

SDG4UNiS

Theme: Making SDGs a reality

Background

In September 2015, Heads of State and Government agreed to set the World on a path to sustainable development through the adoption of the Agenda 2030. The Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which set out quantitative objectives across the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development – all to be achieved by 2030. The SDGs provide a framework for shared action to be implemented by all countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnerships.

As one of the stakeholders, universities occupy a unique position in society and therefore have a critical role to play towards the realization of the SDGs. Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning are not only mind-changing Environments but also birthplaces for innovations through technological advancements. However, how has this led humanity not only to act smarter but also sustainably? Has the public's expectations and concerns in terms of affordability been considered? What are the possible approaches and challenges of know-how transfer from lecture halls to making SDGs a reality?

Thus the SDG4UNiS project seeks to actively engage the universities; directly through research and teaching of SDGs and indirectly through dialogue between the North and South so as to harmonize the different perspectives towards the realization of the SDGs.

Specifically, the SDG4UNiS project seeks to:

- To encourage, support and promote the teaching of SDGs and innovations for sustainable development solutions as a topic within the universities.
- To advocate for national and international support for a full spectrum of research approaches needed to address the SDGs.
- To initiate and facilitate North-South, South-South and cross-sectoral dialogue and action on SDG implementation.

Target Groups

Students, Academia, and researchers with an interest in sustainable development
