

17 goals to transform the world to #the world we want

A call for action by all countries to promote prosperity while protecting the planet



U of T,
a global leader
in sustainability

2024 QS World University Rankings: Sustainability

Rank	University	Select Lens
1	 University of Toronto Toronto, Canada	 Shortlist
2	 University of California, Berkeley (UCB) Berkeley, United States	 Shortlist
3	 The University of Manchester Manchester, United Kingdom	 Shortlist

U of T Scarborough is leading in assessment,
reporting, and action towards the Sustainable
Development Goals (SDGs)



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**Sustainable
Development
Goals**

SDGs@UofT

VISION

Position U of T as leaders in convergence research that **empowers positive actions on the SDGs** and **informs future global goals** for an equitable and sustainable future.

MISSION

Be a **global powerhouse** of knowledge that enhances learning, catalyzes equitable action, and facilitates inclusive outcomes on the SDGs through an innovative network of faculty, trainees, and partners.

WHY RESEARCH IN

SDGs?





OUT OF THE 17 UN SDGs...



of SDGs achieved 

1



of SDGs with some remaining challenges 

8



of SDGs with significant remaining challenges 

4



of SDGs with major remaining challenges 

4





**GLOBAL CLIMATE
& SDG SYNERGY
CONFERENCE** ▶▶

NEW YORK
16 JULY
2023

- **Only 12-17% of SDGs are on track.**
- **Need to localize ideas and change** – perhaps at the country or city level.
- Need to engage **community** in the tracking and action towards the SDGs.
- **Need to move away from generalities and towards evidence-based actions.**
- We must show that the next 7 years will differ from the first. **AND the actions must be credible.**

2025 Sustainability Summit

The Vision

The Sustainability Summit will distinguish itself by seamlessly integrating academic research and outcomes with the collective wisdom, unique perspectives, and hands-on experiences of non-academic stakeholders to address these challenges.

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The Sustainability Summit will create a space for diverse thought leaders – ranging from researchers to representatives from the public, private and civil society sectors to policy makers – to forge innovative and inclusive solutions to address the challenges outlined by the SDGs, while developing an inclusive, equitable and sustainable framework.

Sustainability Summit is designed for action

Pre-Summit: YOUTH

Highlight youth-led and/or youth-focused perspectives and initiatives that address SDGs



Day One: 17 ROOMS

Spotlight community visionaries and champions who are responding to community needs for transformative change, as well as the promise and potential of the SDG framework for achieving transformative change



Day Two: SIX TRANSFORMATIONS

Focus on transformations related to societal challenges that cut across several SDGs



Day Three: INTERVENTIONS

Focus on designing interventions that can assist in promoting social justice and equity for all in connection to the achievement of the SDGs

Transformation 6:
Advance digital transformations
for sustainable development.



Transformation 1:
Make education visible
and accessible for all
genders, races, creeds,
and vulnerable
populations.

Transformation 5:
Advance
sustainable
cities and
communities.



Transformation 2:
Advance inclusive
and equitable
health and well-
being
for all,
regardless of
demographic.

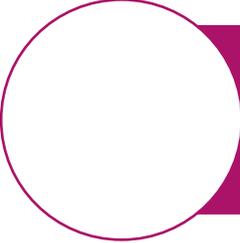
Transformation 4:
Cultivate sustainable
food, land, water and oceans,
and secure food and water
supply systems,
while maintaining global health.



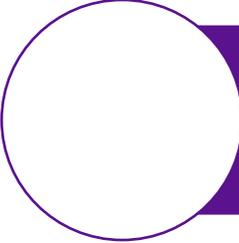
Transformation 3:
Facilitate inclusive and
equitable energy decarbonization
providing the framework
for universal access.

Sachs, J.D., et al., *Nat Sustain* 2, 805–814 (2019).

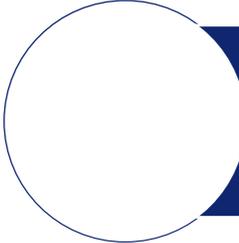
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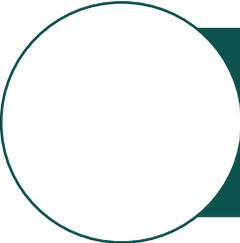
DELIVER presentations, dialogues and debates that address various aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework for achieving transformative change.



FORGE new and reinforce existing collaborations and partnerships among academia, government, industry and community organizations to advance the SDGs.



SHARE knowledge on transformations related to societal challenges that span across several SDGs.



ENSURE that the six transformations designed to achieve the SDGs will focus on societal challenges that are intentionally polarizing, inviting provocative debates and dialogues.

Additional Program Activities

- Sustainability summit “news desk”
- Livestream and recorded plenaries and sub-session
- Videos and podcasts
- Social media campaign and sizzle reels
- Exhibit showcase
- VIP dinner
- Summit reception

OUTCOMES

BUILD brand awareness for U of T as leaders in the SDGs and similar frameworks.

COMMISSION six discussion papers that include policy and practice recommendations, commissioned for, and discussed at the Sustainability Summit

Meaningfully **ENGAGE COMMUNITY** members in the discussion and action on SDGs at the local level

SUPPORT the deployment of innovative solutions aimed at advancing the SDGs, resulting from a diverse, community-engaged co-creation process by triads of academics, professionals from government and industry, and leaders from civil society.

INFLUENCE the global discourse, including policies, programs, and processes, through discussion papers commissioned for, and discussed at the Sustainability Summit.

Leapfrog Progress...!

