holding annual conferences focusing on local solutions to achieve the SDGs. Those events have brought together hundreds of researchers from the region to present projects that help change the lives of people in the region for the better. Each year, the network selects a particular SDG challenge. This year the network selected "Promoting Pig Value Chain to Reduce Poverty, Fight Malnutrition and Enhance Youth Employment Opportunities in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)" from the University of High Technologies of the Great Lakes.

Public Lecture Series

To raise awareness among university communities and to share updated information on the progress made by countries in the SDGs implementation, the network has been organizing a series of public lectures since 2018. This academic year, in addition to these lectures, the network successfully completed a pilot study on offering a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) entitled "Introduction to Sustainable Development."

SDGs Summer School

Home Association, a Paris-based students' initiative, in partnership with the University of Kigali and SDSN Youth Great Lakes hosted an SDGs summer school program in Kigali in August 2019. The program, which included around 25 students from three Rwandan higher learning institutions, invited participants to channel their creativity and build innovative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges that society is facing, while practicing digital communication skills and building frugal technologies.

Community Work for Sustainable Development

Community work, locally known as "Umuganda", is a monthly activity which brings together citizens of every village and/or organization to perform activities that benefit the entire community; such as building infrastructure or taking care of the environment. This year SDSN Great Lakes brought together university communities at their respective campuses to conduct such activities and offer educational sessions on issues such as malnutrition, social conflicts, drug abuses or school dropouts.

⌄ Staff and Students of the University of Rwanda during an Outreach Community Work (Umuganda)

Photo © SDSN Great Lakes

Photo: © Home Association

⌃ SDG Summer Camp Program in Kigali

LOOKING AHEAD

The Network is planning to hold a regional conference on SDG4 at the end of 2020 which shall bring together experts from the region and global level. The MOOC on Sustainable Development, webinars, and the public lecture series will continue in the coming year as well. The network will also organize monthly community work and take it as an opportunity to educate the population on SDGs.

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^ Piraeus Port

SDSN Greece

Hosted by the International Center for Research on the Environment and the Economy (ICRE8) and the Political Economy of Sustainable Development Lab (PESD)

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SDSN Greece focuses on five thematic priorities: sustainable shipping and marine resource management, sustainable energy, biodiversity, education on sustainable development, and the water-energy-food nexus.

New Initiatives
SDSN Greece launched two new initiatives in 2019 and 2020. The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Shipping, launched at COP25, brings together ship owners, shipbuilders, technology developers, researchers, ports, and policy makers from across the globe to decarbonize the shipping sector by 2050.

The 4-Seas Initiative, launched at the Third Sustainability Summit, is a Euro-Asian initiative that mobilizes science-driven Blue Growth and the implementation of the SDGs in the Mediterranean, Black, Caspian, and Aral Seas. The objectives of the Initiative include research, education, data management, innovation and policy.

Online Education for Social Innovation
To advance understanding of social innovation and governance in agriculture, forestry, and rural development, the network is co-developing two MOOCs under the EU-funded Horizon 2020 program. Social Innovation in Rural Areas (SIMRA), was launched in March 2020, and will explore different applications of social innovation in rural areas, while simultaneously discovering best practices for managing such projects. The Decision Analytic Framework to explore the water-energy-food Nexus in complex transboundary watersheds of fast-developing countries (DAFNE), was launched in July 2020. The project helps students with knowledge transfer in relation to methodological aspects relevant to the investigation of the Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus.

European Research Projects
SDSN Greece is engaged in several EU-funded Horizon 2020 projects focusing on sustainable development: Managing Water, Ecosystems and Food Across Sectors and Scales in the South Mediterranean (AWESOME) is developing a decision-analysis platform based on a multi-level, integrated WEF model. The platform will help stakeholders understand tradeoffs and capitalize on synergies. Digitization: Economic and Social Impacts in Rural Areas (DESIRA) seeks to develop Socio-Cyber-Physical Systems to advance understanding of the impact of digitization on rural areas, linking this analysis to the SDGs. Also, SDSN Greece is engaged in a number of EIT Climate-KIC projects, such as Deep Demonstration of Maritime Hubs, which is studying the decarbonization of European Ports.

⌄ Pioneers in the Practice Working Group

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LOOKING AHEAD

Together with *The Economist* Events, SDSN Greece is co-organizing the Fourth Sustainability Summit for South-East Europe and the Mediterranean. The Summit will host several distinguished speakers and panelists, who will share their knowledge and experience on science-driven solutions for the urgently needed sustainability transition. Also, SDSN Greece established a strategic partnership with *Optima-X* to build a powerful MaritimeTech hub, which will generate and support new concepts, startups, or scale-ups.

| Holds one of the lowest COVID-19 mortality rates among OECD countries | Ranked **43rd** in the 2020 SDG Index | On track to achieve **SDGs 1, 6, 7 & 8** by 2030. |

International Centre for Research on the Environment and the Economy (ICRE8)
ICRE8 is a nonprofit, private institution dedicated to interdisciplinary research on sustainable development and management of the environment, energy, economy, and eco-innovations.

Political Economy of Sustainable Development Lab (PESD)
The PESD Lab of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is devoted to the political economy dimension of sustainable development.

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^ Hong Kong Landscape

Municipal solid waste disposal reached

1,53kg
/capita/day
in 2018

Highest life expectancy in the world of

85
years.

2019 was the warmest year for Hong Kong since records began in 1884.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT)

Founded in 1884, The Hong Kong Jockey Club is a world-class racing club that acts continuously for the betterment of our society. The Club has a unique integrated business model, comprising racing and racecourse entertainment, a membership club, responsible sports wagering and lottery, and charity and community contribution. The Club is Hong Kong's largest single taxpayer and one of the city's major employers. Its Charities Trust is also one of the world's top ten charity donors and its supported projects covered all 17 SDGs.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Founded in 1963, CUHK is a forward-looking comprehensive research university with a global vision and a mission to combine tradition with modernity, and to bring together China and the West. Dedicated to research and education excellence as well as the advancement of sustainable development, the University houses the world's first climate change museum, the Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change, and several vibrant interdisciplinary research centres, including the Institute of Environment, Energy and Sustainability and the Institute of Health Equity.

SDSN Hong Kong

Hosted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
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SDSN Hong Kong focuses on public education for sustainable development, climate action, clean energy, and responsible consumption. It now hosts a total of 10 members from renowned Hong Kong Institutions.

The year 2019/20 has been challenging for Hong Kong due to the coronavirus outbreak and local protests. Amid those challenges, the network had to cancel events and activities. In line with its belief in sustainable development, SDSN Hong Kong will continue to support the community especially through the challenges brought on by COVID-19.

SDG Forum Series
In 2019/20, SDSN Hong Kong, together with CUHK's Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change (MoCC) and the Office of University General Education, hosted six public forums, covering a range of sustainability topics from waste management, public health, climate change, to AI and sustainable cities.

Sharing Philanthropic Action through COVID-19 Webinars
SDSN Hong Kong's co-host, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, has mobilized its resources and capabilities swiftly to address urgent community needs amid the pandemic, it has sourced or funded the purchase of more than 14 million face masks, provided US$13 million in emergency grants to community organizations to support relief work, and funded mobile internet data bandwidth for 100,000 underprivileged students to facilitate online learning.

To promote multi-stakeholder collaboration and knowledge dissemination, the Network Co-Chair, Leong Cheung, who is also the Executive

Photo: © The Hong Kong Jockey Club

^ 'SDG in Practice: from UN to Global Experience' sharing session

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^ SDG Forum Series, October 2019

Director, Charities and Community, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, participated in a series of local and international webinars to share insights from the Club's work to help the Hong Kong community deal with the COVID-19 crisis. Mr. Leung noted the need to mobilize resources with agility, proactively approaching different stakeholders to form innovative solutions, and empowering community partners to support society's most vulnerable groups.

In support of the Happiness and Sustainability Around the Earth webinar in April 2020, SDSN Hong

Kong hosted the kick-off session, COVID-19, Globalization and Philanthropy, to address the relationship between illness and happiness, and how philanthropic work is essential in bringing happiness to vulnerable groups during COVID-19.

'Zero Waste, No Disgrace' Exhibition
Hong Kong's per capita waste generation is among the highest in the world. To inspire the public to live a more sustainable lifestyle, SDSN Hong Kong together with MoCC launched the 'Zero Waste, No Disgrace' exhibition in May 2020, which also showcases the outcomes of MoCC's waste reduction school project.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Hong Kong will continue to promote SDG localization in the city, support the community through the challenges brought on by COVID-19, and engage with local knowledge institutions and NGOs in Hong Kong to expand its membership.

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∧ Mangrove Monitoring and Plantation in Bali by Center for Sustainable Development, Universitas Udayana

On track/maintaining SDG achievement on
Goals 1, 6, 8, 13.

index score is
2.8%
less than the average regional score, a Larger gap than last year.

Ranks
101
out of 166 countries

Universitas Indonesia (UI)

Universitas Indonesia (UI) is known as a modern and green campus consisting of 320 hectares with 6 natural lakes. UI was initially established in 1849 as the Indonesian School of Medicine. Currently UI has 14 faculties that cover wide arrays of scientific disciplines with 291 degree and non-degree programs of study. Ranked 47th in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2020, UI aims to become an independent university that can resolve national and global challenges, particularly those that impact the Southeast Asia region.

The United in Diversity (UID) forum

The United in Diversity (UID) forum is a non-profit organization established with Indonesian leaders from business, government, and civil society. Founded in 2003, UID has invited leaders from all sectors to come together, start a new dialogue of responsibility, and agree on concrete actions that address root-causes of Indonesia's problems, as well as regional and world challenges.

SDSN Indonesia

**Hosted by the Universitas Indonesia (UI) and United in Diversity (UID)**
› Jakarta, Indonesia

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As the fourth most populous country in the world, with an abundance of natural resources and biodiversity, Indonesia is an essential contributor to the 2030 Agenda. Numerous stakeholders are coordinated under the Government's SDGs National Coordination Secretariat to align their programs with the SDGs.

Highlighting Universities' Activities in Addressing the SDGs

SDSN Indonesia members have undertaken local research and community-based solutions to support regional and district level sustainability efforts. For example, University of Bengkulu and Universitas Andalas are delivering training and volunteer programs for both community members and government officials on promoting sustainability science and the SDGs. Universitas Cenderawasih in Papua has identified conservation and agri-business best practices derived from local wisdom. Moreover, Syiah Kuala University in Aceh and the Center for Sustainable Development in Udayana University in Bali are working together with their respective regional government to implement sustainable solutions by providing evidence-based research related to poverty reduction, climate change, and disaster risk-mitigation challenges.

SDSN Indonesia Secretariat has a growing reputation as a bridge between universities and the general public in promoting mental health (Goal 3), social enterprises in agri-food (Goal 2), and environmentally focused initiatives (Goal 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15).
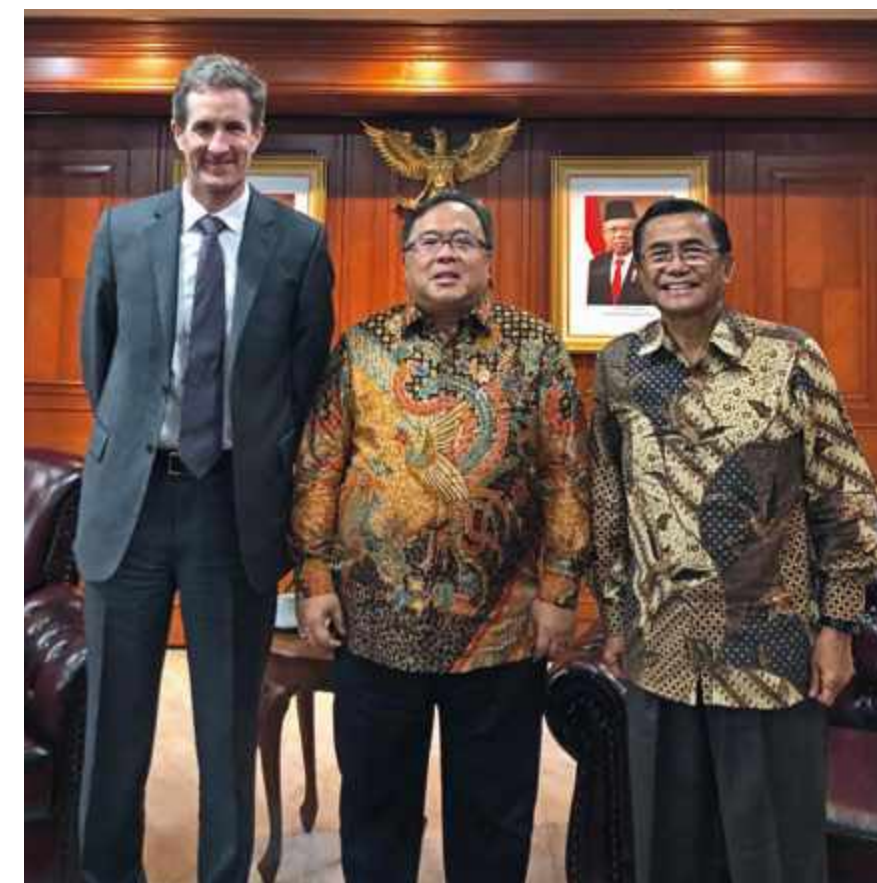
∧ Bambang Brodjonegoro (Minister of Research and Technology), Jatna Supriatna (SDSN Indonesia Co-chair), and Guido Schmidt-Traub (Executive Director of SDSN)

"Six transformations to achieve the SDGs" in Indonesia

SDSN Indonesia hosted an array of ministerial level meetings in February 2020. During these consultations, the network used the *Six transformations to achieve SDGs* to emphasize the importance of SDSN's role in supporting the Government of Indonesia in achieving the SDGs. The discussions with the government are ongoing including ways of improving Indonesia's performance on the SDG Index, collaborating on the ongoing Nature Map project, and setting up a local task force to support Green Investment in Indonesia.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Indonesia and the Indonesia SDGs Hub have a multi-stakeholder partnership plan underway to leverage support for the SDG implementation. Moreover, the network is working closely with the local chapter of SDSN Youth to develop a program of work to engage youth in innovative solutions. Thanks to the continuous support from the Belantara Foundation, SDSN Indonesia is able to strengthen the efforts of the secretariat by inviting exciting new members, providing global resources and opportunities for learning, and promoting peer-learning amongst members.

^ Siena Summer School Participants

<1.4%	~90%	10.5%
of the population	**mobile broadband**	**of GDP**
live with less than US$1.9 per day	subscriptions per 100 population	public expenditure on health and education. The objective is 15%.

⌄ Siena, Tuscany

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), founded in 1989, is a non-profit, policy-oriented, international research center and think-tank producing high quality, innovative, interdisciplinary research on sustainable development which contributes to the quality of decision-making in public and private spheres. Thanks to its international network, FEEM integrates its activities with those of the best academic institutions and think tanks around the world.

Santa Chiara Lab

The Santa Chiara Lab is the multidisciplinary centre at the University of Siena focused on research support and promotion, innovation and teaching. The Santa Chiara Lab is an incubator for many multidisciplinary projects on sustainable development including SDSN Mediterranean, the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) and the PRIMA Observatory on Innovation.

SDSN Italia

Hosted by Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) and the Santa Chiara Lab
› Milan and Siena, Italy

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SDSN Italia aims at mobilizing Italian society to achieve the SDGs and that is only possible if the UN 2030 Agenda has the full support of institutions, the private and public sectors, research and young people.

Localizing the SDGs

SDSN Italia aims to localize the 2030 Agenda at different levels, building tools and involving a variety of stake-holders to ensure that the SDGs are being pioneered at all levels of society.

The Italian SDG Cities Index, produced in 2018 by SDSN Italia and FEEM now sees an important update and extension - with an index that measures SDG progress at the provincial level ("Conoscere il presente per un futuro sostenibile"). Such work, widely disseminated during the Sustainable Development Festival promoted by ASviS (L'Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile), gave birth to a public-private partnership on smart ports (ports enhanced by digital transformation) and the surrounding urban area. This partnership was selected and presented at the first Global Solutions Forum in September 2019.

Siena Summer School on Sustainable Development

Increasing awareness, knowledge and skills in sustainable development is essential to reach the 17 SDGs and fully realize the 2030 Agenda. As part of the Education for Sustainable Development initiatives, SDSN Mediterranean and SDSN Italia have organized a Summer School on Sustainable Development held in Italy in cooperation with ASviS, University of Siena, ENEL Foundation, Leonardo, and the Network of Universities for Sustainable Development (RUS)

since 2018. The School, now in its third edition (2020), provides a high profile interdisciplinary training on the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainability.

### Agenda 2030 and Young People- Schools and Universities initiatives

Young people play an incredible role in building a sustainable future. For the fourth year in a row, the network collaborated with Fondazione Accenture and Fondazione Allianz Umanamente on the "Youth in Action for SDGs" contest calling for sustainable solutions for Italy. Moreover, the network works with high school students to spread knowledge on the 2030 Agenda and instill a culture of sustainable development through various initiatives and contests.

Finding solutions: Roadmap to 2050

SDSN Italia actively responds to the global call to design and implement decarbonization pathways. After assessing four out of the five most energy-intensive sectors worldwide in 2019(power, hard-to-abate industry, transport, and buildings in the report Roadmap to 2050: A Manual for Nations to Decarbonize by Mid-Century, 2019), in 2020 SDSN Italia, together with SDSN Global and SDSN Mediterranean, focuses on the fifth sector, land use, responsible for 24% of global greenhouse gas emissions. The main aim of the project is to consider the potential share of biofuels and synthetic fuels in the energy mix and identify available options and trade-offs for a progressive scale-up of supporting technologies.

The European Semester

Starting in Autumn 2020, SDSN Italia will engage in the European Semester process, the EU's principal mechanism for coordinating economic
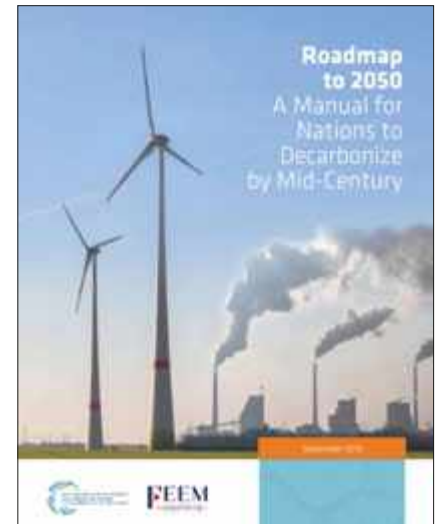
^ Roadmap to 2050: A Manual for Nations to Decarbonize by Mid-Century

policies across the European Union with the SDGs. By taking part in the consultation process, SDSN Italia will assist the European Commission in refining European and national policies towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

LOOKING AHEAD

Throughout 2020, SDSN Italia furthers its research activities by developing tools for the dissemination of the SDGs, raising awareness of SDG challenges and developing solutions in a deeply changed world, which must be able to respond to the unprecedented health crisis that we are facing. In this respect, SDSN Italia and its Hosting Institutions started a series of policy briefs and research papers making the connection between SDGs 3, 7, 11 and 17 and the current COVID-19 related emergency.

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∧ Nairobi City

On track to meet **SDGs 8 & 13**	Score is decreasing on **Goal 15**	Major challenges remain for **Goal 1, 3,7 & 9** but the scores are improving

Moi University

Moi University is a public university located in the town of Eldoret in western Kenya. It was established as the second university in Kenya by an Act of Parliament, the Moi University Act of 1984. The University is working through the Center for Public Sector Reforms (CPSR) a think tank hosted by the Department of Political Science to offer first hand theoretical research; advocacy and capacity building, all geared to contribute towards boosting oversight and good governance of the public sector.

The University of Nairobi

The University of Nairobi, a body corporate established by an Act of Parliament Cap 210 of the Laws of Kenya is the pioneer institution of University education in Kenya and the region. The only institution of higher learning in Kenya for a long time, the University of Nairobi responded to the national regional and Africa's high level manpower training needs by developing and evolving strong, diversified academic programmes and specializations in sciences, applied sciences, technology, humanities, social sciences and the arts.

SDSN Kenya

Hosted by Moi University & Nairobi University
› **Eldoret & Nairobi, Kenya**

⊕ **www.unsdsn.org/kenya**

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Kenya chapter, was approved on March 30, 2020, by the Networks Strategy Council. The chapter is hosted by two institutions: Moi University (Centre for Public Sector Reforms) and University of Nairobi (Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies), both domiciled in Kenya.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the inaugural Kenyan SDGs Summit of the chapter was postponed to a later date. This summit is expected to be Kenya's first high-level multi-stakeholder forum to advance national implementation of the SDGs. The two-day summit themed "Strengthening Stakeholders' Capacities to Contribute to the Implementation and Follow Up of the 2030 Agenda" will bring together 50 leaders and decision-makers from across all sectors to build a common understanding of the opportunities of the SDGs and how they could be put into practice in Kenya.

SDSN Kenya aims at fostering global SDSN activities within Kenya by developing and promoting solutions, policies and public education in three phases and in line with its three broad objectives as follows:

› **Phase 1 (2020 - 2022): Awareness creation, sensitization and resource mobilization**
  – Promoting the understanding of SDGs and their linkage to the national and local planning frameworks.
  – Engagement of local actors in the implementation process.
  – Identification and mobilization of potential sources of resources required to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

› **Phase 2 (2022 - 2025): Mainstreaming and localization of SDGs**
  – Identification of specific mechanisms, processes and tools for effective implementation and monitoring.

– Contextualization of the 17 SDGs to make them suitable to national and county realities.
– Promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships to inspire the SDG implementation process in transforming global commitments into local action and to ensure that the progress draws on the actions of local governments and galvanizes participation from all actors in the society.
– Crusading for local economic development to ensure that the local communities in Kenya see concrete dividends of the SDGs.

› **Phase 3 (2025-2030) Acceleration of SDGs implementation process**
– Implementation of relevant projects towards attainment of vision 2030.
– Monitoring and evaluation of projects to ensure that the country remains on course towards the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.

∨ Moi University Administration Block

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^ The RIMBA Project's latest activity on 'Buluh in the City' is an example of RIMBA's public engagement programme to raise awareness on urban biodiversity and landscapes.

Moved up to
60th
place
in the global ranking

Achieved
SDG 1

Major challenges
for achieving
**SDGs
2 & 15**

The Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development (JSC) at Sunway University

The Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development is a regional center of excellence that advances the achievement of the 17 SDGs in Malaysia and Southeast Asia through education, research, and policy advice. Launched in December 2016, the Center operates out of Sunway University, a leading not-for-profit private university committed to the pursuit of education through scholarship, research, and enterprise. The University is committed to multi-disciplinary research in sustainable development within an urban environment, and promoting health, well-being, and the development of new technologies in addressing some of the world's most pressing problems. To date, the University has drawn more than 26,000 students from over 90 countries to its vibrant, 880,000-square-feet campus.

SDSN Malaysia

Hosted by the Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development (JSC) at Sunway University
› Sunway City, Malaysia

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SDSN Malaysia was established in 2013 to mobilize a community of experts to translate ideas and expertise into practical action towards sustainable development for Malaysia. SDSN Malaysia was one of ten networks that participated in the inaugural Global Solutions Forum. With sustainable cities being core to the network's focus, SDSN Malaysia showcased a partnership solution for sustainable urban development, using Sunway City as a case study.

ASEAN Sustainable Development Summit

SDSN Malaysia organised the ASEAN Sustainable Development Summit in November 2019 in collaboration with the Jeffrey Sachs Center and the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute. Under the theme of 'The Future Together: Deepening Partnership for Agenda 2030', the Summit engaged speakers and participants from ASEAN countries in discussions on how to address issues of environmental degradation and socio-economic wellbeing through suitable public and corporate action. The one-day event provided a platform and practical framework for ministers, policymakers, industry practitioners, civil society activists, and experts to address shared challenges and to discuss feasible and effective implementation strategies and solutions.

SDSN Malaysia's members have also engaged in noteworthy initiatives:

Sustainability and Livelihood Improvement for Oil Palm Smallholders

This project by the Center for Sustainable Small-Owners, Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation aims to safeguard independent growers of oil palm and improve their livelihood while ensuring

Photo: © Center for Sustainable Small-owners and Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation

^ Meet and greet session between farmers and project stakeholders in Johor, Malaysia

ethical and responsible sourcing, including commitments of no deforestation, no plantation on peatlands and no exploitation in the supply chain. This project is a solutions initiative in line with the Network's aim to address land-use challenges posed by the palm oil industry.

SDGs & Malaysian Resources Sustainability

This study by the Centre For Environment, Technology & Development used the SDGs to assess the management of Malaysia's resources, ranging from water to petroleum. The Network will translate the findings of this study into actionable interventions and present them in a position paper to the relevant stakeholders.

Biodiversity Conservation to Reconcile Cities & Nature

The RIMBA Project, by Universiti Malaya, is a living lab of biodiversity regeneration in the nation's capital. It is a walk-in educational nature park showcasing how urban secondary forests provide a habitat for wildlife, help mitigate flash floods, serve as water reserves, and help regulate the climate, thus improving urban livability and sustainability. This project showcases models of sustainable urban solutions that can be promoted by the Network in other cities in Malaysia.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Network is part of a working group to generate innovative, solutions-focused research addressing social, technical, policy issues related to COVID-19, vulnerable populations, and wellbeing. The project will integrate methodologies and analytical frameworks to understand social-technical linkages in wellbeing and informational flows.

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^ The shores of the Mediterranean display a great variety of biodiversity and need special environmental protection.

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey

Regional gaps in **SDGs 2 & 6**	Mediterranean countries should enlarge protected areas to meet **SDG 14**	The region performs well for **SDGs 2 & 3**

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University of Siena

Founded in 1240, the University of Siena is one of the world's oldest universities. With a campus of about 15000 students, it is actively involved in numerous international projects of education, research, mobility and training on sustainable development. In particular, the Santa Chiara Lab serves as an incubator for many multidisciplinary projects on sustainable development, including SDSN Mediterranean, PRIMA, and POI.

^ SDSN Mediterranean operates from Siena, home to one of the world's oldest universities.

SDSN Mediterranean

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SDSN Mediterranean is a regional network that aims to boost awareness of the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs in the Mediterranean region by promoting collaborative research, innovative teaching, youth leadership, and by engaging in a wide array of projects and partnerships. One of the main focuses is innovation and capacity building in the agri-food sector. The network is a partner of the UN Environmental Programme - Mediterranean Action Plan, Union for the Mediterranean and Unimed, three of the most relevant networks acting in the region.

Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

PRIMA is the most ambitious Mediterranean-wide program combining science and cultural diplomacy for sustainable development. It was initiated as a partnership among countries thanks to the impulse of SDSN Mediterranean. It funds research and innovation projects in sustainable water, and the agriculture and food value chain. 83 projects were funded in 2018/19 with a budget of over €100 million. An additional €60 million will be allocated in 2020 and 2021.

PRIMA Observatory on Innovation (POI)

POI is a digital platform collecting, sharing, and promoting best research, innovation, and education practices in the agri-food sector in the Mediterranean. It highlights new concrete solutions for SDSN members and enterprises and fosters new partnerships among researchers, innovators, businesses, and stakeholders.

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^ Based on vegetables, fruits, herbs, beans, and whole grains, the Mediterranean diet is considered among the healthiest in the world.

Education for Sustainable Development

In 2019, over 3000 learners engaged in the MOOC "Sustainable Food Systems: a Mediterranean Perspective," developed by SDSN Mediterreanean in collaboration with the Barilla Foundation and the SDG Academy. The MOOC was also adopted by the European Commission for an Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project. Moreover, the network continues to host the annual Siena Summer School on Sustainable Development to teach upcoming leaders from all walks of life on sustainable finance, sustainable energy, and green and social economy, among others.

Fixing the Business of Food

"Fixing the Business of Food" is a research project promoted by SDSN Mediterranean in partnership with Barilla Foundation, SDSN and the Columbia Centre for Sustainable Investments. The project aims at mapping and upscaling the reporting and operational practices of companies from the agri-food sector.

Sustainable Development Report - Mediterranean Countries Edition 2020

SDSN Mediterranean serves as a science-policy interface providing governments, international organizations, and policy makers with relevant information on the achievement of the SDGs. The Mediterranean Countries Edition of the Sustainable Development Report 2020 is an important means of engagement of such actors.

LOOKING AHEAD

The network is launching the "Med Hubs" project, which builds on a transformative approach and proposes to create six thematic hubs in the Mediterranean region. Each hub, coordinated by an SDSN Network in partnership with another organization on an equal footing principle, is expected to promote innovative solutions in their sector and to serve as an interface for science-oriented policies.

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SDSN Mexico Co-Chairs and Gemma Santana, Office of the Presidency

| Improved access to services such as: **electric power, broadband internet and piped water.** | Highest rate of overweight and obesity in Latin America. |

Tecnológico de Monterrey

Tecnológico de Monterrey is a private university system founded in 1943 in Monterrey, Mexico. It holds 26 campuses located across 25 cities in the country, and 18 liaison offices in 15 countries. Its academic programs are recognized by international accreditation agencies, and its research approaches are pursued with open international collaboration: "knowledge-driven creation" and "society-driven innovation".

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

UNAM was founded in 1551 and is the biggest and most important public university in Mexico and Ibero-America. The fundamental aim of the UNAM is to serve both the country and humanity, to train professionals, to organize and carry out research, mainly on national problems and conditions, and to offer cultural benefits in the broadest sense possible.

Ranks
69th
an increase of 9 positions from 2019.

SDSN Mexico

Hosted by Tecnológico de Monterrey and Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
› Mexico City and Monterrey, Mexico

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SDSN Mexico promotes and strengthens collaboration between academia, the public and private sectors, civil society, and non-governmental organizations while generating innovative and practical solutions to achieve the SDGs that involve young people, harness innovation, and capitalize on the knowledge of national experts in the field of sustainable development.

Banco de Proyectos (Project Bank)

After its launch in March 2019, SDSN Mexico presented its first flagship project in the fall of 2019. The Project Bank was set up to showcase the different initiatives with which Mexican society is addressing the implementation of the SDGs at local, regional, and national level. The first call for proposals received nearly 400 applications and included topics such as sustainable education, environment and food–oriented activities, sustainable communities and social well-being, as well as environment and sustainable technologies. A team of experts selected nearly 100 initiatives which are currently receiving technical and financial advice.

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∧ Second Meeting of SDSN Mexico membership (UNAM, February 2020)

∨ SDSN Mexico Family photo (UNAM, February 2020)

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Active Engagement with Key National Partners

SDSN Mexico is strongly committed to collaborate with a wide array of strategic national stakeholders. The network coordinates the participation of the academic sector within the National Council for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as its working Committees. Additionally, SDSN Mexico is part of the Technical Committee for the Chamber of Deputies' Strategy on the 2030 Agenda, which aims to align existing Mexican Legislation with the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as well as to identify those gaps where legislative action is needed in order to achieve the SDGs and its targets by 2030.

A Solutions Network to Develop the Country

In just one year, SDSN Mexico has increased its national membership from 20 to nearly 60 institutions nationwide. Having more than 70% national coverage has strengthened the Network's reach and engagement for an effective implementation and achievement of the SDGs at all levels across the country.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Mexico will carry on several solutions programs that will enable and empower every sector of the society: ExpertODS honors and connects researchers and professors worldwide to promote sustainability in everyday life; 2030 Leaders will create student groups within universities and high schools and provide them with tools and guidance on sustainable development, the 2030 Agenda, and project development to contribute to the solution of challenges regarding the SDGs in their communities; and the Youth Solutions Report – Mexico 2020, an adaptation of the Global Youth Solutions Report, to identify youth-led solutions at a national level and to provide them with a platform to overcome the most common obstacles while connecting them with national allies.

H.E. Princess Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, Senior Special Assistant to the President on the SDG at the 2018 Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development.

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SDG 12
is the best-ranked goal

SDG 9
is the worst scoring goal

Nigeria has
a total score of
49.3
and an overall rank of
160

The University of Ibadan's Centre for Sustainable Development (CESDEV)

CESDEV was established in 2010 as a demonstration of the University's commitment to sustainable development. It was based on the need to provide an intellectual platform for identification of issues germane to sustainable development, to critically analyse them, and provide leadership in finding enduring solutions that will enhance sustainable development. The University of Ibadan is a public research university in Ibadan, Nigeria. The University was founded in 1948 as University College Ibadan, and it became an independent university in 1963. It is the oldest degree-awarding institution in Nigeria

Photo: ©Yemi Ogunkeyede

A bio-digester designed by the SDSN Nigeria member, the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Delta State

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SDSN Nigeria

Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Ibadan
› Ibadan, Nigeria

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SDSN Nigeria is a consortium of Nigerian universities and other academic tertiary institutions. The network's vision is to be the vanguard of the national sustainable development efforts and the custodian of science, knowledge, and innovation for the 2030 Agenda.

Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS)

Every August, SDSN Nigeria co-organizes the Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS), the premier academic forum on sustainable development in Nigeria. The summit has recorded remarkable milestones, including the domestication of the SDGs in the Nigerian national context, the development of six local Solutions Initiatives, and the creation of strategic partnerships with members of business, civil society, non-profit organisations, religious bodies, and government departments. Nearly 500 participants from academia, government, civil society, and business from all over Nigeria and the continent come together annually to share their expertise.

Capacity Building in Academia

The network has launched a capacity-building series for academics. The purpose is to teach skills for successful grant proposal writing and to share information on funding opportunities for SDG-related research. Three workshops have been held: two in Abuja, and one at the Federal University of Technology, Minna. Due to the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic, the remaining trainings were planned remotely as webinars. The first webinar was held in May on the topic of "Effects of COVID-19 on the attainment of the SDGs in Nigeria." The second was held in June on "Pathways for Achieving the SDGs in Nigeria despite the odds."

Partnerships

The Nigerian network has strengthened partnership with strategic stakeholders within and outside the country in a bid to achieve the SDGs. For instance, the network entered into a partnership with the Leadership of the Nigerian Academy of Science, the foremost independent scientific body in the country, and

another partnership is being established with the Nigerian Academy of Letters, the humanities counterpart. The network has also expressed commitment to partner with the Private Sector led Coalition Against COVID-19 (CACOVID).

LOOKING AHEAD

Together with the SDSN Thematic Networks on Extractives and Land Resources and on Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems, a joint proposal was developed and submitted on "Promoting Biological disease control methods in staple crops grown in Nigeria." The objective is to develop bio-based, eco-friendly, biodegradable plant derived pesticides or microbial pesticides in order to control fungal pathogens in the production of staple crops grown in Nigeria.
Following the webinars, the network will compose and share a Policy Brief with policy makers at the three tiers (local, state and federal) and three arms (executive, legislative and judiciary) of government, as well as with other SDGs stakeholders.

⌄ Participants at the Capacity Building Workshop at the University of Abuja

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∧ SIF Air and the accompanying Air Solutions Report presented 20 solutions for improved air quality.

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

Nordic countries have large spillover effects and the implementation trend is stagnating for some SDGs

Norway, Denmark and Finland ranked quite high in the COVID-19 pilot Index, but Sweden, having a distinctly different COVID-19 response policy, attained a lower ranking

All Nordic countries rank high in the 2020 SDG Index, and Sweden, Denmark and Finland top the ranking

Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development

University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology share the Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development (GMV). GMV promotes education, research, innovation and stakeholder communication in sustainable development and aims to increase interdisciplinary knowledge on the SDGs among the public and experts.

› Maria Djupström works as Sustainability Strategist at Chalmers University of Technology and is one of the people behind the development of the Climate Framework for Higher Education Institutions.

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SDSN Northern Europe

Hosted by the Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development at Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg
› **Gothenburg, Sweden**

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SDSN Northern Europe is an action-oriented network focusing on mobilizing Nordic scientific and technological expertise to create a more sustainable society. Through a wide set of activities and initiatives, its members from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland link knowledge to action to implement the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Solutions Initiative Forum Air
More than 90% of the world population lives in areas in which the WHO guideline values for air pollution are exceeded. This results in 8 million deaths globally every year. To bring forward solutions to this challenge, SDSN Northern Europe and the Gothenburg Air and Climate Network organized the 'Solutions Initiative Forum (SIF) - Air' on the 28th of August 2019. SIF Air and the accompanying Air Solutions Report presented 20 solutions for improved air quality, as well as up to date knowledge on past, present and future air pollution, public health implications, regulations and policies, and concrete examples of mitigation.

Member Conference
SDSN Northern Europe was in the final stage of preparing its first member conference when the COVID-19 crisis caused societies all over the world to go into lockdown and social distancing. The network quickly decided to instead arrange an online mini-version of the conference, which was held on the 26th of March 2020. The conference presented the SDSN Northern Europe strategy, the latest Solution Initiative of the network – The Climate Framework for Higher Education Institutions - and experiences from how to report to the University

Photo: © SDSN Northern Europe

∧ The volcano clap was an appreciated Nordic feature during the Solutions Initiative Forum - Air.

Impact Rankings by SDG by Times Higher Education. In addition, the two co-chairs and two members of the Leadership Council discussed Sustainable Development from the Nordic Perspective.

Solution Initiative - The Climate Framework for Higher Education Institutions
The challenge of climate change will require changes from all sectors of society. In Sweden, 37 universities and colleges have signed the Climate Framework for Higher Education Institutions, of which 18 are SDSN Northern Europe members. Thereby, they will set up and implement climate strategies with the aim of contributing to both national and international commitments to reach the 1.5 C target. This means for example, that the participating institutions will allocate a budget, define responsibilities and resources, and report on their emissions and

the development to reach this target. SDSN Northern Europe is actively supporting and communicating about this initiative.

LOOKING AHEAD

By June 2020, over 2,400 users were registered worldwide in the free online resource, the SDG Impact Assessment Tool, launched back in February 2019. SDSN Northern Europe now aims to publish a guide for the tool and organise online seminars and workshops to support its use. Similar to the EU policy recommendations from the Beyond Growth Conference in Helsinki 2019, the network will continue to engage in the Science-Policy interface at local, national, Nordic and EU levels. In addition, the network is analyzing SDG performance of Nordic municipalities and cites, aiming to publish a municipality-level Nordic SDG Index.

Flooded area in Masantol, Pampanga province, where farmers have to take boats to move from one municipality to another

Photo: ©Randy Tuano

Ranks	Progress on	Substantial work needs to be made on
99 out of 166 countries	**SDGs 1 & 13**	**SDGs 4 & 15**

The Ateneo Institute of Sustainability

The Ateneo Institute of Sustainability is Ateneo de Manila University's hub on sustainable development, and the vehicle of the university's environment-development agenda which includes education, research, awareness building, services/consultancies, and networking. Currently there are three programs under the AIS: campus sustainability, inclusive mobility, and climate change and disaster risk.

SDSN Philippines

SDSN Philippines engages higher education institutions in promoting and achieving the SDGs, as well as connecting the needs of business groups and other stakeholders with actions and solutions that advance sustainable development in the country.

SDSN Philippines Solutions Forum

SDSN Philippines organized its first Solutions Forum on February 28, 2020, at the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City. Modelled after the Global Solutions Forum, which brought together some of the best solutions from the SDSN networks around the world, the Philippines Solutions Forum highlighted key challenges, gaps, and solutions initiatives of various member universities and partner institutions. Through short presentations that showcased projects, programs, and partnerships designed to achieve the SDGs, the event sparked discussion, action, and collaboration.

Nine solutions were presented during the Forum, including from member-universities (Ateneo de Davao, Ateneo de Manila, De La Salle University Manila, Far Eastern University, Mapua University, the Philippine School of Business Administration), from partner organizations (Alyansa Agrikultura, an alliance of farmers and fishing communities, Philippine Business for Social Progress) and from the SDSN PH Youth Network.

The solutions presented by the member universities included a framework for partnerships for sustainable development among businesses, academia and local communities in Davao and Cotabato cities, two major cities in the southern island region of Mindanao (Ateneo de Davao University), sustainable transportation solutions in five cities and municipalities in the country (De La Salle University), and partnerships for strengthening capacities of local governments to address climate change (Ateneo de Manila University and the Philippine School for Business Administration). Other solutions focused on water, including improving water quality in the Laguna Lake, one of the major freshwater lakes in the country,

(Mapua University), addressing agricultural challenges in the country (Alyansa Agrikultura), and increasing water access among poor communities (Philippine Business for Social Progress). Finally, SDSN PH Youth presented its initiative on addressing reproductive health and livelihood concerns.

The members agreed that the forum had allowed them to understand how universities could address the sustainable development challenges.

Strengthening Networking in Sustainable Development

The network continued its work towards strengthening the linkages between member universities, local businesses, and local communities in sustainable development, which is a project supported by the German Development Agency (GIZ). The project has so far hosted eight workshops around the country, including in major cities such as Quezon City, Davao, Zamboanga and Cotabato, and also in the provinces of Laguna and Batangas. Using the clusters framework provided by the UN Development Program Philippines, the Business for Sustainable Development, and the Ateneo Institute of Sustainability, the 17 SDGs were organized into five areas for policy and program interventions: Natural Capital, Food Systems, Social Services, Livable Communities, and Ethics and Governance.

The network plans to develop training materials and publications that will help other universities map their SDG partnerships with their local businesses and communities-at-large.

The participants of the SDSN PH-GIZ workshop in Davao, with strong local government representation from barangay units, the city planning office, and the National Commission on Indigenous People of Region XI.

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^ Russian Association of Wind Power Industry (RAWI) Forum 2020

Achieved	On track to achieve	Major challenges in achieving
SDG 1	**SDGs 4 & 8**	**SDGs 3, 10 & 16**

Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

RANEPA was founded in 1946 as a public administration school for civil servants. Today RANEPA is one of the most well-known universities in Russia, hosting a very prestigious business school, and considered a national educational leader in public administration. Its think tank provides top-notch expertise to government officials and its regional campuses spread across 53 Russian regions.

> ECOCUP international green documentary film festival

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SDSN Russia

Hosted by the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)
› Moscow, Russian Federation

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^ Festival "Renewable energy without government"

SDSN Russia translates the SDGs to the Russian context by providing top-notch research and by engaging in a wide array of projects and partnerships to prepare the country for its achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Conducting High-Level Scientific Research

The network specializes in transforming research projects into policy action at the highest level. This year, the network focused on the following topics:

› Achievement of the SDGs and conditional convergence for different groups of countries,
› Theoretical and applied approaches to modeling the electric power industry, taking into account the assessment of imputed costs from harmful emissions,
› Identification of important regional socio-economic factors for the creation of new, knowledge-intensive industries in Russia (Ex. high- and medium-tech firms).

Promoting Cutting-edge Ideas

The first English-language special issue of the journal Economic Policy was prepared and published, featuring articles from leading experts, including many from SDSN Russia. The issue covers many topics related to sustainable development, from ecological and energy efficiency to renewables, decarbonization, and irrigation technologies.

Engaging Society and Education

SDSN Russia promotes the SDGs through different public events, working with multiple local and international stakeholders, state and municipal authorities, businesses, academia, and students. Courses such as The Concept of Sustainable Development and Energy Efficiency, offered at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration and at the Sergei Witte University of Moscow, are the first ones of their kind in Russia.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2020, the ECOCUP Green Documentary Film Festival was chosen as a solution that will be presented at the Global Solutions Forum 2020.

In 2020, the Coalition for Sustainable Development of Russia, a civil society organization, was launched at the annual SDSN Russia meeting at the Gaidar Forum – one of the largest political and economic events in Russia. The Coalition also prepared Russia's independent civil society review on SDG implementation, with the active participation of SDSN Russia. The report was published in July 2020.

In 2020, SDSN Russia became a partner of the SDG Eurasia Tech Accelerator, a project of the blockchain-based platform Evercity. The project will facilitate SDG-related digital innovations to combat the COVID-19 crisis.

^ Global Solution Forum workshop in 2019

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED
IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK**

**Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Mali,
Mauritania, Niger, Senegal**

Burkina Faso:
Ratio of female-to-male
labor force
participation rate
77.8%

Guinea:
Mean area
that is protected in
marine sites important
to biodiversity
74.3%

Senegal:
81%
of population is using
at least basic drinking
water services

Université Cheikh Anta Diop

Université Cheikh Anta Diop is the oldest and largest Francophone university in Africa. It was founded in 1957 as the University of Dakar. The name was changed to Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar in 1987 in honor of the leading Senegalese scholar, politician, and proponent of African unity who died the previous year. Today, the university is one of the leading educational institutions on the continent and includes six colleges and numerous institutes and specialized programs, with over 60,000 students from around the world.

> Senegalese Universities Tour organized by SDSN Sahel and the ONE Campaign
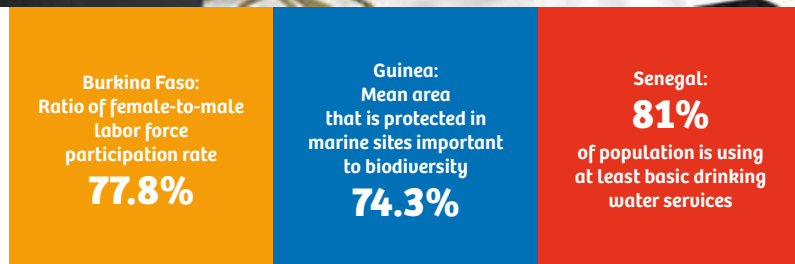
SDSN Sahel

Hosted by Université Cheikh Anta Diop
› Dakar, Senegal

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Across the region, SDSN Sahel is working to raise awareness and promote solutions for the SDGs.

Data for Now in Senegal

Data for Now is an initiative to ensure that there is more accurate, timely, and comprehensive data to make the SDGs an actionable framework that can drive policies and programs in real time for all people. SDSN Sahel implements this project in partnership with the SDSN Thematic Research Network on Data and Statistics (TReNDS), the World Bank, the United Nations Statistics Division, and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. In November 2019, representatives from each project country convened in Rwanda to discuss priority data needs; specifically, the kinds of timely (even real-time) data required to effectively track sustainable development. For Senegal, the lack of urban data from the cadastral sector is a challenge to development. The involvement of communities and local authorities is of paramount importance in order to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs. In addition, it contributes to the consistency of national and local plans. To this end, the use of municipal data by development actors is an absolute necessity. The general objective of this multi-stakeholder project is to highlight the relevance of using data at the local level but also to engage all stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs.

SDG Awareness

In order to engage and include citizen's voices into the development debate in Senegal, SDSN Sahel and its partners the ONE Campaign and the Gorée Institute organised a university tour across four campuses. The purpose was to promote and raise awareness of the SDGs in Senegal and to encourage youth to get involved in the key issues pertaining to the country's development. These key issues include poverty eradication, the demographic dividend, gender equality, girls' education, agriculture, transparency, and accountability.

New Governance Structure

SDSN Sahel has established a new Leadership Council. The ten members represent academia, civil society, and government, and include high-profile figures such as:
› Michel Sidibé, Minister of Health of Mali and former Executive Director of UNAIDS;
› Keïta Aïda M'Bo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Mali;
› Ngoné Ndoye, Former Minister of the diaspora of Senegal;
› Dr. Djibril Diallo, President of the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Sahel will look to establish new partnerships through its Leadership Council, including documenting good practices in implementation, advocating for multi-source financing, and raising awareness of local actors in the Sahel region. In addition, the network is putting in place a fundraising strategy based on advocacy and domestic resource mobilization to finance innovative projects on data.

⌄ Senegalese Universities Tour in Bambey

Climate emergency walk by SDG HUB at TERI SAS students

Countries in the region have shown steady progress in
Goals 1 & 13

India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka all scored higher than
60
on the SDG Index

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

TERI is an independent, multi-dimensional organization, with capabilities in research, policy, consultancy and implementation. We are innovators and agents of change in the energy, environment, climate change and sustainability space for over four decades. Headquartered in New Delhi, TERI has regional centres and campuses across India. Our 1200-plus team of scientists, sociologists, economists and engineers delivers insightful, high quality action-oriented research and transformative solutions supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure.

Countries in the region have progressed the most since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015

SDSN South Asia

Hosted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
› **New Delhi, India**

Interaction with Children from Sarvodaya Vidyalaya

SDSN South Asia Youth has been very active in the past year. They hosted India's largest Sustainability Quiz in association with WIPRO, called 'Earthian,' in which about 200 students from all over India participated . They also organized two days of the annual technical symposium (Re-topia) which provided students with a deeper understanding of the various challenges and strategies for sustainable energy. A full-day program was held to create awareness on Climate Change with the theme of Youth & Climate Action, including a series of events such as, photography competition, quiz and talks by renowned climate experts.
SDSN South Asia Youth also organized workshops and awareness campaigns on trash challenges, solid waste management, SDG 16. They

supported the local government on localizing the SDGs by developing a SDG related questionnaire for village profiles.

SDSN South Asia Youth - Proactive and Passionate

The SDSN South Asia Youth collaborated with the Climate Reality Project organizing a Walk for Climate Emergency where we walked to the government school Sarvodaya Vidyalaya to raise awareness on air pollution. The network used the walk to add practical value about air pollution to the students' in a fun way through a series of interactive programs, including a short skit, quiz, and a Snakes and Ladders game on the SDGs.

2019-2020 Initiatives at the Secretariat

The SDSN South Asia secretariat at TERI held a workshop on and launched the FOLU project report with its consortium partners. SDSN South Asia actively participated in the World Sustainable Development Summit held annually in New Delhi, where SDG hub TERISAS students played an active role and volunteered.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN South Asia is planning to conduct a webinar series in the coming year, focused on selected SDGs. The network will support Green Olympiad activities, and participate in the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS).

^ Seoul

| South Korea ranks **20th** in the 2020 SDG Index | South Korea has achieved the **Goal 4** on quality education | South Korea **reached the top rank** in the pilot index on **COVID-19 control** |

OJEong Resilience Institute (OJERI) at Korea University

Understanding ecosystem resilience is a central concept of Korea University's founding philosophy and corresponds with humanity's ideal of improving the quality of life and using a limited amount of natural resources. The university's OJEong Resilience Institute through its fundamental and applied research on ecosystem resilience is prepared to contribute to the attainment of a sustainable society.
Honorary Chairman: Mr. Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary-General
Chairman: Dr. Soogil Young, Advisor, National Council of Climate and Environment
Director: Prof. Woo-Kyun Lee, Korea University

> The KDI Center for International Development held the annual assessment conference on its 'Knowledge-Sharing Program' for developing countries for 2019, in Seoul on September 9, 2019.

SDSN South Korea

Hosted by the OJEong Resilience Institute (OJERI) at Korea University
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Despite SDSN Korea's persistent effort since 2015 to persuade the government to launch a high-level pan-governmental committee on sustainable development to direct and coordinate national efforts to implement the SDGs, the 20th national parliament, ended its term in May 2020 without establishing such a body. Better late than never, the 21st parliament will hopefully pass such laws early next year.

SDSN-KDI Sustainable Development Solutions Forum Series
The KDI Center for International Development will be launching this forum with three international webinars on "Exploring South Korea's Experience with COVID-19 for Pandemics Preparedness: Pillars and Issues" to identify critical elements and pitfalls in reining the current and potential future pandemics. Also the Solutions Forum will go beyond pandemics preparedness to cover other critical contributors to SDGs for developing countries such as: poverty reduction, rural development, public health and universal health care, women's development, clean water, industrial development and other important topics. The forum will launch in Summer 2020 and continue through the fall.

A Study of How to Launch 'Six Transformations' for South Korea's SDGs Implementation
The Sustainable Development Report 2019 mapped six transformations to implement the SDGs. Undertaken by the KDI Office of Global Economy, this study will examine a number of South Korea's existing long-term policies and plans to see how they may be modified and coordinated to affect the proposed six transformations for South Korea, underpinned

^ Myeong-dong, Seoul

by the principles of leaving no one behind and circularity. The study will include an assessment of South Korea's current implementation of the SDGs based on the Sustainable Development Report 2020.

Developing Nexus Indices, SDG Indictors, and the Earth Observation Data-Sharing System for The Mid-Latitude Regional Network (MLRN)
The Mid-Latitude Region is broadly defined as a horizontal belt of temperate climate in the northern hemisphere between 30°-60° latitude encompassing 36 countries from Europe, Asia and North America. It is vulnerable to

changing environmental conditions and extreme climate challenges such as drought and desertification. As part of the MLRN, OJERI, host of SDSN Korea, will launch a report, "Application of the UN-SDGs Indicators for SDG 2, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 15, to South Korea: Spatial Analysis".

LOOKING AHEAD

In order to help ensure sustainability and impact from these various efforts, this year SDSN Korea will prioritize outreach activities to inform politicians and the public about the significance and importance of launching the implementation of the K-SDGs or Korean SDGs.

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∧ Boat woman on the Mekong River, Vietnam

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN THIS REGIONAL NETWORK

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam

Thailand ranks

1st

in the region

The region has progressed in SDG Index scores

All Southeast Asian countries show positive trends on poverty alleviation

The United in Diversity (UID) Forum

The United in Diversity (UID) forum is a non-profit organization established with Indonesian leaders from business, government, and civil society. Founded in 2003, UID has galvanized leaders from all sectors to come together, start a new dialogue of responsibility, and agree on concrete actions to address the root causes of Indonesia's problems as well as regional and global challenges.

› Andaman coast in the Krabi Province in southern Thailand

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SDSN Southeast Asia

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S DSN Southeast Asia is working to scale up efforts to promote and implement the SDGs across the ASEAN region. A core principle of this network is to reflect on the roots of the local culture and spiritual philosophies to support the SDGs. One of the most well-known of such philosophies in this region is the Balinese Philosophy of Tri Hita Karana, or the Three Ways to Happiness.

SDG Happiness Festival 2020

For the third year in a row, the network organized the SDG Happiness Festival in Indonesia with the help of campaign.com. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the main event of this year's SDG Happiness Festival had to be organized online. The unprecedented circumstance led to an array of new opportunities explored via the online platform. We are excited to report that the 2020 SDG Happiness Festival successfully conducted more than 30 webinars, attracting over 5000 participants from across Indonesia and the region.

Blended Finance and Innovation

The Government of Indonesia and United In Diversity with its Tri Hita Karana (THK) partners held a private dinner dialogue in January 2020 in Davos, focused on "Realising Indonesia's Potential through Sustainable Development." The dialogue focused on two priority themes: (1) investing in nature-based solutions (focusing on carbon finance, forest conservation and healthy oceans); and (2) creating innovation hubs for the SDGs, especially for the new capital city. Participants discussed how resilience can be built through nature-based solutions aided by technology and innovation, with a focus on

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∧ Supertree Grove, Singapore

engaging indigenous communities. The dialogue proposed nature based solutions, such as Uncarbon, focusing on conservation through the carbon credit market; and Blue Halo S approach using blended financing mechanisms to mobilize private, public, and philanthropic funding to secure sustainable fisheries.
On the second theme, participants discussed how the new capital can attract major investment interest by creating HIVES hubs or HIVES clusters (HIVES - Harmonious, Innovative, Value Creation, Ecological and Social SDG Hubs & Clusters). The idea of HIVES is to create a favorable ecosystem that encompasses development of world class sustainable infrastructure and value creation enterprises.
The event also saw the MOU signing

between World Economic Forum's Platform for Shaping the Future of Global Public Goods (PGPG) and United In Diversity to support Indonesia through projects such as Development Finance, the National Plastic Action Partnership, the Friends of Ocean Action, and the Tropical Forest Alliance.

LOOKING AHEAD

The network aims to hold the Tri Hita Karana Forum on Sustainable Development virtually in November 2020. The virtual form will highlight projects scaling nature-positive and SDGs-related solutions with innovative financing models to continue to build momentum for an environmentally and socially inclusive development model.

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^ Campus of Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Ranks **22nd** in the SDG Index	On track for **Goals 3 6, 8 and 16**	**14%** energy from renewable sources

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)

The REDS association is hosted in partnership with Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM). The UAM has earned itself a prestigious reputation as a state-of the-art public university in view of the high-quality teaching and research activities on offer. Guided by its vocation to serve society, the academic and social values of its centres and services are reflected in their activities which aim to enhance solidarity, cooperation and the overall health of people and the environment.

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< Cuatro Torres Business Area, Madrid

SDSN Spain (REDS)

Hosted by Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)
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SDSN Spain, also known as REDS (Red Española para el Desarrollo Sostenible), has been actively engaging different levels of government to promote the implementation of the SDGs.

Mobilizing stakeholders through SDG Awareness

The Spanish network works with various levels of government, academic institutions and the private sector to ensure widespread awareness and action on SDGs. It does so by organizing, among other events, an Annual Meeting to discuss the progress of the 2030 Agenda in Spain. At the national level, since 2017 the network has been collaborating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the implementation and communication of the SDGs, and, as a member of the National Sustainable Development Council, with the Government's Office for the Agenda 2030. Following the organisation of the first-ever 'Multistakeholder SDG Forum' in 2019, and also as a response

to the COVID-19 crisis, the network has launched the The Day After initiative together with ISGlobal, a leading health organisation in Spain; itdUPM, a leading academic member; and Iberdrola, leading energy provider. The Day After is an innovative platform that gathers science, academia, policy officers, politicians, private sector and civil society in order to accelerate key transformations to achieve the SDGs.

During 2019 and 2020, the network mobilized the private sector around the 2030 Agenda through bimonthly "SDGs Breakfasts". Over the same period, SDSN Spain published several reports: "Measuring the SDGs in Tourism" (October 2019), and the second edition of the Urban SDG Report for Spanish cities (Autumn 2020).

The network also aims to leverage art and culture as a communication tool for sustainable development and help align relevant institutions with

the SDGs. REDS has already organized three editions of the Seminar on Arts & Sustainable Development in 2017, 2018 and 2019. REDS has developed the first website in Spain on culture and sustainable development, 'CulturaSostenible.org'. Furthermore, supported by the Ministry of Culture, the network leads a working group on Culture and Agenda 2030 which has published the first-ever monograph on this topic in Spanish (April 2020).

Education for Sustainable Development

In 2020, following the Spanish version of the guide "Getting started with the SDGs in Universities," the network issued a practical guide with inspiring experiences in Education of the SDGs: "Implementing the 2030 Agenda. Best practices in Spanish universities". The network has actively contributed to the development of the MOOC "Partnerships: an essential vehicle to achieve the SDGs" developed by the SDG Academy and the Inter-American Development Bank. This MOOC, entirely in Spanish, was launched in 2019 and 2020 (second edition). During 2020, REDS has fostered a participative process to develop a new national strategy for environmental education, after issuing the "White Paper on Environmental Education in Spain" (2020).

LOOKING AHEAD

The Day After Platform is the first meeting point and incubator for the SDGs in the country. Initially born as an online agora, the work of the Day After platform will continue during 2020. The network will also continue delivering on the Sustainable Culture and the Sustainable Tourism initiatives and will seek ways to link them with The Day After.

˅ Madrid's river bank converted into a park

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^ To maintain the vast Swiss pastures, cultivated landscape must be exploited. For this reason, around 270,000 cows are marched every year from their valley farms to mountain meadows in early summer, then brought back down in early autumn.

Achieved	Greatest challenges remain on	Low spillover score
Goals 1 & 7	**Goals 12, 13 & 17**	**(35,8/100)**

Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

CDE is Switzerland's centre of excellence for sustainable development. It is one of the University of Bern's strategic research centres tasked with mainstreaming sustainability throughout the university's research and teaching. Its aim is to chart pathways to sustainable development and to initiate transformations in line with the Agenda 2030.

Biovision - Foundation for Ecological Development

Founded in 1998, Biovision combats hunger and poverty at their roots. Through its active participation in the negotiations, Biovision captures the transformative power of the Agenda 2030 and the political processes that will support such a transformation. In Switzerland and internationally, Biovision is known for conducting a constructive dialogue with different stakeholder groups.

^ SDSN Switzerland & NRP 73 Online Series

SDSN Switzerland

Hosted by the Centre for Development and Environment at the University of Bern, and Biovision Foundation
› **Bern and Zurich, Switzerland**

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🐦 **@sdsnch**

SDSN Switzerland brings together world-class science, impact-oriented civil society actors and responsible and innovative businesses to co-create and implement transformative solutions to achieve the 2030 Agenda, in Switzerland and beyond.

Exploring new ways to cooperate and develop joint activities

With almost 40 member organizations and several partners, SDSN Switzerland has become a well-known network. In order to explore each other's projects and activities, members and partners were invited to participate with a stand in a marketplace in the second annual assembly. This setting brought the members´ work into the spotlight and the participants were invited to freely move around and interact with each other. As one of the participants called it, the marketplace provided a valuable space for 'contextual networking'. Furthermore, at the assembly, the members elected Prof. Dr. Janet

Hering (Eawag: Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology) to co-Chair the network with Océane Dayer (WWF Switzerland). Urs Wiesmann, the immediate past Co-Chair of SDSN Switzerland, highlighted the strategic priorities for the next stage of the working plan. The resulting composition of strategic and operational elements of the plan will make the network's actions even more relevant and effective. The plan will continue to evolve and be shaped by the discussions led with members, partners and stakeholders.

Continuing the outreach activities despite the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many planned events of SDSN Switzerland to be rescheduled. Nevertheless, the network was able to organize a workshop at the World Biodiversity Forum in Davos Switzerland, to discuss how the biosphere supports the Sustainable Development Goals in their entirety.

The workshop was a success and, together with a group of experts, the network will summarize the most important results into a factsheet for policy- and decision-makers. The network decided to convert the SDSN Switzerland conference - jointly planned with the National Research Programme 73 "Sustainable Economy" (NRP73) - into a series of online workshops held in June and July 2020. The objective of the online workshops was to debate the preliminary research findings of selected projects of the NRP 73 and to elaborate calls to action to facilitate the transition to a sustainable economy and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The topics of the 6 workshops were: Sustainable construction & housing, Digital innovation for sustainable agriculture, Spillover effects of sustainable behavior, Nudging and voluntary agreement in the private sector, Sustainable food systems, and Environmental monitoring.

⌄ Graphic Recording of the SDSN Switzerland & NRP 73 Online Series: Sustainable construction & housing

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LOOKING AHEAD

In 2020 SDSN Switzerland launched a "Call for Solution Initiatives" as a format to engage and support the members and partners to upscale and disseminate innovative solutions for sustainable development. The Network will continue using this format to actively engage and work with its members and partners. Together with its members, SDSN Switzerland will continue to bring together all stakeholders in Switzerland, if needed virtually, to shape the dialogue and the calls for action made at the 2020 online workshops.

^ Temple of Dawn

Facing major challenges in achieving **SDGs 3 & 10**	Overall score **74.5** slight improvement from 2019	Spillover index of **93.8/100**

SDG Research and Support Programme (SDG Move), Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University

Thammasat University (TU), founded in 1934, is known to be one of the leading universities in Thailand. TU has been a part of several social transformations of the country, often dubbed as "the university of the people". As a co-host of SDSN Thailand, SDG Move offers SDG-related multidisciplinary policy research and training programmes. It also mobilizes an academic network to promote sustainability transformation in Thailand.

Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, (CPCS), Chulalongkorn University

Chulalongkorn University (CU), founded in 1917, is the oldest and one of the most prestigious universities in Thailand. It is ranked as one of the "World's Top 100 Universities for the Best Academic Reputation" by QS World University Rankings 2021. CPCS, under CU, is a distinguished peace studies centre, specialized in peace studies and conflict resolutions. CPCS has been using its expertise to facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogues for the SDGs in Thailand.

Technology and Information Institute for Sustainability, National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)

NSTDA has a mission to perform and support scientific, technological, as well as engineering research and development, in response to the need of the country's development. The Technology and Information Institute for Sustainability (TIIS), under NSTDA, aims to serve as a central body to house the database for sustainable development as well as to develop a data management system in accordance with the international criteria.

SDSN Thailand

Hosted by the Thammasat University, Chulalongkorn University and Technology and Information Institute for Sustainability, National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)
› **Bangkok and Pathum Thani, Thailand**

SDSN Thailand is a new network co-hosted by three institutions: the SDG Research and Support Programme (SDG Move) from the Faculty of Economics of Thammasat University; the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) from Chulalongkorn University; and the Technology and Informatics Institute for Sustainability (TIIS) of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA). The network aims at uniting experts and researchers from a wide range of sectors to tackle the challenges of sustainable development in Thailand. In addition, it will also act as a platform for knowledge and experience sharing between national and global experts. SDSN Thailand will support existing academic networks, as well as nurture new thematic networks to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs in Thailand. SDSN Thailand has four priorities:

› **Shaping multi-stakeholder dialogue** and providing platforms for exchanging ideas and experiences across sectors to foster systemic solutions and mobilize tangible actions.

› **Nurturing thematic networks** to promote sustainable development solutions by incorporating SDGs into existing thematic networks, as well as developing new thematic networks.

› **Providing evidence-based advice** and recommendations to policymakers and leaders of different sectors to create transformative change.

› **Strengthening capacity** in research and education on sustainability for Thailand's primary and higher education sectors through innovative teaching and learning tools.

2020 HIGHLIGHTS & LOOKING AHEAD

Stakeholder engagement – During its first year the network will carefully identify and engage relevant stakeholders at both regional and national levels. In that regard, the network has already received great support from two main strategic partners: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Union (EU) Thailand Office. SDSN Thailand is working with the EU to provide capacity building for EU's civil society partners.

Online seminars – The Network has already hosted a series of online seminars exploring how COVID-19 impacts SDGs advocacy and implementation across different sectors.

Foresight Thailand Project – A research project funded by the Thailand Science, Research and Innovation Office. It leverages the SDGs framework to analyze significant needs, and produce policy recommendations for the regions.

National SDGs Report – The report will be the first national SDGs report produced by an independent body. It will use data and information from Foresight Thailand Project.

University Ranking – SDSN Thailand has planned to launch workshops and provide several universities in the country with materials for integrating SDGs into their policies and administrations.

˅ Bangkok

Prof. Dr. Mehmed Özkan, SDSN Turkey Chair and Rector of Boğaziçi University, at the Launch of the SDG Index and Dashboard Report

Significant efforts to localize
SDGs 11 & 13

Free access to COVID-19 related healthcare for all

Discussion on Turkey's SDGs Performance at the Launch of the 2019 Sustainable Development Report

Boğaziçi University

Boğaziçi University was founded in 1863 as the first American college outside of the United States and is one of the leading institutions of higher education in Turkey. The University shapes the future through being a pioneer in education and teaching experiences with innovative and creative approaches. With this vision of strengthening the culture of science, research, creativity, and innovation the University works hard to become one of the leading research universities in the world. The University teaches its students open-mindedness and ethical values, respect for nature and environment, providing them with a capacity to take on leadership positions anywhere in the world.

On track to achieve
SDGs 1 2, 3 & 4

SDSN Turkey

Hosted by Boğaziçi University
› Istanbul, Turkey

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The Graduation Ceremony of Corporate Sustainability Certificate Program focusing on SDGs co-organized by Boğaziçi Lifelong Learning Center, REC Turkey and SDSN Turkey

Convening Stakeholders on SDG Localization in Turkey in October 2019, Prof. Jeffrey Sachs visited Istanbul to discuss the current state of SDG implementation with different stakeholders on the occasion of the launch event of the Sustainable Development Report at Boğaziçi University. The network facilitated Prof. Sachs' visits to government officials to discuss Turkey's approach to the SDGs, zero waste policy, and the country's economic structure.

Working Towards Sustainable Urban Development

To localize SDGs 11 and 13 and raise awareness, SDSN Turkey initiated action at municipal level and held the "Cities for Climate Workshop". The representatives of 24 municipalities declared their intent to limit global warming to 1.5°C by 2030. Moreover, SDSN Turkey conducted the "Sustainable Cities and Climate Change Online Training Program", urging municipalities to undertake mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Mobilizing Turkish Society around Sustainable Development

SDSN Turkey mobilizes companies, institutions, and governmental organizations promoting the initiatives of the SDSN to take action on the SDGs. The network was invited to become a member of different organizations such as the Danish Green Growth Network and participated in various events such as the Social Good Summit convened by UNDP. In May 2020, the Network organized its first online Corporate Sustainability Certificate Program in collaboration with REC Turkey. A specific Certificate Program on Sustainable Marketing was also developed and conducted for company professionals together with Sustainability Academy. SDSN Turkey also contributed to SDSN's 24 Hour Webinar and organized the participation of Mustafa Seçkin, CEO of Unilever Turkey, Central Asia and Iran, who delivered a speech on Food and Happiness.

SDSN Youth and Global Schools Pilot Project

SDSN Youth Turkey works with the youth focal points of member universities. SDSN Turkey and SDSN Turkey Youth collaborated with AIESEC Turkey to run a one-day education for 2000 students of K-12 schools. SDSN Turkey devotes special attention to the Global Schools Project. The Network works with a number of leading academics and government executives of K-12 schools to introduce the Global Schools Program in the national education system.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Turkey keeps contextualizing SDG Academy courses. The Network is preparing a new training program called "Sustainable Cities and Climate Change" with further outreach to the municipalities, while also working on developing a pilot SDG Index for Cities. Moreover, SDSN Turkey collaborates with the Danish Embassy on organizing the "Great Taste Zero Waste" event on sustainable food and gastronomy. Finally, the Network submitted an Erasmus+ Project Application to foster digital social innovation for the SDGs among European university students.

^ Makerere University
Agricultural Research
Institute Kabanyolo
(MUARIK)

Index score is
53.5
above the regional
average of 51.3.

Uganda's best
scoring goal is
SDG 13

Ranks
142
out of 166
in the 2020 SDR

Makerere University

Makerere University is the leading public university in Uganda, and one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Africa. Within the university, the network is hosted by the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), which is one the ten Constituent Colleges of Makerere University. CAES is a leading training and research institution in agriculture, environment, and natural resource management.

> Makerere University

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SDSN Uganda

Hosted by Makerere University
› **Kampala, Uganda**

🌐 **www.sdsn-uganda.org**

SDSN Uganda is a new network that has already established a collaborative relationship with the Government of Uganda's SDGs Coordination Task Force in the Office of the Prime Minister. The Network attends all the SDG coordination meetings and will be assisting the government on reporting on the implementation of the SDGs in Uganda. The network is also in discussions with the UN Resident Coordinator's office and UNDP Uganda to advise on the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for Uganda 2021-2025.

Moving forward, SDSN Uganda plans to focus on six thematic areas:

1. **Agriculture** is Uganda's dominant economic activity, accounting for 22% of the GDP, 46% of export earnings and about 70% of employment. But agricultural productivity is very low and is largely rainfed, making it vulnerable to climate change. SDSN Uganda will work with sector actors to develop transformative pathways that foster sustainable and resilient agricultural systems to increase production, food security and incomes, and reduce poverty.

2. **Good health** is essential in facilitating socio-economic development. In Uganda, access to quality health services is a big challenge, and low-life expectancy, high infant mortality and high maternal mortality are still major issues. The country has a high prevalence of malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, and non-communicable diseases are on the rise. SDSN Uganda will support the development of policies and practices that promote equitable access to affordable, accountable, appropriate and quality health services for all people in Uganda.

^ People using computers in an internet cafe in Kampala

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3. **Natural resources management and ecosystem health:** ecosystem and land degradation are widespread challenges in Uganda. The network seeks transformative approaches that will reduce forest, wetland, and water resource degradation, and foster achievement of environmental sustainability.

4. **Renewable energy and energy efficiency:** energy poverty is a challenge in Uganda. The main source of energy being traditional biomass, and access to electricity is only at 20%. SDSN Uganda will work with stakeholders to increase access to clean and affordable energy access in rural and urban areas. Evidence-based solutions for increasing renewable energy in the country's energy mix (solar, wind, waste to energy etc.) and energy efficiency (efficient cookstoves, bulbs, other home appliances) will be sought.

5. **Sustainable cities** face huge challenges including poor spatial planning, slums, poverty, air and water quality, transport, flooding, and urban ecosystem degradation. Uganda is urbanizing at a fast pace, so SDSN Uganda will support integrated urban planning approaches that address economic, social and environmental sustainability.

6. **Climate compatible development:** Uganda is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. SDSN Uganda will support capacity building and transformative solutions for climate compatible development pathways. The network will engage in activities that increase climate change awareness and knowledge, generating research evidence and innovations, and inform climate smart policies and practices.

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Uganda's formal launch was planned for May 2020, but has been postponed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the lockdown in Uganda. The team is now focused on operationalizing the Secretariat at Makerere University, including designing a network website, establishing its governance structure, and starting an SDSN Youth chapter. The network will also prioritize monitoring of SDG implementation at subnational level and plans to conduct a survey on the likely impact of COVID-19 on SDG achievement in Uganda.

^ Howard University

The United States performs poorly across all measures of inequality

The United States response to COVID-19 has been insufficient, with disproportionate impacts across population groups

Government strategies and policy actions for climate mitigation are considered "critically insufficient"

Host institution(s)

The SDSN USA team is based out of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network New York Office. Co-chairs include: Helen Bond, Howard University; Dan Esty, Yale University; Gordon McCord, UC San Diego; and Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University located in Washington, DC; New Haven, Connecticut; and San Diego, California; and New York, New York, respectively.

> SDSN USA Co-Chair Dan Esty speaks during the opening session of SDSN

SDSN USA

Hosted by Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Columbia University, Yale University, and the University of California,
› New York, New Haven, and San Diego, United States

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SDSN USA is a dynamic network of more than 135 universities, colleges, and non profit organizations across 44 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Network members collaborate and share knowledge towards achieving a vision of a more equitable future through sustainable development. Since its launch in December 2018, the network has introduced a flagship project on deep decarbonization in the United States, produced research focused on measuring the SDGs in the United States, formed working groups around areas of common interest, and held a number of webinars and events to build network capacity and connectivity.

^ Mayor Greg Fischer of Louisville speaks with Tony Pipa (Brookings Institute) and Lauren Anderson (University of Louisville, Christina Lee Brown Environment Institute) about sustainable development in Louisville during SDSN USA January 2020 Member's Meeting

Working Groups & Initiatives
In January 2019, SDSN USA launched a US Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project. Since then, the network has produced a national level white paper modeling the energy and infrastructure transition to achieving net zero emissions by 2050. Furthermore, the network has issued two regional decarbonization studies to clarify technology choices and investment options, and to identify clean energy opportunities in the US Southeast and Midwest regions. Additionally, the network published a white paper on Spatial Planning for a Low-Carbon Future highlighting integrated planning tools used in California and the Southwest to improve renewable energy siting. In January 2020, a second phase of the project was launched with the formation of 11 working groups to jointly produce a supporting policy paper to be published in late 2020, coinciding with the presidential election, entitled *Deep Decarbonization Action Plan for the United States.* Additional working groups are in various stages of formation, on topics including:

Zero Hunger; Indigenous Science; Curriculum; and University SDG Monitoring & Reporting. Co-chairs of each working group determine the scope and priorities of engagement, and all SDSN USA members are invited to participate.

SDG Research
SDSN USA produces indices assessing US progress on the SDGs at the state, city, and national levels. The team is currently working on a project utilizing disaggregated data to assess disproportionate progress towards the SDGs in the United States across by race/ethnicity. All of these projects illustrate the need to take action towards this agenda in the United States, as well as significant data gaps, particularly on the disaggregated data needed to better understand US progress and needs on the Leave No One Behind Agenda.

Building Network Capacity & Connectivity
The SDSN USA has held a range of events on topics related to the SDGs. This includes webinars and

presentations on the SDG Indices and deep decarbonization pathways project, regional and national networking gatherings, and a panel discussion of university leaders during SDSN's 24h Webinar.

LOOKING AHEAD
Throughout 2020 and into 2021, SDSN USA will continue to build out the working groups program and support the development of new solutions initiatives. The network will also host a number of virtual events, including collaborations with other SDSN networks on the topic of University SDG Reporting, networking events, and topic specific webinars. The DDAP working group plans to release a report in Fall 2020, and the Zero Hunger Working Group plans to launch an initiative on Zero Hunger in the United States later in the year. In addition, an updated report on the SDGs in the United States, incorporating disaggregated data and examining disproportionate impacts across Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous populations is in progress.

∧ SDG Academy Director Chandrika Bahadur speaking at the launch of the new course created in partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank and the SDSN Networks team

Upcoming Networks

Argentina

The 3rd largest economy in Latin America and G20 member, Argentina was an active participant in the negotiation process that led to the 2030 Agenda. Its national development priorities are adapted to locally implement and achieve the SDGs. SDSN is in discussions with the Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento (CIPPEC) and Fundación Bariloche to establish a National SDSN.

Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is the best performing country in Central and Eastern Europe on the SDG Index and among the top 10 in the world. SDSN is working on establishing a national network with the oldest, largest and best-rated Czech university, Charles University, as well as with the national Academy of Science.

European Union

In December 2019, the European Commission announced the European Green Deal which outlines a strategy to transform the EU into a "fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where there are no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use." The EU is thereby cementing its bold commitments towards implementing the Paris Agreement and achieving the SDGs. SDSN will be working on establishing a European SDSN Network to promote and support this vision with academic expertise from all countries of the EU.

Georgia

At the intersection of Europe and Asia, Georgia has demonstrated commitment to implementing the 2030 Agenda. While Georgian universities have engaged with the SDSN's Black Sea regional network, several institutions have expressed interest to create a new national network to specifically focus on domestic SDG challenges.

Ghana

Ghana has shown a great deal of leadership on the SDGs and President Akufo-Addo is a co-Chair of the SDG Advocates. With the help of the Millennium Promise Alliance (MPA), SDSN is in discussions with the University of Education and the University of Ghana to set up a national network.

Lebanon

Lebanon is a strategic actor in the MENA region in terms of trade, academic and research excellence, and entrepreneurship. Consistently ranked within the top 10 universities in the Arab world, the American University of Beirut is an SDSN member and has developed a proposal to host a new national network.

South Africa

South Africa is home to many of the top universities in Africa and has a strong academic sector with deep expertise. The University of Pretoria has developed the South Africa SDG Hub, which connects policymakers with the research and innovations needed to implement the SDGs, and is working on a proposal to coordinate a new national network.

Our Thematic Networks

SDSN's Thematic Networks support SDG advocacy and implementation in key areas. Each network has one or more institutional hosts and a roster of expert members from around the world. Thematic Networks act as knowledge hubs, sharing new developments in research, policy, and program development, as well as educational materials, including through the SDG Academy. They also support the National and Regional SDSNs on advocacy for the SDGs and operationalizing the goals in each country. SDSN currently has a dozen Thematic Networks across the full range of sustainable development areas. Four are featured in this report as they exemplify how Thematic Networks can collaborate with National and Regional SDSNs.

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Hosted by Wageningen University & Research
› Wageningen, The Netherlands

https://www.unsdsn.org/sustainable-agriculture-and-food-systems

The Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems network has been organizing e-conferences since before the COVID-19 pandemic. For all e-conferences, the network supports an online platform where participants interact as they would in a 'normal' conference, by asking questions, discussing their work, and making new connections. These fully online conferences address timely and important topics, such as Fall Armyworm, a devastating maize pest native to the Americas which has been introduced to other continents. The first e-conference focused on Africa and was held in October 2018, A follow-up event on Asia was held in July 2019. Over 300 participants attended, of whom 60% were from Asia and 25% from Africa. Topics discussed included fall armyworm identification, monitoring of infestation levels, recommended responses, and future actions to reduce outbreaks.

In February, the network organized another e-conference on Resource Recovery from Sanitation for Food Security and Soil Health. This online event attracted over 350 participants from 80 different countries, mostly from Africa. Speakers and participants discussed various options to recycle sanitation waste into agriculture, and challenges and opportunities in applying these wastes, including case studies of specific programs in New York City and Kenya.

In April, the network hosted the webinar on A Living Income for Cocoa Farmers. This webinar was part of SDSN's 24-hour webinar celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day by exploring the SDGs through the lens of well-being and happiness.

∧ A maize farmer inspecting crops affected by Fall Armyworm

› Juanita with her cocoa in Peru

Photo: © Ferdinand Japhet/IITA

Over 300 participants joined the webinar's 11 experts to learn more about a living income, and to discuss the challenges and opportunities in making this a reality for cocoa farmers.

The network now manages three online platforms from its four e-conferences with a total membership of 2,150 individuals working in farming, extension, academia, policy-making, the nonprofit sector, and the private sector.

LOOKING AHEAD

The network plans to organize an eDialogue to explore and discuss the future of small-scale farming. A mix of formats is under consideration, including an interactive blog series, live online panel discussions, video interviews, and audience videos.

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Wageningen University & Research

The mission of Wageningen University and Research is to explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life. The strength of Wageningen University & Research lies in their combination of specialised research institutes with the university, as well as their strong expertise in the natural and social sciences. This union of expertise leads to scientific breakthroughs that can quickly be put into practice and be incorporated into education.

Sustainable Cities: Inclusive, Resilient, and Connected

Hosted by the Indian Institute for Human Settlements and SDSN

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Urbanization is a defining development trend and the dynamism of cities represents a major sustainable development opportunity. Today, about 55% of the world's 7.6 billion people live in cities, and, by 2050, this will rise to 70%. Roughly 75% of global economic activity occurs in urban areas. At the same time, cities are home to extreme deprivation and environmental degradation, with one billion people living in slums. Cities have also felt the worst impacts of COVID-19, with higher infection and death rates relative to rural areas.

The SDSN Cities Network supports the global urban community with relevant knowledge, education, data, and monitoring to support the implementation of the SDGs in cities and urban communities. Key activities over the past year include:

Localising the SDGs for India 2019: Tracking the Changing Urban Context
This is the first state-level, sub-national report tracking India's progress on the SDGs.

Sustainable Cities MOOC
This online course was revised and updated to include new interviews with global experts, recent developments, and new content on Chinese cities. In partnership with SDG Academy, it has already reached over 32,000 participants from 150 countries.

City Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Financing Initiative (C2IFI)
This is an initiative of the Penn Institute for Urban Research, supported by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy and the Perry World House at the University of Pennsylvania. C2IFI will enable

∧ Hyderabad, India

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mayors to create inclusive and prosperous cities by locking-in climate-resilient infrastructure investments that yield economic, social, and environmental benefits and contribute to the achievement of nations' Nationally-Determined Contributions and the Paris Agreement.

Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
IIHS led the design of a global partnership to promote the resilience of infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks, thereby ensuring sustainable development.

Urban University Network
The network is mapping cities and universities with probable areas of potential intervention for localisation. The database is built on SDSN', IIHS' and other network partners from the public, private and philanthropic sectors.

LOOKING AHEAD

The network's ambition is to grow the pool of practitioners, researchers, and policymakers around the world. This will enhance the reach of this global network and translate SDG-related research into policy-relevant tools. This includes peer-reviewed literature as well as wider and more participative forms of engagement like MOOCs and webinars. The Cities Network will also be working closely with the Global Covenant of Mayors in support of *Innovate for Cities,* a new science-policy-practice urban coalition.

Indian Institute for Human Settlements

IIHS is a research and national education institution committed to the equitable, sustainable and efficient transformation of human settlements. IIHS is an SDSN partner institution which had an key role in helping develop, design and negotiate SDG 11. The Cities Network Secretariat has been established in IIHS to help support the development of the network and its activities.

Good Governance of Extractive and Land Resources

Extractive industry and land investments contribute to many states' economies, but also often burden the environments and communities near project sites. The SDSN Thematic Network on the Good Governance of Extractive and Land Resources looks at how to improve resource use, including land, for sustainable development.

As stewards of their resources, governments have a responsibility to effectively manage and regulate extractive and land investments, to leverage natural resources to provide sustained prosperity for both current and future generations and protect the rights of people within their borders. Governments, but also companies, must respect individual and community rights, and comply with high international standards on environmental, social, and human rights.

Working across the SDSN

This network works with National and Regional SDSNs to promote good governance worldwide, with an emphasis on transparent and participatory practices. It comprises an expanded network of experts and practitioners focused on this cross-cutting area, including experts from SDSN's National and Regional networks. The group has published numerous reports and policy briefs, organized workshops and events, and developed a MOOC on natural resource governance.

LOOKING AHEAD

This network will continue to develop resources for businesses to support the achievement of the SDGs in the coming months, and continue to offer its massive open online course (MOOC) through the SDG Academy.

⌄ Pit mine

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⌄ Wind turbines and cropland

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Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment

The Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI), a joint center of Columbia Law School and the Earth Institute at Columbia University, is the only university-based applied research center and forum dedicated to the study, practice and discussion of sustainable international investment. Their mission is to develop practical approaches for governments, investors, communities and other stakeholders to maximize the benefits of international investment for sustainable development.

Health for All

The SDSN Health for All network saw a dramatic uptick in activity in early 2020, as the network leveraged its global expertise to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This unprecedented health challenge has sickened millions and resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths globally. It has rapidly redefined the ways we live and work, and its consequences will be felt for years to come.

The network's main contribution has been the organization of a series of webinars to examine the implications of the pandemic for public health and the SDGs, to present science-based recommendations for how to contain the spread of the virus, and to discuss options for mitigating the pandemic's accompanying economic downturn. The first webinar featured 13 experts and stressed the utility of mitigation measures such as social distancing to slow the spread of the virus; the critical importance of adequate equipment, such as ventilators and personal protective equipment (PPE) to treat patients and protect frontline responders; and the need for financial support for health systems, workers, and overall economic recovery. Key interventions were made on the topic of the particular vulnerability of homeless and refugee populations and on the comparative advantages of different vaccine types.

The second webinar featured 15 speakers who discussed successful public health interventions, how to ensure policy responses promote health equity and reduce inequality, and different scenarios for ending confinement measures and returning to normal. Specific presentations looked at the need for good governance and leadership to support a successful response and recovery, the importance of social protection in ensuring COVID-19 responses leave no one behind, macroeconomic policies to mitigate economic impacts, and the need for recovery efforts to be "green."

LOOKING AHEAD

SDSN Health for All continues to scale up its work on COVID-19, particularly in partnership with SDSN Amazonia, to address disparities in health outcomes among Indigenous communities in the region. A number of resources will be developed to help governments craft science-based responses, to help communities and civil society organizations advocate for the social protections they need in these difficult times, and to support a lasting and transformative recovery.

⌃ Health Worker in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Barcelona Institute of Global Health

The Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) was set up in 2010 as a centre of excellence in research and knowledge equipped to meet the new challenges facing global health in the 21st century. Today, ISGlobal encompasses over 30 years' experience in the field of health and is a consolidated hub of expertise in scientific research, drawing on experiences from both hospitals and academic institutions.

Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz)

For over 100 years, Fiocruz has produced and disseminated knowledge and technologies to strengthen and consolidate the Unified Health System and contributed to the promotion of health and quality of life in Brazil. Fiocruz works to reduce social inequalities, support innovation, and defend the right to health.

Public Health Foundation of India

The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) is a public-private initiative that has collaboratively evolved through consultations with multiple constituencies, including Indian and international academia, state and central governments, multi & bi-lateral agencies, and civil society groups. PHFI is a response to redress the limited institutional capacity in India for strengthening training, research, and policy development in the area of public health.

SDSN TReNDS

SDSN's Thematic Research Network on Data and Statistics (TReNDS) mobilizes technical and policy-oriented solutions to advance the data revolution for sustainable development. Its network of experts hail from across the global scientific, development, public, and private sector data communities. TReNDS works to strengthen the data ecosystem by advancing the use of more frequent, high-quality data to guide and spur progress and to ensure that the data revolution is grounded in strong expertise and evidence.

Specifically, TReNDS aims to:
› **Develop timely, multi-sectoral, policy-relevant research** to strengthen local, national, and global statistical systems, focused on themes such as governance, new technologies, SDG monitoring, financing, and data collaboration, thereby helping to ensure countries' data collection and production strategies capitalize on emerging good practice and partnerships.
› **Test new approaches to data management, sharing, and use through pilot projects and partnerships** in countries worldwide, documenting both process and progress, to curate applied, cutting-edge approaches that are highly replicable, as well as to encourage a more open dialogue on data-related innovations, collaborations, and their sustainability.
› **Continue to serve as a leading data-oriented think-tank and advisory group,** working to facilitate connections between local and global data scientists and innovators, to support countries, projects, and programs with technical expertise, and to produce resources which help to empower and


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^ SDSN TReNDS members in Los Angeles

capacitate both local academics and governments representatives on how to navigate and harness new data sources and technologies for social good.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2020-21, TReNDS will delve deeper into the recommendations outlined in its flagship report, *Counting on the World to Act,* focusing on three key areas: (1) Building the Right Institutional Framework; (2) Innovations for Timely SDG Monitoring; and (3) Data Sharing and Collaboration. This includes examining countries' governance arrangements to ascertain how ministries, agencies, and elected bodies can be reformed to better produce and use data to guide decision-making; identifying new technologies and methods to generate more timely
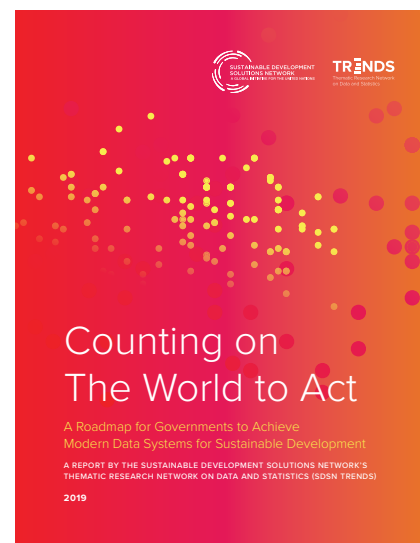
data on sustainable development; and evaluating the legal and policy conditions required for safe and effective data use.

Unique opportunities for our networks

SDSN's flagship projects

SDGacademic

The SDG Academy is SDSN's flagship education initiative. We create and curate free online educational resources on sustainable development and offer them as a global public good. This offering includes more than 30 Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) covering each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and related interdisciplinary topics; our SDG Academy Library of open-access educational video content; themed webinars; and a Community of Practice that brings together universities, NGOs, and businesses to advance education for sustainable development through peer exchange and learning.

COVID-19 Response

Since the outbreak of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the SDG Academy has been working to help our audience understand the context of the crisis, enable the achievement of the SDGs through remote learning, and empower educators around the world to teach online. To this end, the SDG Academy has compiled resources and best practices for transitioning to remote learning, and joined collaborative efforts such as the edX Remote Access and Open Campus programs and the UNESCO Global Education Coalition for COVID-19.

Community of Practice

Launched in 2020, the SDG Academy Community of Practice invites global higher education institutions, NGOs, for-profit businesses, and relevant government entities to join a diverse community. The Community is dedicated to advancing education for sustainable development through peer learning and the sharing of best practices, customized resource development, and opportunities for research and thought leadership. Members have the opportunity to engage with the SDG-focused resources offered by the SDG Academy; personalize these resources for their own needs and institutional contexts; and develop their own resources, communities of learning, networks, and dialogues across the wider Community of Practice. Applications are open to all SDSN member universities and NGOs, as well as for-profit businesses.

Course Creation Partnerships

The SDG Academy collaborates with SDSN Networks to co-create online courses. For example, Sustainable Food Systems: A Mediterranean Perspective, a regionalization of the Academy's global course on sustainable food and agriculture, was created in partnership with SDSN Mediterranean and discusses the particular challenges and opportunities of the agricultural sector in the Mediterranean basin. It summarizes global-to-local challenges related to achieving the SDGs; outlines the history and culture of agriculture and its main characteristics with a focus on the "Mediterranean diet"; explains agricultural data with a focus on rural development models and value creation; explores EU policy frameworks and international agreements related to food and agriculture in the Mediterranean; and highlights emerging opportunities linked to innovation and sustainability in the sector.

Open Call For Translations

The SDG Academy endeavors to present translations of our courses in as many languages as possible and actively seeks collaboration opportunities with Network members.

Master's in Development Practice

Launched in 2008, the Global Master's in Development Practice (MDP) is an interdisciplinary, two-year graduate degree program that prepares students to better identify and address the challenges of sustainable development. Its curriculum includes core courses in the natural, social, health, and management sciences, as well as field experiences and shared online learning. The Global Association of MDP programs currently includes 38 academic programs in 26 countries. The Global MDP Secretariat is part of the SDG Academy and serves as the umbrella organization overseeing most of the MDP activities worldwide.

For more information please visit:
sdgacademy.org/

The Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land Use and Energy (FABLE) Pathways Consortium

FABLE is a collaborative initiative, operating as part of the Food and Land-Use Coalition (FOLU), to understand how countries can transition towards sustainable land-use and food systems. FABLE works on how countries can collectively meet associated SDGs and the objectives of the Paris Agreement. To design and implement the sustainable transformation of these systems, countries will need to carefully assess the trade-offs between the competing land uses for food production, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity conservation, among others. They will also need to account for their dependency on food imports and the international spillovers of their demand for imports on other countries. Yet, many countries lack integrated strategies that tackle the synergies and trade-offs between the multiple and interconnected pressures on land.

Fortunately, solutions do exist to address these challenges – they are just not widely known or applied at scale. This is why the FABLE Consortium mobilizes top knowledge institutions from more than 20 countries to support the development of decision-support tools and long-term pathways towards sustainable food and land-use systems. Many SDSN national networks contribute their technical expertise to this initiative and are part of the FABLE Country Teams. Overall, a critical focus of the Consortium is to strengthen the Country Teams' capacity to advise their governments on the design and implementation of these pathways. For more information please visit: **www.foodandlandusecoalition.org/fable/**
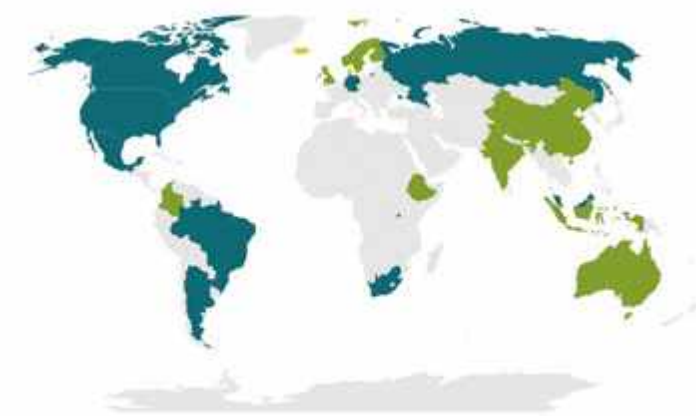
FABLE and FOLU Country Platforms   FABLE Country Teams   FOLU Country Platforms

∧ Map of FABLE country teams and FOLU county platforms

∧ FABLE Consortium meeting in Bogota, Colombia

Sustainable Development Report

The 2020 Sustainable Development Report outlines the likely short-term impacts of COVID-19 on the SDGs and describes how the SDGs can frame the recovery. The report also tracks progress by countries towards the SDGs. Since its launch in 2016, this annual report has provided the most up-to-date data to track and rank the performance of all UN member states on the SDGs. As an unofficial monitoring tool, the SDR is complementary to official efforts to monitor the SDGs.

The report benefits from extensive contributions from the networks. Network and local managers are involved in the collection and validation of data that informs the section on government efforts for the SDGs. They also play an active role in the dissemination of the reports' findings. SDSN'S networks also lead and contribute to the production of regional editions (Africa, Arab States, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean) and subnational editions (European Cities, Italy, Spain, U.S. Cities, U.S. States) of the SDG Index and Dashboards.
For more information, visit **www.sdgindex.org**

SDSN Youth

SDSN Youth is the global youth program of the SDSN and was established in 2015 to empower young people globally to create sustainable development solutions. SDSN Youth has 140 team members working in more than 35 different countries across 20 Regional and National Networks. Each Regional/National Youth Network is embedded into its corresponding SDSN Network, focusing on mobilizing young people towards achieving the SDGs.

SDSN Youth also leads global initiatives and programs on a number of domain areas: education advocacy for K-12, sustainable campuses, sustainable cities, and entrepreneurship. Each program follows a three-step theory of change: educate and train volunteers; ideate and collaborate in communities; then implement and scale the solution.

Education
The Global Schools Program trains volunteers to become advocates for sustainability education, connect with schools, and run workshops on the SDGs. Educators will then run activities with students to implement small-scale solutions (e.g. creating a worm farm) as the first step towards contributing to sustainable development.
The SDG Students Program is a global network of student hubs based at SDSN Member Institutions, where students can come together to learn about, engage with, and take action on the SDGs.

Communities
SDSN Youth runs a number of events to bring young leaders together to share their experiences and identify potential opportunities for collaboration - including the Vatican Youth Symposium where 85+ young leaders and experts came together to cultivate solutions and partnerships to further the implementation of the SDGs on national, regional, and international scales.

Innovation
The Local Pathways Fellowship is a 12-month training program, where young innovators analyze the local context of their cities, to then develop concepts for a project to implement. The program equips the Fellows with the knowledge and resources to work with local authorities in planning, building, and maintaining cities that are sustainable, inclusive, and resilient. The Youth Solutions Program aims to advance youth-led SDG innovation. We provide an ecosystem of resources to help young people overcome barriers to launching, implementing, and scaling innovative solutions by providing access to experts, funding, training, and exposure to opportunities.

Highlights of 2020!
› Launch of the SDG Students Program Certificate - co-signed by former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Prof. Jeffrey Sachs
› 1000 schools have signed up to the Global Schools Program, committing to align their curriculum with the SDGs using our content.
› A new education research project focusing on SDG target 4.7 is being piloted in Morocco, Ghana, and Turkey with the mission to reform the national curriculum in each country and align it with the SDGs.

∧ Vatican Youth Symposium 2019

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Participation in global initiatives

To advance global processes on the SDGs, SDSN facilitates member and network engagement in global initiatives which touch on important themes relating to fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. Below we highlight several initiatives, organized by SDSN and our partners, which help advance global policy work in these areas.

GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FORUM

Solving the world's biggest problems isn't easy. Progress is often slow and incremental. But all over the planet, brilliant people are implementing local initiatives designed to help achieve the SDGs. The Global Solutions Forum brings these people together in an inclusive space to share progress, to highlight important takeaways, and to inspire one another to keep moving forward. As the leading global network of knowledge-creating institutions in support of the Agenda 2030, the SDSN has unique expertise and avant-garde solutions for sustainable development. Through the Global Solutions Forum, we are committed to showcase and highlight our members' most impactful solutions. This global event intends for them to gain global visibility and recognition, but also serve as an important virtual gathering of experts to learn from one another and make a difference. This initiative offers an opportunity for our Networks to engage their members and work with a variety of stakeholders, including the private sector, in implementing specific locally relevant solutions. Furthermore, it offers the selected Solution Initiatives widespread communication and media coverage, with the aim to promote the upscale of these Solution Initiatives worldwide.

The 2019 Edition
The inaugural GSF was held in New York on September 25th, 2019, and brought together experts in science, tech, and public policy presenting seven-minute rapid-fire talks packed with challenges and discoveries from within the global SDSN network. Told through stories, images, and insights, the talks were aimed at uniting and inspiring the 250 participants.

The 2020 Edition
"In the face of the current global health crisis, we feel it is more important than ever to shine light on the most transformative and scalable solutions – those that will help define the "new normal" and shape the path towards a sustainable future."
- *Jeffrey Sachs, President, SDSN*

In 2020, SDSN will take this initiative to the next level, with a state-of-the-art virtual event that will stand out thanks to its inclusivity of global audiences, connections with different stakeholders, and innovative solutions. We aim to make the GSF 2020 a one-of-a-kind happening meant to bridge the gap between avant-garde science and policymakers, between technical solutions and practical implementation. The event will feature creative ways of active engagement for all participants, ensuring a truly interconnected atmosphere that stretches around the globe in real time.
The GSF 2020 will unite civil society, business leaders, policymakers, scientists, and non-governmental actors for an event full of opportunities for action on all scales and with a global scope. The concept of scalable solutions that lies at the heart of the Global Solutions Forum is meant to inspire and connect the diverse and global audience, equipping them with clear-cut messaging and opportunities for action within the framework of the latest available science.
For more information, please visit:
www.globalsolutionsforum.org/

Happiness & Sustainability Around the Earth: 24 Hour Webinar

On the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2020, SDSN hosted its first-ever 24-hour global webinar, *Happiness and Sustainability Around the Earth.* Over 3,600 global citizens tuned in to listen to Nobel Peace Prize laureates, musicians, researchers, celebrities, and CEOs. Participants and speakers from different cultures, expertise, and backgrounds gathered together virtually to circumnavigate the globe and promote sustainability and happiness during a time where both may seem broken or lost. The concept of Happiness was chosen to help unite the efforts of our global network under a unifying banner of solidarity. Happiness and well-being is something all humans share in common, and it is achieved through connecting with one another, an important sentiment in the time of COVID-19.

This event was conceptualized under the leadership of the SDSN Secretariat, SDSN Switzerland, SDSN USA, and SDSN Youth leads. Over the course of six months, 20 of SDSN's networks from 5 continents participated in defining the theme, messaging, audience, program, and marketing of this event. The collaborative process, substance, and technical execution of this event demonstrated the power and agility of our diverse global network. This was the first time the SDSN networks participated in this kind of virtual event and are hoping to do similar virtual forums in the future.

Partners for Review

Partners for Review (P4R) is a transnational multi-stakeholder network for government representatives and stakeholders from civil society, the private sector, and academia involved in the national SDG review processes. Hosted by GIZ, the network brings together members from around the world to facilitate the preparation of appealing and engaging presentations at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) and to offer support on integrating recommendations into national level processes.

The biannual network meetings facilitate dialogue and peer learning, and provide space to explore best practices and lessons learned and to share expertise on issues related to national monitoring and review. SDSN contributes expertise on developing a robust global review and accountability mechanism for achieving the SDGs and mobilizes stakeholders from our networks to participate in the network meetings. For more information, visit **https://www.partners-for-review.de/**.

⟨ Participant map from P4R workshop in Vietnam, November 2019

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International Conference on Sustainable Development

The International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) is held every September alongside the UN General Assembly. Usually hosted by SDSN and The Earth Institute, Columbia University, in New York, ICSD 2020 is a virtual event, with the theme cross-cutting solutions for the decade of action. This high-level event brings together more than 1,300 participants to hear the latest research on the SDGs and keynote addresses from heads of state, senior UN officials, CEOs, and global thought leaders.

For more information visit **http://ic-sd.org.**

![International Conference on Sustainable Development logo]

Low-Emissions Solutions Conference

SDSN hosts an annual Low-Emissions Solutions Conference (LESC) alongside the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) annual Conference of Parties (COP) as a direct follow-up to key commitments in the Paris Agreement. This forum serves as an opportunity for SDSN members to influence critical national discussions on decarbonization and the future pathway to a net zero world. Following a successful execution of several LESC forums at COP22, COP23 and COP24, in 2020 the conference continued into its fourth year playing an active role in bringing together different sectors and stakeholders to make progress toward the Paris Agreement at COP25. LESC provides a platform of dialogue and a match-making function between countries, cities, companies, and sector experts on innovative technology and policy solutions to implement the Paris Agreement.

The COP25 was moved to Spain just weeks ahead of the event due to civil unrest in Chile. Thanks to the support of SDSN Spain, hosted by Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, the COP25 LESC was able to take place on their campus in Madrid. The theme of this year's event was *Systems Transformation for a 1.5 Degree World.* Over the course of two days, urban, corporate and academic experts presented solutions on energy decarbonization, industrial policy, buildings retrofits, and transportation market transformations, among other solutions, to achieve net zero emissions by mid-century. The conference is organized jointly by Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), the SDSN, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). For more information visit **http://lowemissions. solutions/.**

![Chile's Energy Minister speaking at a podium]
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∧ Chile's Energy Minister, Juan Carlos Jobet, opens up the COP25 LESC in Madrid

Network benefits

Network Manager Training

The SDSN Secretariat has crafted a continuous training program for SDSN Network managers. Thanks to the generous support of GIZ, the program includes a virtual seminar series as well as in-person workshops, usually held around the SDSN's Leadership Council meeting. These training sessions are an opportunity for SDSN Network managers and Secretariat members alike to present initiatives and share experiences and lessons learned regarding managing their networks and projects. In addition, this space allows networks to collaborate around joint initiatives such as the 24-hour webinar Happiness & Sustainability Around the Earth which was conceived during the September 2019 workshop week in New York.

The 8th edition of the training workshop was scheduled in March 2020 in Madrid, but was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this period of uncertainty, SDSN's efforts were redoubled and, together with GIZ, the Secretariat developed a Capacity Building in times of COVID-19 program to support the network managers. This program focuses on skills and tools to support networks during the crisis and beyond, including shared subscriptions to online meeting and webinar platforms, a digital and interactive toolbox with tips for online meetings and more, and an updated monthly seminar series with special sessions on virtual member engagement and multi-stakeholder partnerships.

To date, the workshops have trained up to 40 different managers covering a range of topics including SDSN member engagement, fundraising, solution initiatives development, community management and much more. In addition to building capacity and developing skills amongst the diverse global team, these workshops also help facilitate discussions and build rapport between networks.

∨ Network managers in New York, September 2019

![Group photo of network managers in New York]

SDSN Mobilize

SDSN Mobilize is our exclusive internal communications platform for all 1300+ SDSN member organizations around the world. Our aim is to help turn thoughts into action, provide inspiration, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise within our global network of problem solvers. The platform facilitates a direct line of communication between members, geographic and thematic networks, and the SDSN Secretariat. Mobilize is our members' one stop shop for networking and connecting.

As part of the SDSN online community, representatives from SDSN member institutions can identify and connect with peers, increase the outreach of their projects and activities, position their organization as leaders in their field, find new prospects for collaboration, ask questions, identify funding opportunities, and draw upon the community's ever-growing expertise. To date, SDSN Mobilize boasts around

3,200 individuals in this one-of-a-kind pool of sustainable development experts. Once a week, we shine a light on one of our incredibly diverse members, highlighting their work in our "SDSN Mobilize Member Mondays". Additionally, the platform features exclusive content like a comprehensive weekly compilation of funding opportunities in sustainable development and a bulletin on COVID-19 related research and events. We also help our members apply for grants, participate in conferences, identify fellowships, publish research, and much more.

SDSN Mobilize invites all faculty and researchers at SDSN member institutions to join and actively participate.

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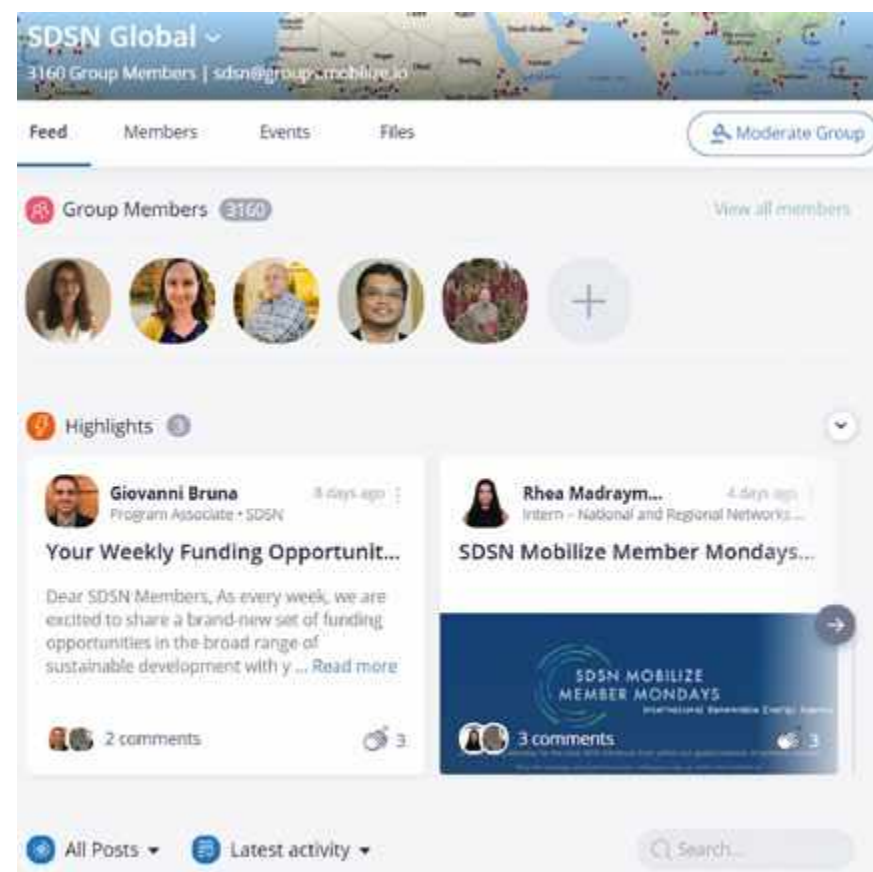
∧ Vatican Youth Symposium 2019

Join the SDSN!

Our global network of problem solvers is always expanding. Join us and enhance national and regional capacity to address sustainable development challenges.

As a member of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, your institution will be part of a unique network of problem solvers and contribute to practical solutions for sustainable development. Together, we work in three main areas:

1. Localizing and mobilizing support for the SDGs, including supporting governments in understanding and addressing the challenges of sustainable development;
2. Promoting high-quality education and research collaboration for sustainable development;
3. Vetting and launching solution initiatives, including supporting the preparation of long-term pathways.

SDSN Membership is FREE and open to any university, research institute, research- and science-oriented civil society organizations and foundations, and other institutions that have deep expertise in one or more areas related to sustainable development.

Government entities and private sector institutions/for-profit businesses are not eligible for membership but are welcome to join as partners. Universities can join at the level of the university or an individual department/institute.

Applying for SDSN membership is simple – the online membership application form is on our website and is available in English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish:
www.unsdsn.org/join-the-sdsn

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SDSN Member Organizations

Afghanistan
- Kardan University
- Kateb University

Albania
- Kolegji FAMA
- Public University "Kadri Zeka"

Algeria
- Laboratory of Architecture and Environmental Design (LaCoMoFa), Department of Architecture, University of Biskra
- University of Ferhat Abbes Setif 1

Andorra
- Universidad Abierta La Salle

Argentina
- Engineering Without Borders
- INENCO - Instituto de Investigaciones en Energía no Convencional
- Institute for the Participation and the Development
- National Technology University Regional Faculty - Office of Institutional and University Social Responsibility
- Nuestras Huellas
- Patagonian Friends Association
- Uiscumarr - Unión de Industriales para Saneamiento Cuencas Matanza

Aruba
- Americas Sustainable Development Foundation (ASDF)
- Sustainable Island Solutions through Science, Technology and Engineering - SISSTEM

Australia
- Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Australian National University
- Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council
- Centre for Policy Development
- Charles Stuart University
- ClimateWorks Australia
- Curtin University, Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP)
- Deakin University
- Envirotech Education
- Family Planning NSW
- Global Ideas
- Griffith Business School
- James Cook University
- Monash University
- Mulloon Institute for Environment, Farming and Society
- Murdoch University, Centre for Responsible Citizenship and Sustainability
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
- University of Adelaide
- University of Canberra, Canberra Urban and Regional Futures

- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales Sydney
- University of Queensland
- University of Sydney
- University of Tasmania
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Western Australia
- University of Wollongong
- Victoria University
- Western Sydney University

Austria
- Global Forum on Sustainable Energy
- International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis – IIASA
- Montanuniversität Leoben

Azerbaijan
- ADA University
- Khazar Universitet
- Western University

Bangladesh
- Aid Organization
- Bangladesh NGOs network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)
- BRAC Development Institute (BDI), BRAC University
- Center for Human Development
- Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
- Daffodil International University (DIU)
- Dnet
- Eco Social Development Organization (ESDO)
- GreenTech Foundation Bangladesh
- Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG)
- MOMODa FOUNDATION
- SERAC-Bangladesh

Belgium
- Antwerp Management School
- CIFAL Flanders
- Interuniversity Centre for Educational Law
- KU Leuven
- Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences
- Université Catholique de Louvain
- University of Antwerp
- VLIR-UOS

Belize
- Belize Association of Planners

Benin
- Laboratory of Public Economics - University of Abomey-Calavi
- Universite D'Abomey–Calavi (UAC)

Bhutan
- Bhutan Institute of Himalayan Studies
- Royal University of Bhutan

Bolivia
- Bolivian Center of Economic Studies
- Center for Human Development and Employability
- Center for Promoting Sustainable Technologies
- Center for Sustainable Human Development and Participation (CEPAD)
- Conservation Strategy Fund (CSF)
- ENERGETICA
- Fundación Alternativas
- Fundación Aru
- Fundación Solidaridad y Desarrollo Productivo Sostenible (SOLYDES)
- INASET Foundation
- INESAD Foundation (Institute for Advanced Development Studies)
- Innovation for Social Entrepreneurship
- Institute for the Development of Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness
- JIDESA Foundation
- Paititi Lab
- Planning and Management Center - San Simon University
- PROFIN Foundation
- Salesian University of Bolivia
- Social Research Center
- Socio-Economic Research Institute (IISEC)
- Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo"
- Universidad Privada Boliviana
- Wildlife Conservation Society - Bolivia Program

Bosnia and Herzegovina
- International University of Sarajevo (IUS)
- University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Agriculture, Department for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development

Botswana
- University of Botswana

Brazil
- Amazon Regional Network
- Amazonas Sustainable Foundation (FAS)
- Associação Brasileira de Arquitetos Paisagistas (ABAP)
- Bolsa Verde do Rio de Janeiro - BVRio
- Brazilian Cyclists' Union
- Casa Fluminense
- CasaE-UFRGS (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul)
- CEBDS Brazil - Brazilian Business Council on Sustainable Development
- Centro de Estudos em Sustentabilidade (GVces) da Escola de Administração de Empresas da Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EAESP)
- Centro de Operações Rio

- Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)
- Programa Social Crescer e Viver
- Puxirum Institute of Sustainability and Energy Efficiency
- Quadrangle Institute
- Rede de Ação Política pela Sustentabilidade
- Rede Global de Aprendizagem para o Desenvolvimento
- Redes da Maré – Associação Redes de Desenvolvimento da Maré
- Roberto Marinho Foundation
- Sebrae-RJ - Serviço de Apoio às Micro e Pequenas Empresas no Estado do Rio de Janeiro
- Sindicato dos Trabalhadores Rurais na Agricultura Familiar (SINTRAF-SJR) de São Joaquim e Região
- Sistema B
- State University of Amazonas
- UN-Habitat - Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, UFRJ
- Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte
- Universidade Nilton Lins - Manaus
- Universidade Rural Federal do Rio de Janeiro (URFRJ)
- University Center Federal District
- University of International Integration of the Afro-Brazilian Lusophony (UNILAB)
- Wylinka

Bulgaria
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Burundi
- University of Ngozi

Cambodia
- University of Cambodia

Cameroon
- Catholic University of Cameroon (CATUC, Bamenda).
- Institut National de Cartographie (INC)
- International Center for Environmental Education & Community Development (ICENECDEV)
- Laboratoire des Sciences Sociales et Environnementales
- University of Buea, Department of Geography

- ChildFund Brasil
- Cities Alliance (Latin America and Caribbean office)
- Comida do Amanhã Institute
- Comitê das Agendas 21
- Comitê para a Democratização da Informática (CDI)
- Conservation International (CI-Brazil)
- Desafio Baanko
- Dialog Instituto
- EMBARQ Brasil
- Empresa de Obras Publicas-EMOP
- Enactus Brasil
- Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Research Centre (Greens)
- Engineers Without Borders Brazil
- FA.VELA
- Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Amazonas
- Federal University of Amazonas
- Federal University of Paraíba (Centre for Public Policies and Sustainable Development)
- Foundation for the Conservation of Biodiversity
- Fundação Brasileira para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável
- Fundação Vitória Amazônica
- Fundo Brasileiro de Biodiversidade - FUNBIO
- Gerência de Mudanças Climáticas e Desenvolvimento Sustentável da Secretaria Municipal de Meio Ambiente da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro
- Global Urban Development (GUD)
- Grupo de Institutos, Fundações e Empresas (GIFE)
- INPA - Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazonia
- Institution for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)
- Instituto Akatu
- Instituto de Estudos do Trabalho e Sociedade
- Instituto Ethos
- Instituto Internacional para Sustentabilidade
- Instituto Pereira Passos
- Instituto Um Pé de Biblioteca (A Foot in the Library Institution)
- Instituto-E
- Mamiraua Institute for Sustainable Development - MISD
- Observatório de Favelas do Rio De Janeiro
- ODS_O Mundo Que Queremos
- Oswaldo Cruz Foundation
- Partnership Platform for the Amazon (PPA)
- Peabiru Institute
- Perene Institute
- Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUCSP)

for Sustainable Community Development
- Sir Sandford Fleming College
- St. Clair College
- St. Jerome's University
- Trent University
- Université du Québec à Montréal, Canadian Community of Practice in Ecosystem Approaches to Health
- Université Laval
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia, Faculty of Land & Food Systems
- University of Calgary
- University of Guelph, College of Business and Economics & Institute of Development Studies
- University of Moncton, Littoral et vie Research Group
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Continuing & Professional Learning
- University of Victoria, Department of Civil Engineering
- University of Waterloo
- University of Winnipeg, Master's in Development Practice: Indigenous Development
- Vancouver Island University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- Windfall Ecology Centre

Chile
- Centre on Public Policy Analysis, Institute on Public Affairs, University of Chile
- Observa Biobio Foundation
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (CLAPES UC)
- Universidad del Desarrollo /Centro de Investigación en Sustentabilidad y Gestión Estratégica de Recursos / Facultad de Ingeniería

China
- China SUC Institute
- Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development
- ICARE - Institute for Clean And Renewable Energy
- Institute for Sustainable Development Goals, Tsinghua University (TUSDG)
- Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth (RADI), Chinese Academy of Sciences
- New York University - Shanghai
- School of Geographic Science, East China Normal University
- Shanghai Institute for National Economy (SHINE)
- SUSDS

Colombia
- Amazon Research Institute of Colombia
- Asociación Colombiana de Desarrollo Sostenible y Ecología Industrial (ADSEI)
- Asociación Colombiana de Educación al Consumidor
- Centre for Research on Sustainable Agriculture - CIPAV
- Centro de Estudios para el Desarrollo Sostenible Colombia (CEID Colombia)
- Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei)
- Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences
- Eafit University
- Fundación País21
- Fundesabanas Foundation
- Institute for Sustainable Development at Universidad del Norte
- Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies and Strategic Action for Development - IdEAD
- Klimaforum Latinoamérica Network
- OpenStreetMap Colombia Foundation
- Unipanamericana

- Universidad Atlantico
- Universidad de Los Andes
- Universidad de Nariño
- Universidad Tecnologica del Choco Diego Luis Córdoba
- University Foundation of Health Sciences
- University of Cartagena
- University of Magdalena

Comoros
- National Center of Analysis and Research of publics politics
- National Institute of Statistics, for Surveys Studies and Demographics

Congo, Democratic Republic
- Université Du Moyen Lualaba
- Université Mwene Ditu
- Université Simon Kimbangu

Costa Rica
- Centro de Estudios sobre Desarrollo Sostenible
- Centro Mesoamericano de Desarrollo Sostenible del Trópico Seco (CEMEDE)
- EARTH University
- Instituto Tecnologico de Costa Rica
- Universidad Estatal a Distancia
- Universidad Veritas

Croatia
- Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology, University of Zagreb

Cuba
- Environment Project for Sustainable Development

Cyprus
- Cyprus Institute
- Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)
- Frederick University
- Neapolis University Pafos
- University of Nicosia

Czech Republic
- Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Prague

Denmark
- Aalborg University, Department of Planning
- Copenhagen Business School - Department of Management, Society and Communication
- Global Citizen
- Riga Stradina University/European Studies Faculty/Regional Economy & Business Dept.
- ScanBalt
- University of Copenhagen Sustainability Science Centre
- University of Southern Denmark

Dominican Republic
- Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas (ANU-RD)
- Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE)
- Instituto de Desarrollo de la Economía Asociativa (IDEAC)
- Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral (IDDI)
- PROLIDER
- Red Nacional de Apoyo Empresarial a la Protección Ambiental (ECORED)
- Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE)

Canada
- 4-H Foundation of Alberta
- Acadia University, Department of Community Development
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)
- Colleges and Institutes Canada
- Dalhousie University
- Dawson College - Sustainability Office
- École de technologie supérieure, Center of interdisciplinary research in sustainability operationalization
- Energy Mix Productions
- Environmental Sustainability Research Centre
- Helios Centre
- Humber Institute of Technology & Advance Learning
- Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)
- International City Leaders (ICL)
- Lakehead University
- McGill University
- McMaster University, McMaster Health Forum | Forum+
- Nova Scotia Community College
- Office of Sustainability; University of Manitoba
- Ryerson University
- Seneca College, School of Fashion
- Sheridan College
- Simon Fraser University, Centre

Ecuador
- Center for Energy Studies
- Center for Sustainable Technological Development
- Coporacion Grupo Randi
- Equator Technological University (UTE)
- FDS-Consulting-Alliance
- Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA)
- Fundación Pachamama
- Fundación para el Avance de las Reformas y Oportunidades- Grupo FARO
- Governing Council of the Galapagos / Production and Human Development Department
- Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad del Ecuador
- Life Science Faculty at The Superior Polytechnic School of Littoral
- MVRA museo de la Riqueza Ancestral Fundación Riofrío Fiallo
- National Institute of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (INER)
- National University of Education
- Universidad de Tecnología Experimental (Yachay Tech)
- Universidad Metropolitana
- Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Office for Innovation and Sustainability
- Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development
- University of Otavalo
- University of the Amazon - IKIAM
- WWF Ecuador

Egypt
- Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT)
- Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
- Arab Union for Sustainable Development & Environment
- Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development

El Salvador
- Pedagogical University of El Salvador

Ethiopia
- Adama Science and Technology University
- African Climate Policy Centre
- Aksum University
- Ambo University
- Haramaya University
- Jimma University
- Mekelle University
- Organisation for Social Science Researching Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA)
- University of Gondar
- Wollega University
- Wollo University
- Wollo University, School of Law

Fiji
- Pacific Center for Environment and Sustainable Development (PaCE-SD), University of the South Pacific

Finland
- Demos Research Institute
- Finnish Environment Institute
- University of Eastern Finland
- University of Helsinki
- University of Oulu
- University of Turku

France
- CY Cergy Paris Université
- Économie du Développement Durable et de l'Energie – PACTE-EDDEN
- Energy Observer Foundation
- FEMISE (the Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Institutes of Economic Sciences)

- French National Research Institute for Development
- Globalizing European Geopolitics (GEG)
- Grand Paris Alliance
- Grenoble Ecole de Management
- Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI)
- Joseph Wresinski Centre for Poverty Research and History
- KEDGE Business School
- Laboratoire d'Excellence OT-Med
- National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts
- Sciences Po
- Sulitest
- Université Cote d'Azur
- Universite Gustave Eiffel
- Université Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL)

Georgia
- Gugushvili Institute of Economics, Tbilisi State University (TSU)
- Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Germany
- Adelphi
- Berlin School of Sustainable Futures, University of Applied Sciences
- Bertelsmann Stiftung Sustainable Governance Indicators
- Bonn International Center for Conversion
- Center for Development Research
- Chair of Development Economics (Juniorprofessur) at the University of Göttingen
- Chair of International Urbanism, Institute for Urban Planning and Design, University of Stuttgart
- DesertNet International
- Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung
- European Business Ethics Network Germany - E Ben Germany
- German Climate Foundation
- German Development Institute - Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
- German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik)
- Germanwatch
- Humboldt - Viadrina Governance Platform gGmbH
- Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies
- International Centre for Sustainable Development, Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences (BRSU)
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC)
- Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
- Reiner Lemoine Institut gGmbH
- RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research
- United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) Knowledge Centre for Sustainable Development
- Universitaet Hamburg, Center for a Sustainable University
- Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

Ghana
- African Health Economics and Policy Association
- Alliance for Development
- Elizka Relief Foundation
- Ghana Christian University College
- University for Development Studies

Greece
- "Athena" Research & Innovation Center in Information, Communication & Knowledge Technologies
- American College of Greece
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Athens University of Economics and Business
- Centre for Research and Technology Hellas - Institute of Applied Biosciences
- Democritus University Of Thrace
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research
- Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- International Centre for Research on the Environment and the Economy (ICRE8)
- International Hellenic University
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
- Political Economy of Sustainable Development Lab, University of Athens
- University of Crete
- University of Patras (UPAT)
- University of Peloponnese
- University of Peloponnese, Department of Economics, E-Cube Lab
- University of Piraeus
- University of the Aegean

Guatemala
- Instituto Centroamericano de Administración (ICAP)
- Universidad Galileo

Guinea
- Université Kofi Annan de Guinée

Guyana
- Guiana Shield Facility

Haiti
- PAODES-University
- Queensland University (UQ)

Honduras
- Zamorano University

Hong Kong (SAR)
- Bioinformatics Algorithm Research Lab, The University of Hong Kong
- Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
- Gratia Christian College, School of Business
- Green Council
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (Trust)
- Institute of Textiles & Clothing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- University of Hong Kong

Iceland
- University of Iceland, Department of Economics

India
- All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)
- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
- Arvinbhai Patel Institute of Environmental Design
- Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS)
- Center for Environment Education (CEE)
- Center for Environment Science and Climate Resilient Agriculture, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
- Chandigarh University
- Charities Aid Foundation, India
- Chennai Medical College & Research Center
- Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences
- For Everyone
- Foundation for Research and Sustainable Development (FRSD)
- Indian Institute for Human Settlements
- Indicus Foundation
- Integrated Research and Action for Development
- Jindal Centre for the Global South

- Key Education Foundation
- LEAD at Krea University (IFMR)
- Million Sparks Foundation
- National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai
- NTPC School of Business
- Parul University, Gujarat
- Public Affairs Centre
- Public Health Foundation of India
- Rakshak Foundation
- Red Elephant Foundation
- School of Energy Studies
- Shri Ram Institute For Industrial Research
- Society for Development Alternatives (DA)
- Sree Narayana Institute of Technology (SNIT) - Adoor Business School
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
- TERI - The Energy and Resources Institute
- University of Kerala
- Vidyadaan Trust
- World NCD Federation
- Xavier School of Sustainability (XSoS)

Indonesia
- Aceh Climate Change Initiative-ACEH Program
- Andalas University
- Belantara Foundation
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS)
- Center for Sustainable Development Udayana University Bali
- Center for Transdisciplinary and Sustainability Sciences (CTSS), IPB University
- Centre for Climate Risk and Opportunity Management in Southeast Asia Pacific (CCROM - SEAP)
- Centre for Innovation Policy and Governance
- Conservation International Indonesia
- Indonesia Philanthropy Associations
- Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation (or Yayasan KEHATI)
- Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)
- Innovation and Research Institute for Regional Potency (LIKPD)
- Innovator of Archipelago
- Nature Conservancy Indonesia Program
- Pusat Alih Teknologi dan Pengembangan Kawasan Pertanian Universitas Andalas Universitas Andalas (PATPKP UNAND)
- SDGs Center, Universitas Padjadjaran
- Surya University
- Syiah Kuala University
- United in Diversity Forum
- Universitas Cenderwasih
- Universitas Hasanuddin (Unhas)
- University of Bengkulu
- University of Indonesia Research Center for Climate Change (RCCCUI)
- University of Palangka Raya (UPR)
- WWF Indonesia

Iran
- Academic Center for Education, Culture and Research (ACECR)
- Office of Sustainability, Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT)
- Research Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development (RIESD)
- Research Institute of Food Science and Technology (RIFST)
- Sharif Policy Research Institute (SPRI) - Affiliated with Sharif University of Technology (SUT), Tehran

Iraq
- Al-Karkh University of Science
- University of Technology, Iraq

Ireland
- Dublin City University
- IST-Africa Institute
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin

Israel
- Center for Agricultural Economic Research
- Natural Resources and Environmental Research Center
- Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Department of Electrical Engineering
- YKCenter for Rebooting and Prosperity

Italy
- AIESEC Italy
- Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna
- Amedeo Avogado University of Eastern Piedmont
- Bioversity International
- Bocconi University
- Catholic University of Sacro Cuore
- CIMA Research Foundation (Centro Internazionale in Monitoraggio Ambientale)
- Consorzio Arca
- Consorzio IPASS Scarl
- European Academy of Bolzano
- FAIR Italy
- Fispmed Onlus
- Florence School of Regulation Climate (FSR Climate), European University Institute (EUI)
- Fondazione Achille Sclavo ONLUS
- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei
- Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena
- International Affairs Institute
- International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG)
- Istituto di Studi Sulle Societa' del Mediterraneo (ISSM)
- Italian Diplomatic Academy
- LUM Jean Monnet University
- OGS (Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale)
- Politecnico di Bari
- Politecnico di Milano
- Politecnico di Torino
- Renewable Energy Solutions for the Mediterranean
- Roma Tre University – Department of Political Sciences
- UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union
- Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
- Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II
- Universita degli studi di Salerno (UniSa)
- Università degli Studi di Sassari
- University of Bergamo
- University of Brescia
- University of Catania
- University of Ferrara
- University of Florence
- University of Milan
- University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- University of Palermo
- University of Pavia
- University of Pisa
- University of Rome
- University of Siena
- University of Turin
- Venice International University

Jamaica
- University of the West Indies (UWI)

Japan
- Hiroshima University

- Institute for Global andEnvironmental Strategies (IGES)
- Quantitative Regional and Computational Science Lab (QuaRCS-lab)
- Shoin University
- UN ECOSOC Special Consultative Status University Students Chamber Kyushu Branch
- United Nations University

Jordan
- Jordan University of Science and Technology
- West Asia-North African Institute

Kazakhstan
- Al Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU)
- Atyrau State Universtity
- Gender Economics Research Center (GERC)
- Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University
- Suleyman Demirel University

Kenya
- African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS)
- Centre for Public Sector Reforms, Moi University
- Kenya Climate Innovation Center - Sustainability Initative
- Peace pen Communications
- Riara University
- Strathmore University - Strathmore Business School
- University of Embu

Kosovo
- Heimerer College

Kyrgyzstan
- American University of Central Asia

Laos
- National University of Laos

Latvia
- Riga Technical University

Lebanon
- American University of Beirut (AUB)
- Ecole libanaise de formation sociale – Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth
- Notre Dame University – Louaize (NDU)

Liberia
- Grand Gedeh County Community College
- William V.S. Tubman University

Madagascar
- Telma Foundation

Malaysia
- Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
- Center for Fundamental and Liberal Education, University Malaysia of Terengganu
- Centre for Environment, Technology & Development, Malaysia
- Islamic Banking & Finance Institute Malaysia
- Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI)
- Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation (MISI)
- Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology
- Manipal International University
- National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN)
- Penang Institute
- Pulau Banding Foundation
- Social Innovation Movement Association
- Sunway University
- Universiti Kebangsaan
- Universiti Sains Malaysia
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)
- University Malaya
- University Malaysia Sabah

- University Utara Malaysia

Mali
- Action Group for Children in Sahel
- Association Malienne pour la Sécurité et la Souvéraineté Alimentaires
- Coalition pour l'Accès à l'Eau Potable, l'Hygiène et l'Assainissement (CAEPHA)
- ILCI Business School
- INSAH - Institut du Sahel
- Institut National de Recherche en Santé Publique (INRSP)
- Institut Polytechnique Rural de Formation et de Recherche Appliquée (IPR/IFRA) Katibougou
- Observatoire du Dévéloppement Humain Durable et de la Lutte Contre la Pauvreté (ODHD/LCP)
- Technical Unit of Strategic Framework for the Fight Against Poverty
- Université des Sciences Sociales et de Gestion de Bamako (USSGB)
- Université Gemini Mali
- Universite Segou

Mexico
- Atmospheric pollution and climate change network
- Autonomous Metropolitan University
- Autonomous University of Baja California Sur
- Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez
- Autonomous University of Coahuila
- Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon
- Autonomous University of Querétaro
- Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla
- Center for Research and Teaching of Economics
- Center for Scientific Research and Higher Education at Ensenada, Baja California, México
- Centla Higher Technological Institute
- Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del Instituto Politécnico Nacional
- CIE University
- Colegio de Estudios Científicos y Tecnológicos del Estado de Hidalgo CECyTE Hidalgo
- Consortium for Research, Innovation and Development of the Drylands
- ECOYDES A.C.
- Faculty of mechanical engineering and naval sciences, Veracruzana University
- Fundacion Pensar
- Guanajuato Campus of the University of Guanajuato
- Higher Technological Institute of Teposcolula
- Ibero-American University A.C.
- Institute of Digital Education of the State of Puebla
- Instituto Global para la Sostenibilidad-EGADE Business School at Tecnologico de Monterrey
- Instituto Mora
- International Renewable Resources Institute
- ITESO, Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara
- La Salle University
- Mexican Institute of Sustainable Smart Cities
- National Public Policy Laboratory
- Network of Sustainability Energy, Environmental and Social
- Oxfam Mexico
- Polytechnic University of Altamira
- Popular University of Chontalpa
- Secretaría de Salud de Michoacán
- Sierra Gorda Ecological Group
- Superior Technological Institute Of Huichapan

- Technologic University of the Metropolitan area of the valley of Mexico
- Technological University of Altamira
- Technological University of Tabasco
- Tecnológico de Monterrey
- Universidad Anahuac
- Universidad Anáhuac Mayab
- Universidad Autónoma de Baja California
- Universidad Autonoma De San Luis Potosi
- Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán
- Universidad Autónoma Del Estado De México
- Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana
- Universidad de Guadalajara, Instituto de Investigación en Políticas Públicas y Gobierno
- Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla
- Universidad Incarnate Word, Campus Bajío
- Universidad Juárez Autónoma de Tabasco
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
- Universidad Politécnica de Yucatán
- Universidad Riviera
- Universidad Tecmilenio
- Universidad Tecnológica de los Valles Centrales de Oaxaca
- Universidad Tecnológica Metropolitana
- University Coordination of Observatories of the Universidad Veracruzana
- University María Esther Zuno de Echeverría
- University Of Celaya
- University of Guadalajara
- University of Monterrey
- University of Sonora
- UNLA

Monaco
- Monaco Foundation

Mongolia
- Education for Sustainable Development Project
- Mongolian International Cooperation & Development Programs Agency (MOICA)
- National university of commerce and business

Montenegro
- Green Home

Morocco
- High Atlas Foundation
- Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
- National Institute of Postes and Telecommuncations (I.N.P.T)
- National School of Architecture of Marrakech
- Sultan Moulay Slimane University

Myanmar
- Myanmar Development Resource Institute
- Radanar Ayar Rural Development Association

Nepal
- Central Department of Environmental Sciences, Tribhuvan University
- Centre for Green Economy Development
- Community Support Association of Nepal
- Department of Development Studies, Kathmandu University
- Dibyabhumi Multiple College affiliated to Tribhuvan University
- Green Institute (for sustainable development)
- Holistic Development Nepal
- Institute of Himalayan Risk Reduction
- Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS)

- Integrated Development Society Nepal (IDS-Nepal)
- Kantipur City College
- Kathmandu University School of Management (KU SOM)
- Namsaling Community Development Centre (NCDC)
- Women in Environment (WE)

Netherlands
- Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC)
- International Association for Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)
- KWR Watercycle Research Institute
- Microjustice4All
- Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University
- Wageningen University & Research
- Windesheim Honours College

New Caledonia
- Pacific Community / Communaute du Pacifique (SPC)

New Zealand
- Auckland University of Technology
- Council for International Development
- Massey University
- Unitec Institute of Technology
- University of Auckland
- Victoria University of Wellington

Nicaragua
- Universidad Nacional Agraria
- University of the Autonomous Regions of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast

Niger
- Tahoua University

Nigeria
- African Institute for Health Policy & Health Systems, Ebonyi State University Abakaliki
- African Management Services Company (AMSCO)
- Center for Development Support Initiatives
- Center for Ethics and Sustainable Development (CESD)
- Centre for Global Solutions and Sustainable Development
- Crawford University
- Federal College of Agriculture
- Federal Institute Of Industrial Research, Oshodi (FIIRO)
- Federal University Kashere
- Federal University Ndufu Alike Ikwo (FUNAI) Ebonyi State
- Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
- Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, Delta State
- Federal University of Technology, Akure
- Federal University Wukari
- Food Basket Foundation International (FBFI)
- Green Institute, Adeyemi College of Education
- Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University
- Igbinedion University, Okada
- Institute for Oil, Gas, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (OGEES Institute)
- Ladoke Akintola University of Technology
- Modibbo Adama University of Technology Yola
- National Centre for Technology Management
- National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies
- Ondo State University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa
- Rivers State University of Science & Technology
- Sustainable Environment Food And Agriculture Initiative
- The Federal Polytechnic, Ede, Osun State
- The Imo State University in Owerri

- University of Agriculture, Makurdi
- University of Benin
- University of Ibadan
- University of Nigeria
- University of Nnamdi Azikiwe
- University of Port Harcourt

North Macedonia
- European Scientific Institute (ESI)

Norway
- Hedmark University of Applied Sciences
- International Sustainable Development Research Society
- Norwegian Directorate of Health, Department of global health
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Oslo Metropolitan University - OsloMet
- University of Bergen
- Western Norway Research Institute (WNRI)

Oman
- Research Council

Pakistan
- Bridging Health Foundation
- Centre of Excellence in Responsible Business
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center Mehran University of Engineering and Technology
- Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan
- National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences
- National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad
- NED University of Engineering and Technology, Development Studies Program
- Quality Enhancement Cell, Khushal Khan Khattak University Karak
- Rural Aid Pakistan
- Social Policy and Development Centre
- Sukkur IBA (Institute of Business Administration) University
- Sustainable Development Policy Institute
- University of Agriculture, Peshawar Pakistan
- University of Karachi
- Water Environment Forum
- Youth Association for Development (YAD)

Palestine
- Hebron University
- Taawon for Conflict Resolution Institute
- Water and Environmental Studies Institute
- Youth Political Forum

Paraguay
- Energy Systems Research Group

Peru
- Amazonians for the Amazon Association
- Association for Research and Integral Development - AIDER
- Citizen Movement Against Climate Change (MOCICC)
- International Potato Center - Andean Initiative
- Peruvian Amazon Research Institute
- Practical Action
- Professional College of Sociologists of Peru
- Señor de Sipan University
- Universidad del Pacífico, Research Center

Philippines
- Action for Economic Reforms
- Ateneo de Davao University
- Ateneo de Manila University
- Ateneo de Zamboanga University
- Cebu Technological University Center for ESD

- De La Salle University
- Far Eastern University Public Policy Center
- Graduate School of Business, Philippine School of Business Administration-Manila
- Institute for Environmental Conservation And Research
- IRRI - International Rice Research Institute
- Mindanao State University at Naawan, School of Graduate Studies
- Resiliency and Sustainable Development Center
- School of Economics, University of the Philippines
- University of Santo Tomas
- University of the Philippines Diliman
- University of the Philippines Los Baños
- Visayas State University

Poland
- Centre for Systems Solutions
- Responsible Business Forum (Forum Odpowiedzialnego Biznesu)
- University of Lodz

Portugal
- CESOP - Catholic University of Portugal
- Comitê Científico do Curso de Doutoramento em Alterações Climáticas e Políticas para o Desenvolvimento Sustentável. Universidade de Lisboa e Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto
- ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa
- Lusofona University Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Education and Development
- Nova School of Business and Economics
- Portuguese Water Partnership
- TESE - Associação para o Desenvolvimento

Republic of Korea
- Institute for Poverty Alleviation and International Development
- KDI School of Public Policy & Management
- Korea Development Institute (KDI)
- Korea Federation of Women's Science & Technology Associations
- OJEong Resilience Institute (OJERI), Korea University
- SK Research Institute
- Sustainable Development, English Alliance

Romania
- Babeș-Bolyai University, Faculty of Geography, Research Centre for Sustainable Development
- Făgăraș Research Institute
- Ovidius University of Constanta

Russia
- ANO "Russian-German Office for Environmental Information"
- Ano Sei "Generation of Sustainable Development"
- Association of Energy Markets Participants "Goal Number Seven" (GNS)
- Center for Energy Efficiency - XXI
- Center for Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, National Research University Higher School of Economics
- City of Dreams
- Ecological club "MGIMO GOES GREEN"
- Environmental Investment Center
- International Center for Responsible Tourism ICRT Russia
- International Centre for Social and Economic Research "Leontief Centre"
- International Partnership and Development Organization

- International Sustainable Energy Development Centre under the auspices of UNESCO (ISEDC)
- Kazan State Medical University
- Moscow State "Lomonosov" University
- Moscow University S. Witte
- National Sustainable Development Agency
- Foundation for Development of the Center for Elaboration and Commercialization of New Technologies
- North Ossetian State University
- Open School of Sustainable Development
- Russian Carbon Fund
- Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)
- Saint Petersburg State University, Institute of Earth Sciences, Department of Ecological Safety & Sustainable Development of Regions
- WWF Russia

Rwanda
- Kepler, Kigali
- Kigali Institute of Management
- University of Gitwe
- University of Kigali
- University of Lay Adventists of Kigali
- University of Rwanda

Samoa
- National University of Samoa

Senegal
- Agence Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique Appliquée (ANRSA)
- Agricultural and Rural Prospective Initiative
- Alioune Diop University
- Association Innovation pour Développement Economique par l'Action Locale
- Centre Africain d'Etudes Supérieures en Gestion (CESAG)
- Ecole Inter-états des Sciences et Médecine Vétérinaires (EISMV) de Dakar
- Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications ESMT
- ENDA Tiers Monde
- Femmes Africa Solidarité
- Groupe Ecole supérieure de Commerce de Dakar
- Groupe Institut Africain de Management (IAM)
- Institut Africain de Développement Local (I.A.D.L)
- Institut des Metiers de l'Environnement et de la Metrologie
- Institut Polytechnique Panafrican
- Local Development Institute
- Millennium Promise
- Senegal Virtual University
- Universite Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar
- University Gaston Berger
- University Institute of Enterprise and Development

Serbia
- Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development
- Serbian All-Party Parliamentary Group for Sustainable Development

Singapore
- Go Purpose Inc
- Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Nanyang Technological University
- National University Singapore
- Singapore Institute of Technology
- Singapore Management University Lien Centre for Social Innovation
- Singapore University of Technology and Design

Slovenia
- Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)
- Regional development agency of Ljubljana urban region

Somalia
- Somaliland University of Technology
- Ururka Biyoroobaadka Soomaaliya

South Africa
- Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership, University of Pretoria
- Gordon Institute of Business Science, University of Pretoria
- Institute for Security Studies (ISS)
- South African Environmental Observation Network of the National Research Foundation
- Sustainable Development Goal Africa Foundation
- University of Cape Town

Spain
- Aquae Chair in Water Economics
- Asociación Española De Educación Ambiental
- Asociación Interprofesional de Ordenación del Territorio, FUNDICOT
- Asociación para la Sostenibilidad y Progreso de las Sociedades (ASYPS)
- Asociacion Sostenibilidad u Arquitectura
- Association for the Study of Human Ecology
- Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM)
- Canary Islands Foundation for the Control of Tropical Diseases
- Cátedra de Cooperación Interancional y con Iberoamérica (Universidad de Cantabria)
- Cátedra de Responsabilidad Social Universitaria -Universitat de Girona
- Cátedra Internacional UNESCO de Desarrollo Humano Sostenible
- Catholic University of Avila
- Center for Rural and International Agriculture Studies
- Centre de Recerca en Economia Industrial I Pública, University of Rovira i Virgili
- Centro de Investigación de Recursos y Consumos Energéticos (CIRCE)
- Doctoral School - Postgraduate Students
- Eco-Union
- Ecoembes - Chair of Environmental Management
- Ecoemprendedores por el Clima
- Environmental Chair - University of Cordoba
- ESCI-UPF School of International Studies
- EXPLORATORI of natural resources
- Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Foretica
- Francisco de Vitoria University
- Fundación ETEA-Loyola University Development Institute
- Fundación Metrópoli
- IbizaPreservation
- IDP-Sostenible, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
- IMDEA Water Institute
- Instituto de Educación Superior Intercontinental de la Empresa (IESIDE)
- Instituto de Estudios Políticos para América Latina, Asia y África – Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Instituto de Salud Global de Barcelona (ISGlobal)
- Instituto Pascual Madoz del Territorio, Urbanismo y Medioambiente de la Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- International Cooperation for Development Watch at University of Valladolid
- Local Sustainability Observatory - Albacete
- National Center of Epidemology
- Institute of Health Carlos III & UAM

- Observatorio Odsuned- Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED)
- Office for Development Cooperation of the University of Girona
- Pontifical Comillas University
- Provincial Sustainability Observatory of Albacete
- Renewables Foundation
- Research Center on Policy Coherence for Development (CIECODE) at Salvador Soler Foundation
- Research Institute for Higher Education and Science
- Research Institute in Biomedical and Health Sciences (IUIBS), University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC)
- Rey Juan Carlos University. Office of Sustainability
- Schneider Electric Chair of Sustainability and Business Strategy - IESE Business School- University of Navarra
- School of Tourism, Hospitality & Gastronomy
- SciTech DiploHub
- Sustainable development UNED, Greens, econature
- TRANSITANDO Ecology and Education towards a sustainable city
- UNED
- UNESCO Chair in Environmental Education and Sustainable Development
- UNESCO Chair in Life Cycle and Climate Change (ESCI-UPF)
- UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality Policies in Science, Technology and Innovation, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- UNESCO Etxea - UNESCO Centre Basque Country
- UNIA (Public University part of the Andalusian University System)
- Universidad Carlos III deMadrid
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Universidad de A Coruña
- Universidad de Alcalá de Henares
- Universidad de Alicante
- Universidad de Almería
- Universidad de Grenada
- Universidad de las Illes Balears
- Universidad de Oviedo. Red Temática Nacional sobre Desarrollo Urbano Sostenible (URBAN RED)
- Universidad Internacional de Catalunya
- Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- Universidad Politécnica de Valencia
- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
- Universitat de Barcelona
- Universitat Jaume I
- University Carlos III - Sociology of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Research Group
- University Institute of Development and Cooperation (IUDC)
- University of Alicante. Water and Environmental Studies Institute
- University of Burgos - Development Cooperation and Social Action Centre
- University of Cordoba
- University of Deusto
- University of Extremadura
- University of La Laguna
- University of Malaga
- University of Murcia
- University of Salamanca
- University of Seville
- University of the Basque Country
- University of Valladolid
- UPC Barcelona Tech.
- Vicerrectorado de Ordenación Académica, Profesorado y Sostenibilidad
- Zaragoza University

Sri Lanka
- CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems
- Integrated Development Association (IDeA)
- University of Kelaniya
- Waidya Peetaya, Peradeniya Wishwa Vidyalaya

Sudan
- Wildlife Research Center

Sweden
- 2022 Initiative Foundation
- Baltic University Programme
- Bio4Energy
- Blekinge Institute of Technology
- Chalmers University of Technology
- CSR West Sweden
- Global Challenge
- Göteborgs Universitet
- Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development (former Center for Environment and Sustainability, GMV)
- Halmstad University
- International Foundation for the Young Masters Programme
- IVL Svenska Miljöinstitutet AB
- Johanneberg Science Park
- Karlstads Universitet
- Karolinska Institutet
- Kristianstad University
- Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH)
- Linnaeus University
- Lund University IIIEE
- Norden Association
- Nordregio
- Passive House Centre of Sweden
- SAFER - vehicle and traffic safety centre at Chalmers
- SNH - Collaboration for higher education
- Södertörn University
- Stockholm International Water Institute
- Stockholm University
- Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment
- Swedish Life Cycle Center
- Umeå Marina Forskningscentrum, Umeå Universitet
- Umea School of Business, Economics and Statistics
- Umeå University
- University Management (ULED)
- University of Borås
- University West
- WIN WIN Gothenburg Sustainability Award

Switzerland
- Agroscope
- Bern University of Applied Sciences
- Biovision - Foundation for Ecological Development
- Business School Lausanne
- Centre for Development and Cooperation SUPSI
- Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern
- Collaboratio Helvetica
- Drawdown Switzerland
- Eco-social science-sustainable finance and SDG Implementation
- École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) - Tech4Impact
- Economy of the Common Good
- Foraus - Swiss think tank on foreign policy
- Foundation for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions
- Foundation myclimate - The Climate Protection Partnership
- Geneva Consensus Foundation
- Global Infrastructure Basel (GIB) Foundation
- Gold Standard Foundation
- Hamasil Foundation
- Impact Hub Geneva-Lausanne
- Institute of Management and Social Policy

- Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
- International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)
- Mountain Research Initiative
- NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation, ETH Zurich
- Oikos St. Gallen
- OstSinn - platform for sustainability in Eastern Switzerland
- Scaling4Good
- Social Research and Methodology, University of Basel
- STRIDE Learning Association
- Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology (SAGUF)
- Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag)
- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne
- Swiss Parks Network
- Universal Rights Group
- University of St. Gallen
- University of Zurich
- VSN FDD FSS - Swiss Association of Student Organisations for Sustainability
- Women's World Summit Foundation
- World Resources Forum
- World Trade Institute, University of Bern
- WWF Switzerland

Syria
- University of Aleppo - Civile Engineering Faculty

Taiwan
- Institute of Environment and Resources
- Nanhua University
- National Taiwan University - International Program in Climate Change and Sustainable Development
- Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy

Tanzania
- Mzumbe University Dar Es Salaam Campus College - Muzumbe University
- UONGOZI Institute (Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development)

Thailand
- Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, Srinakharinwirot University
- Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences, Prince of Songkla University
- Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University
- Freeland
- Institute for Peace Studies, Prince of Songkla University (IPS-PSU)
- National Institute of Development Administration
- Thailand Development Research Institute Foundation
- Thailand Sustainable Development Foundation (TSDF)
- Thaipat Institute

Togo
- Centre d'Observation et de Promotion de l'Etat de Droit

Tunisia
- APNEK (Association for the Protection of Nature and Environment of Kairouan)
- Association for Sustainable Innovation in Tunisia
- Institut des hautes études commerciales de Carthage (IHEC Carthage)
- Institut supérieur des sciences et technologie de l'environnement
- National School of Engineering of Sfax

- Tunisian Association for Leadership, Auto Development and Solidarity

Turkey
- Abdullah Gül University
- Bahcesehir Universitesi
- Bilkent University
- Boğaziçi University
- Edam Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies
- Ege University Environmental Problems Application and Research Centre (EU-CEVMER)
- Istanbul Bilgi University
- Istanbul Technical University
- Istanbul University
- Kadir Has Üniversitesi
- Koç University
- Middle East Technical University
- Mugla Sitki Kocman University
- Ozyegin University
- TED University
- Yeditepe University
- YUVA

Uganda
- African Climate Change Leadership Program
- Makerere University
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology
- National Coffee Research Institute (NaCORI)/National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO)
- Ndejje University
- Uganda Christian University
- Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development
- Uganda Technology and Management University (UTAMU)

Ukraine
- National University "Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic"
- NGO "GoLOCAL"

United Arab Emirates
- Dubai Carbon Centre of Excellence (DCCE)
- Dubai Cares
- Emirates Diplomatic Academy (EDA)
- International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA)
- IRI Reporting Standards
- Khalifa University of Science and Technology
- Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government
- University of Wollongong in Dubaí

United Kingdom
- Centre for Sustainable Practice and Living, Stirling Management School, University of Stirling
- Centre for Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods
- CIFAL Scotland
- Gaia Education
- Global Ocean Trust
- Green VI
- Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
- International Institute for Environment and Development
- James Hutton Institute
- Lancaster University, Lancaster Environment Centre
- London South Bank University
- Nottingham Trent University, UK
- Portia (Gender Summit)
- Rights Lab
- SOAS, University of London
- University of Manchester
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bristol, Cabot Institute
- University of Cambridge Centre for Climate Change Mitigation Research
- University of Exeter
- University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute

- University of Reading
- University of Southampton
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Winchester
- Worldwide Universities Network

United States of America
- Academic Council on the United Nations System
- Antioch University
- Applied Survey Research
- Arizona Association for Environmental Education
- Arizona State University
- Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)
- Auburn University
- Ball State University, Center for Emerging Media Design & Development
- Biomimicry Institute
- Blockchain for Sustainable Development
- Boston University, Engineers Without Borders
- Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis
- Brown University, Institute at Brown for Environment and Society
- Bucknell University
- Carey Institute for Global Good
- Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College
- Cascadia College Sustainability
- Case Western Reserve University, Fowler Center for Business as an Agent of World Benefit
- Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity
- City College of New York, Spitzer School of Architecture, Sustainability in the Urban Environment
- College of Art and Architecture, University of Idaho
- College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP) – University of Cincinnati
- College of New Jersey
- College of the Atlantic
- Colorado School of Mines, Payne Institute
- Columbia University, The Earth Institute, Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI), & Sabin Center for Climate Change Law
- Commitment to Equity Institute
- Committee on Sustainability Assessment (COSA)
- Community Systems Foundation
- Conservation International
- Cornell University, Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future
- Curious Learning
- Dartmouth College, Arthur L Irving Institute for Energy and Society
- Dev4X
- Dickinson College
- Doane University, Institute for Human and Planetary Health
- Earth Rebirth
- Emory University
- Environic Foundation International
- Erivan K. Haub School of Business
- Fordham University, Law School, National Center for Access to Justice
- George Mason University
- Georgia Tech
- Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA)
- Global Education Motivators
- Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communications Technologies (G3ict)
- Global Masters in Development Practice Consortium
- Global Minnesota
- Global Wellbeing Institute
- Greenhouse Gas Management Institute
- Harvard University, T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Nutrition
- Haverford College
- Heifer International
- HelpAge USA
- Howard University, School of Education
- IDEAS For Us
- Indiana University
- International Senior Lawyers Project
- Iowa State University
- Johns Hopkins University, Center for American Indian Health
- Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation
- Kent State University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Environmental Solutions Initiative
- Millennium Institute
- Missouri State University
- Montclair State University
- Moravian College
- Morehouse College, Department of Economics
- National Council for Science and the Environment
- Natural Resources Defence Council (NRDC)
- New School Department of Economics
- New York Academy of Sciences
- New York City Center for Materials Reuse
- Newborn Foundation
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Northeastern University School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
- Northwestern University
- Notre Dame University
- Ohio State University
- Penn State University
- Presidio Graduate School
- Purdue University
- Rollins College
- Rollins College, Department of Social Entrepreneurship
- Rutgers the State University of New Jersey
- Saybrook University, Department of Leadership and Management
- Second Nature
- SIMA Studios / SIMA Classroom
- Smith College
- Smithsonian Science Education Center/Smithsonian Institution
- Solar Head of State
- Southwest Florida Community Foundation
- St. Francis College
- Stony Brook University, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
- SUNY Albany, Office of Sustainability
- SUNY Buffalo, Global Health Institute
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF)
- Sustainable Development Goals Fund
- Sustainable Development Institute
- Texas A&M, Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture & Water-Energy-Food Nexus Initiative
- The Community Solution Education System
- The George Washington University
- UCF Center for Global Economic and Environmental Opportunity
- University at Albany, Office of Sustainability
- University of Alabama, Center for Sustainable Infrastructure
- University of Alaska Southeast, School of Arts & Sciences
- University of Arizona, MDP Program
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California Davis
- University of California Los Angeles, World Policy Analysis Center
- University of California San Diego, School of Global Policy and Strategy
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Hawaii Manoa
- University of Kansas, Work Group for Community Health and Development
- University of Louisville Envirome Institute
- University of Miami Business School
- University of Michigan, School for Environment and Sustainability
- University of Minnesota
- University of Minnesota School of Nursing
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- University of Nevada Las Vegas, The School of Environmental and Public Affairs
- University of North Dakota
- University of Pennsylvania, Department of Landscape Architecture
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Puerto Rico
- University of Redlands
- University of South Dakota, Department of Sustainability & Environment
- University of South Florida, Patel College of Global Sustainability
- University of Tennessee Knoxville
- University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute
- University of the People
- University of the Virgin Islands
- University of Utah, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
- University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin School of Business & Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
- Viridis Graduate Institute, Ecopsychology and Environmental Humanities
- Wesleyan University, College of the Environment
- Yale University, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies
- Zakat Foundation of America

Uzbekistan
- Westminster International University in Tashkent

Vanuatu
- Pacific Institute of Public Policy (PiPP)

Venezuela
- Indigenous Cultures and Sustainable Environment, Civil Association
- Legal Life Foundation "Diyuly Chourio"
- Momboy Valley University
- Simon Bolivar University
- Universidad nacional experimental del Táchira

Vietnam
- Central Institute for Economic Management - (CIEM)
- French Vietnamese Center For Management Education
- ISPONRE - Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment
- Vietnam National University

Zimbabwe
- Institute for Sustainability Africa (INSAF)
- Poverty Reduction Forum Trusts

Note: the list of member institutions is up to date as of 1 August 2020.