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Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are more critical today than ever and especially in the United States. Amidst a confluence of challenges—including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate crisis, and deteriorating trust in institutions—the SDGs offer a foundation for responding to the needs of communities and building an inclusive, resilient future where no one is left behind. This resource library is part of a larger project in partnership between the UN Foundation and the Brookings Institutions’ Center for Sustainable Development focused on building American leadership on the SDGs.

The SDG framework is an agenda for action, but the process for getting started and what it means in practical terms to implement the SDGs is often less clear, particularly in the United States. This library is a living collection of key resources, tools, and examples of U.S. implementation from across sectors. It was created to provide U.S. actors a starting point and practical resources to embark on or further develop their own SDG efforts and should not be viewed as comprehensive.

We hope you will find these resources instructive on your path to bringing the SDGs home to your community. We encourage you to check back as the library continues to grow and to share your resources and best practices so others can benefit as well.
Voluntary Local Reviews

Voluntary Local Reviews are a vehicle for reporting progress and action toward achieving the SDGs that have been used by city and regional governments, universities, and other sectors. To date, at least 75 cities and regional governments around the globe have published a VLR, including in the U.S. The process is modeled on and complements the Voluntary National Review (VNR), which UN member states use to present their SDG progress and alignment at the UN during the annual High-Level Political Forum. In some countries, the VNR incorporates findings from subnational assessments. Unlike the VNR, the VLR has no official or universally accepted standards guiding the process.

While city and municipal governments have largely led the VLR process, universities have adapted this tool to track their own SDG efforts through Voluntary University Reviews (VURs).

RESOURCES

Voluntary Local Review Declaration
New York City

In 2019 at the UN General Assembly, New York City launched the Voluntary Local Review Declaration for local and regional governments worldwide to formally commit to reporting on the SDGs at the UN. More than 330 local governments have joined the declaration, including Los Angeles, Orlando, and Rochester Hills.

Learn more
Global guiding elements for Voluntary Local Reviews
UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

This resource identifies key themes and common elements across VLRs to support local and regional governments in producing their own. It highlights the VLR as a tool for peer-learning and emphasizes building a low threshold for entry in order to maintain inclusive processes.
Learn more

A comparative analysis of existing Voluntary Local Reviews
UN-Habitat and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

This study provides an overview of methods used across current VLRs, best practices, and recommendations for others looking to start the process.
Learn more

Next Generation urban planning: Enabling sustainable development at the local level through voluntary local reviews (VLRs)
The Brookings Institution

City leaders increasingly see the value in "globalizing their local agenda," with VLRs becoming tools to connect local efforts with global communities. The Brookings Institution explores VLRs as a tool for urban planning by presenting a city-specific perspective informed by the experiences and viewpoints of cities that have completed a VLR. The report also outlines innovations for future iterations of the VLR, specifically focusing on issues that support its expansion worldwide.
Learn more

Leading locally: the origins and impact of the Voluntary Local Review
New York City and UN-Habitat

Reflecting on the early days of the Voluntary Local Review Movement, New York City and UN-Habitat highlight experiences leading to the start of a global effort on localizing the SDGs. The report includes
reflections of best practices and lessons learned from SDG leaders, including the mayors of Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, and Bristol. 
Learn more

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CITIES / STATES

New York City
In 2018, New York City was among the first cities in the world to report directly to the UN on its SDG implementation. New York City’s VLRs are prepared by staff within the Mayor’s Office for International Affairs in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Operations who together gather and integrate inputs from across the city government for the report. The city’s comprehensive strategic plan, OneNYC 2050, also integrates SDG indicators to measure progress and feeds into its VLR.
New York City Voluntary Local Review 2018
New York City Voluntary Local Review 2019

Hawaii
In 2020, Hawaii became the first state in the United States to conduct a statewide VLR, which includes an assessment of progress across all four counties. Hawaii Green Growth Local2030 Hub led the effort in collaboration with partners from government, business, and civil society, using a consultative and locally driven process to identify shared priorities and measure what matters locally. The VLR is informed by the Aloha+ Dashboard, an open-data platform measuring Hawaii’s progress toward all 17 SDGs.
Hawaii Voluntary Local Review 2020

Los Angeles
Los Angeles conducted its first VLR in 2019, which highlights initiatives in place to address 8 of the 17 SDGs, including two priority goals for the city, SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). The VLR results from a collaboration with local universities to localize the SDGs for the city, including identifying
relevant targets and indicators, and mapping activities and policies to the SDGs. It is informed by the city’s SDG Data Reporting Platform, which tracks progress across the SDGs at the indicator level. The 2021 VLR uses an interactive website in addition to a downloadable report.

Los Angeles Voluntary Local Review of progress in 2019
Los Angeles Voluntary Local Review of progress in 2021

Orlando
Orlando is the fourth city and fifth locality in the U.S. to complete a VLR. The 2021 VLR was launched in partnership with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and reports on Orlando’s contributions and quantitative progress on 9 SDGs. It builds on the city’s development plan, which focuses on clean energy, transportation, and water. In 2022, the city collaborated with the University of Central Florida to launch an SDG dashboard showcasing the city’s progress towards each SDG.

Orlando Voluntary Local Review 2021

Pittsburgh
In November 2020, Pittsburgh released its first VLR, which was produced through a phased approach that included scaling the SDGs for the local context and mapping the alignment of current city activities with the SDGs. The city organized roundtable discussions with city employees to identify local priorities. The VLR reports on efforts across all 17 SDGs and is designed as a baseline for future comparison as efforts continue. Pittsburgh’s second VLR in 2021 outlines the city’s framework for sustainable procurement and maps city contracts and procurement initiatives to the SDGs.

Pittsburgh Voluntary Local Review 2020
Pittsburgh Voluntary Local Review 2021

UNIVERSITIES

Carnegie Mellon University
In 2020, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) published the first-ever Voluntary University Review (VUR) modeled after the VLR. A team of faculty, staff, and students led the process, which reviewed how CMU’s teaching, research, and practices aligned with the SDGs using desk
research, interviews, and community consultations. This approach offers a useful model for other higher education institutions. CMU released its second VUR in 2021 using an interactive format.

Carnegie Mellon University Voluntary University Review 2020
Carnegie Mellon University Voluntary University Review 2021

University of California, Davis
UC Davis released its VUR in 2021, the culmination of collaboration between the global affairs, sustainability, and diversity, equity, and inclusion units. With four goals – measuring progress in addressing the SDGs; building awareness; inspiring involvement and collaboration; and informing future programs and projects – the VUR maps initiatives and courses to the SDGs and pinpoints new opportunities for campus engagement on the Goals.

UC Davis Voluntary University Review 2021

Auburn University
Launched in 2021, Auburn’s VUR showcases the university’s SDG engagements between 2016 and 2018, specifically focusing on the metrics of teaching, research, and outreach. The report was a collaborative project between several offices and academic departments and will be used to inform future strategies geared towards building SDG action across the campus.

Auburn University Voluntary Local Review 2021
17 Rooms

17 Rooms is an experimental approach to convening and problem-solving for the SDGs developed by the Center for Sustainable Development at the Brookings Institution in partnership with The Rockefeller Foundation. In practical terms, 17 Rooms participants meet in “Rooms,” or working groups, to identify cooperative actions they can take over the next 12-18 months to make progress on an aspect of an SDG. Emerging ideas are shared between rooms to spot opportunities for collaboration. The process generates a mix of expert-driven insights plus momentum for practical action.

The 17 Rooms initiative has evolved on two tracks: an annual global flagship process focused on international scale policy challenges, and a widely accessible methodology for bottom-up SDG problem-solving at a grass roots level (dubbed “17 Rooms-X”). The 17 Rooms Secretariat recently launched a “17 Rooms-X Community of Practice” with dozens of organizations, including universities, cities, and civil society organizations, joining to share insights on how 17 Rooms can help tackle local economic, social, and environmental issues.

RESOURCES

17 Rooms Home Page
The Brookings Institution

The 17 Rooms home page provides information about the 17 Rooms’ annual event, podcast, research, and updates on the initiative. Learn more
17 Rooms: A new approach to spurring action for the Sustainable Development Goals
The Brookings Institution and Rockefeller Foundation

This report provides a detailed breakdown of the 17 Rooms exercise, including analyzing the key components needed to have successful outcomes. It describes the initiative’s method for collaborative problem solving through the SDGs and highlights the benefits of the 17 Rooms exercise in identifying concrete next steps.

Learn more

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17 Rooms Annual Flagship Event
On the sidelines of the 2018 UN General Assembly, the Brookings Institution and the Rockefeller Foundation launched the 17 Rooms initiative to channel collaborative energy and ideas into practical steps toward reaching the SDGs. The event has turned into an annual event, which in 2020, was adapted into virtual convenings with a focus on actions toward building back better from the COVID-19 pandemic through the SDG framework.

Great transitions: Doubling down on the Sustainable Development Goals, 2020
Coming together: Forging new paths to action for the Sustainable Development Goals, 2021

17 Rooms-U @ Georgia Tech
Universities have led the way in piloting their own “17 Rooms-U” efforts around the country, such as the “17 Zooms” event held at Georgia Tech in 2020. Each room included a mix of faculty, staff, and students who identified ideas for advancing their corresponding SDG at Georgia Tech. These were compiled into a report of 56 key takeaways. The report includes a description of each recommended action, connections to the university’s strategic plan, and an estimate of required resources.

Georgia Tech 17 Rooms – Recommended actions
17 Rooms-U @ George Mason University
In 2021, George Mason University’s Institute for Sustainable Earth (ISE) and the Better World Center coordinated a 17 Rooms-U event for students, staff, faculty, and other university stakeholders. GMU held 3 preparatory convenings before a larger gathering in October 2021. After the 17 Rooms-U summit, GMU announced winners of seed funding awards, with many of the selected projects addressing at least one SDG.
Learn more

17 Rooms @ Carnegie Mellon University
Carnegie Mellon University used the 17 Rooms exercise as a foundation to bolster stakeholder engagement for its 2020 Voluntary University Review. Over the course of two weeks, students, faculty, and staff met virtually to explore ongoing campus-led actions that correspond with a particular SDG.
2020 Voluntary University Review

17 Rooms @ Central Florida Regional Partners
Under the theme “Partnership for the Goals: Creating a Resilient and Thriving Community,” the 17 Rooms exercise brought dozens of local leaders together in conversation on a specific SDG, including partners from the Central Florida Foundation, City of Orlando, and the University of Central Florida.
Learn more
Data Dashboards

Tools like interactive trackers and dashboards bring the SDGs to life by allowing individuals to visualize data and access measurements of progress, often in real time. These tools encourage public engagement in their community’s work on sustainable development while also providing means for accountability. The data can also help to drive decision making and identify gaps and areas of need. Interactive dashboards are increasingly incorporating narrative storytelling alongside quantitative metrics. They also can layer disaggregated data that captures characteristics like gender, race, and age, as well as geographic and location specific data to add further insights.

RESOURCES

Open SDG
Open SDG is an open source platform for communities of all sizes to gather, disseminate, and track data related to the SDGs. It is the result of a collaboration between the UK Office for National Statistics, the U.S. government, the nonprofit Center for Open Data Enterprise, and members of the Open SDG community. It is built exclusively with open-source libraries and tools, and can be hosted and maintained using free services.
Learn more

Open Source SDG Data Reporting for Local Governments
The team behind Los Angeles's open source SDG data platform created an open wiki and blog as resources for local governments that are interested in creating a similar platform for their own cities.
Los Angeles SDGs Wiki
Blog: Open Source SDG Data Reporting for Local Governments, 2020
IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES

**Aloha+ Dashboard and Aloha+ Goals Scorecard**
The Aloha+ Dashboard tracks Hawaii’s progress across the SDGs and is organized into six priority areas using community-driven metrics. The metrics were co-developed through a four-year stakeholder engagement process facilitated by Hawaii Green Growth. The dashboard tracks over 280 indicators using both narrative descriptions and quantitative trends to inform statewide and county-level decision making. Community working groups continue to update the data, identify new metrics, and establish priorities based on trends revealed by the dashboard.

[Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard](#)

**SDG Funders and SDG Indicator Wizard**
Candid

SDG Funders is the most comprehensive dataset on how philanthropic investments align with the SDGs. The dashboard displays funding by goal, region, country, and population group, including over $170 billion from U.S. funders since 2016. The accompanying Indicator Wizard identifies which SDG targets and indicators are related to an organization’s strategic priorities, objectives, and mission statements.

[SDG Funders](#)

**Los Angeles SDG Activities Index**
The SDG Activities Index is an open source, online encyclopedia of people and organizations doing work to advance the SDGs in Los Angeles. Users can filter projects and organizations by their alignment with individual SDGs to learn about ongoing work and opportunities for collaboration. The dashboard was developed with the Center for Open Data Enterprise.

[LA's SDG Activities Index](#)
Localizing the Goals and Measuring Progress

The ability to track performance and target resources effectively is the backbone of the SDGs. But oftentimes indicators and other tools to measure progress do not easily translate to communities’ or non-national entities’ realities and priorities. As a result, localizing the SDGs has evolved from directly implementing SDG national targets and indicators to adapting and modifying the targets and indicators to fit the unique context and setting. Communities, businesses, foundations, and universities are developing methods to localize the SDG framework to best measure their progress on the SDGs.

RESOURCES

The Local Data Action Solutions Initiative
Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

SDSN’s Local Data Action Solutions Initiative aims to identify and promote replicable methods for sub-national SDG monitoring that facilitate local action. It includes a library of case studies on how to monitor and implement the SDGs at the city and regional level.
Learn more

Hacking the SDGs – Can U.S. cities measure up?
Urban Institute

The majority of SDG targets are relevant to U.S. cities and data is generally available to track progress locally, although gaps exist. This report provides recommendations to help fill the data gaps and create conditions for better use of data to drive local progress on the SDGs.
Learn more
Leading the charge on the SDGs: Best practices for CEOs & corporate leaders
Verizon and Devex

Effectively harnessing the power of business leaders for the SDG agenda is instrumental in meeting the targets by 2030. This report outlines practical steps corporate leaders can take to align their companies with the SDGs and accelerate their sustainability and social impact commitments while maintaining profitability.

Learn more

Measuring Stakeholder Capitalism: Towards Common Metrics and Consistent Reporting of Sustainable Value Creation
World Economic Forum

This white paper outlines a core set of metrics that businesses can use to align mainstream reporting on performance to environment, social, and governance (ESG) indicators and track contributions towards the SDGs.

Learn more

Classifying SDG Trajectories: A country-level methodology for identifying which issues and people are getting left behind
UN Foundation and the Brookings Institution

This report offers a harmonized methodology for quantifying and measuring progress on the SDGs, with a special emphasis on the goal of leaving no one behind. It includes a framework for comparing indicator trajectories across issue areas to identify gaps and areas for prioritization. It also includes a method for estimating the human consequences of falling short on targets. This methodology can be applied to countries, states, and cities at different stages of development.

Learn more
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DISCOVER in Southwestern Pennsylvania - Defining Intersectional Sustainability to Collaboratively Optimize for a Vibrant and Equitable Region
As a measurement project and network of organizations from Southwest Pennsylvania's Allegheny County, DISCOVER fosters regional engagement to create sustainable growth and ensure long-term progress for local communities. By using the SDGs, DISCOVER goes beyond data and measurement, creating a shared, inclusive framework for measuring progress, coordinating communications, and driving interventions toward regional sustainability outcomes and policies.
Learn more (Pg.49)

West Central Initiative
West Central Initiative is a Minnesota-based community foundation that has adopted the SDGs as a roadmap, noting that the SDGs act as a “connective tissue,” tying everything they do together.
West Central Initiative Annual Report 2021
A conversation on the rural midwest and the SDGs, UN Foundation

Thrive Central Florida
Thrive uses the SDG indicators to measure progress in the Central Florida region across five impact funds: economic stability, healthcare, livability, education, and community and social connection. Each social impact fund has a set of SDG indicators that are reported on through an online platform.
Learn more

Accelerating education for the SDGs in universities: case studies
SDSN

Universities in the United States and around the world are finding creative ways to embed the SDGs in their courses, research, and
community activities. This collection of case studies offers tangible examples of how universities are advancing the SDGs with a particular focus on how they are helping learners develop the skillset to solve complex challenges at the heart of the Goals.

**Education for SDGs**

**Localizing targets and indicators for cities**

*Los Angeles*

To support implementation of the SDGs, the City of Los Angeles worked with four universities to localize the framework for its context. They developed a methodology for assessing the applicability of SDG targets for its community and offered revisions that preserved the target’s original intent. They also explored ways to add local context and priorities, for example adding new indicators to understand disparities faced by LGBTQ+. This process led to the targets and indicators used in the Los Angeles Data Reporting Platform and Voluntary Local Review.

*Why localization matters: Implementing the SDGs in Los Angeles*

*Los Angeles SDG Data Reporting Platform*
Leaving No One Behind

The central ambition of the SDGs is to leave no one behind. This rallying cry is especially critical for the United States today, as it responds to and recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, addresses climate change, and confronts racial and other social inequities. Ensuring no one is left behind requires a collective effort on issues like poverty, hunger, inequality, environmental resilience, and education that are all included in the SDG framework. Actors around the country are using the SDGs to understand and address systemic barriers and build more resilient and equitable societies.

RESOURCES

Never more urgent: A preliminary review of how the U.S. is leaving Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous communities behind
SDSN

This report uses the SDGs as a tool to evaluate how well the United States and individual U.S. states serve Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous communities compared to white communities. It reveals that the biggest disparities are across five major areas: justice, food and housing security, education, economic security, and health. Learn more

How the SDGs can help community foundations respond to COVID-19 and advance racial equity
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

This report presents an approach for community foundations to use the SDG framework in their work leading revitalization efforts, advancing racial equity, and recovering from the pandemic. It further identifies
SDG indicators to consider in relation to racial equity as well as 190 SDG indicators specifically relevant for the U.S. as a starting point for foundations.

Learn more

**Implementing the commitment to “leaving no one behind” in cities**

Cities Alliance

Cities Alliance and ODI explore what is new about the principle of “leaving no one behind,” and how local and national governments can act collaboratively in a way that enables progress for all towards achieving the SDGs.

Learn more

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**2021 American Youth Priority Report**

UNA-USA

This report compiles findings from a listening tour led by the 10th UNA-USA Youth Observer to the UN, Cynthia Yue. Yue held 22 sessions with American youth, finding young people are concerned about inequality. Every young person who participated in the tour said they either directly experienced or know someone who directly experienced inequality. SDG 13 on climate action was also an important concern.

Learn more

**A visualization exploring racial inequality in delivering the SDGs in the U.S.**

SDSN

SDSN’s report *In the Red: The U.S. Failure to Deliver on a Promise of Racial Equality* is accompanied by a data visualization that displays the geographic distribution of racial inequality in the United States. This interactive map allows users to see racial disparities by state and SDG
indicator, such as child poverty, employment, and incarceration. The data visualization underscores that on average white communities receive resources and services at a rate 3 times higher than the least served racial group in the United States.

In the red: A visualization exploring racial inequality in delivering the SDGs in the U.S.

**A Poor People's Pandemic Report: Mapping the Intersection of Poverty, Race and COVID-19 in the U.S.**
The Poor People’s Campaign and SDSN

The report connects data about COVID-19 deaths at the U.S. county level to other demographic characteristics to help understand the nexus of poverty, race and COVID-19. Findings show that poorer communities saw death rates nearly two times higher than richer communities.

**A Poor People’s Pandemic Report: Mapping the Intersection of Poverty, Race and COVID-19 in the U.S.**
Sector-specific Resources & Networks

The United States has seen a growth of networks focused on implementing the SDGs and building collaboration around sustainable development in various sectors. This section is a collection of sector-specific tools and networks.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Local leadership driving progress on the Sustainable Development Goals
The Brookings Institution

Building on the experiences of Brookings’ SDG Leadership Cities Network, this report documents the ‘SDG effect’ that participating cities are experiencing. The report includes lessons learned and recommendations for other local governments interested in accelerating progress on sustainable development.

Learn more

City Playbook for Advancing the SDGs
The Brookings Institution

This collection of how-to-briefs written by global practitioners documents case studies on advancing sustainable development and social progress at the local level.

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Why localization matters: Implementing the SDGs in Los Angeles
Los Angeles SDG Data Reporting Platform

The Sustainable Development Goals as Framework for COVID-19 Recovery in Cities and Regions
OECD

This policy paper presents survey results on how local and regional governments, primarily from Europe, have used the SDGs to shape COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategies. It outlines the benefits and challenges to using the SDGs including for measuring progress, regional cross-sector collaboration, and connecting local efforts to those of the national government.

Learn more

A territorial approach to the Sustainable Development Goals: a synthesis report
OECD

This OECD report documents key findings from OECD countries’ actions on localizing the SDGs to their benefit, including to improve vertical coordination.

Learn more
NETWORK: Local leadership on the SDGs Project
The Brookings Institution

The Brookings Institution is at the forefront of research on SDG implementation in cities. The project, Local Leadership on the SDGs, explores the bottom-up approach cities and communities are taking to drive local progress that contributes to global change. The Brookings Institution is a convener and resource for cities and local actors to implement the SDGs. Brookings launched and manages the SDG Leadership City Network, a community of senior government officials from 17 cities across the world that are in the vanguard of pursuing local achievement of the SDGs.

Learn more

BUSINESSES & INVESTORS

Leading the charge on the SDGs: Best practices for CEOs & corporate leaders
Verizon and Devex

Effectively harnessing the power of business leaders for the SDG agenda is instrumental in meeting the targets by 2030. This report outlines practical steps corporate leaders can take to align their companies with the SDGs and accelerate their sustainability and social impact commitments while maintaining profitability.

Learn more

The guide for business action on the SDGs
SDG Compass

The objective of the SDG Compass is to guide companies on how they can align their strategies to the SDGs. It focuses on 5 steps, including: understanding the SDGs, defining priorities, setting goals, integrating, and reporting and communicating.

Learn more
Measuring Stakeholder Capitalism: Towards Common Metrics and Consistent Reporting of Sustainable Value Creation
World Economic Forum

This white paper outlines a core set of metrics that businesses can use to align mainstream reporting on performance to environment, social, and governance (ESG) indicators and track contributions towards the SDGs.
Learn more

How your company can advance each of the SDGs
UN Global Compact

The UN Global Compact has cultivated a library of initiatives and resources aimed at helping businesses and their stakeholders access action-oriented platforms and tools to support SDG implementation and success.
Learn more

NETWORK: Global Compact Network USA
This network of U.S. businesses and subsidiaries aims to put private sector commitments on sustainability into action. It provides resources, guidance, and connections to advance progress on the SDGs and works closely with the UN Global Compact to advance the UN Global Compact Ten Principles.
Learn more
PHILANTHROPY & FOUNDATIONS

Community Foundations of Canada

This resource provides best practices and practical frameworks for community foundations to utilize the SDGs to theirs and their community’s benefit.
Learn more

SDG Resources for Foundations
Council on Foundations

As part of the Council on Foundations’ support for grantmaking foundations and corporations, it offers resources, tools, and events to engage philanthropy in advancing progress on the SDGs and to share best practices. This includes a resource library dedicated to the SDGs as well as ongoing events and webinars.
Learn more

NETWORK: SDG Peer Learning Community for Community Foundations

This group of community foundations meets virtually each month to discuss their work through the lens of the SDGs, with the primary focus being expanding the SDGs in the U.S. through community foundation actions.
Learn more
Resource series for U.S. universities to engage with the Sustainable Development Goals
UN Foundation

Public and private universities of all sizes across the United States have already begun adapting the framework to the university context. This series of resource guides is informed by their experience and strategies and is created to help other U.S. universities engage with the SDGs across their educational, research, and operational activities.

Accelerating education for the SDGs in universities: case studies
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Education for SDGs

NETWORK: University Global Coalition

The University Global Coalition is a global platform of universities and other higher education organizations committed to working together and in partnership with the United Nations (through UNITAR), SDSN, and other organizations in support of the SDGs both locally and globally through their education, research, and service missions.

Learn more
**NETWORK: Sustainable Development Solutions Network USA**
SDSN

The SDSN USA network brings together researchers, knowledge creators, and thought leaders to mobilize expertise on the SDGs in the United States and to understand and address sustainable development challenges at the local, state, and national levels. The network focuses on higher education institutions as key actors to implement and mainstream the SDGs. They convene and produce reports, such as *Accelerating Education for the SDGs in Universities*, as resources to further SDG action.

[Learn more](#)

**INDIVIDUALS**

**NETWORK: United Nations Association of the USA**
The United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) is a movement of Americans dedicated to supporting the United Nations. With over 20,000 members, 60 percent under the age of 26, and more than 200 chapters across the country, UNA-USA members are united in their commitment to global engagement and their belief that each person can play a part in advancing the UN’s mission and achieving the SDGs.

[Learn more](#)