



**SDSN Uganda
National Consultative Workshop**

**30 June 2022
Golden Tulip Canaan Hotel
Kampala Uganda**

Objectives of the Workshop

- The purpose of the workshop is to bring together SDSN Uganda network members to:
 - Consult stakeholders on the preparation of the Sustainable Development Report (SDR) for Makerere University.
 - Disseminating the 2022 SDG report, with specific focus on Africa region and Uganda's progress on achieving the SDGs.
 - Discuss the operationalization of SDSN youth network in Uganda.

Introduction to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

The Global/UN SDSN

- Led by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs
- Operating under the auspices of the UN Secretary General since 2012
- Mobilizes scientific and technical expertise from academia, civil society, and the private sector for solutions-oriented problem solving



Global SDSN objectives

1. Support the implementation of the SDGs, Financing for Development, and the Paris Climate Agreement
2. Promote Solution Initiatives
3. Develop high-quality, free, online education via the SDG Academy
4. Develop SDSN Networks

The SDGs



1. Support for the SDGs

- SDSN has led thinking on the SDGs; with reports on:
 - “Getting Started” guides
 - SDG Index reports
 - Indicators for the SDGs
 - Data revolution
 - Financing for Development



SDG Index – Uganda Dashboards

UGANDA

Sub-Saharan Africa

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

COUNTRY RANKING

Uganda

140 /165

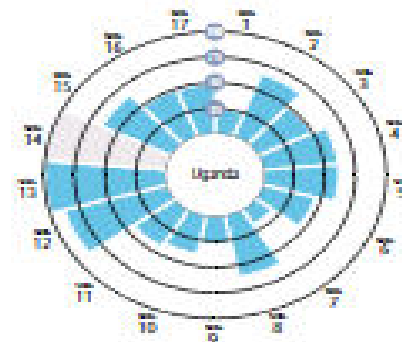
COUNTRY SCORE



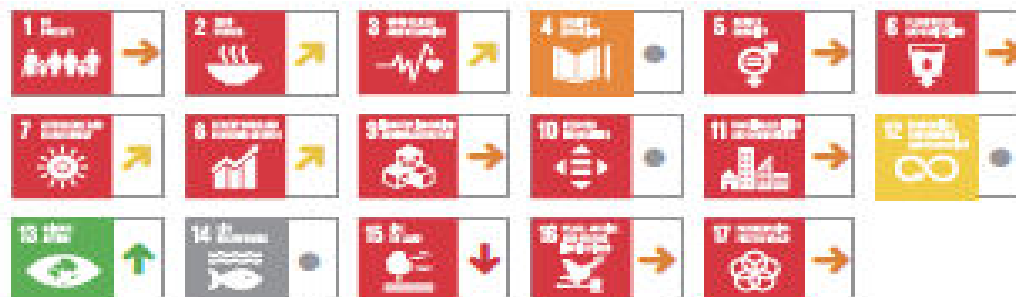
STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDEX
0 (WORST) TO 100 (BEST)



AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG



SDG DASHBOARDS AND TRENDS



■ Major challenges ■ Significant challenges ■ Challenges remain ■ SDG achieved ■ Information unavailable
↓ Decreasing → Stagnating ↗ Moderately improving ↗ On track or maintaining SDG achievement - Information unavailable

Note: The full list of Goal 7 "Affordable and Clean Energy" indicators and Goal 13 "Climate Action" indicators are not available and are not included in the dashboard.
 The full list of each SDG is available from: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

2. Solutions Initiatives

Solution Initiatives are projects that are:

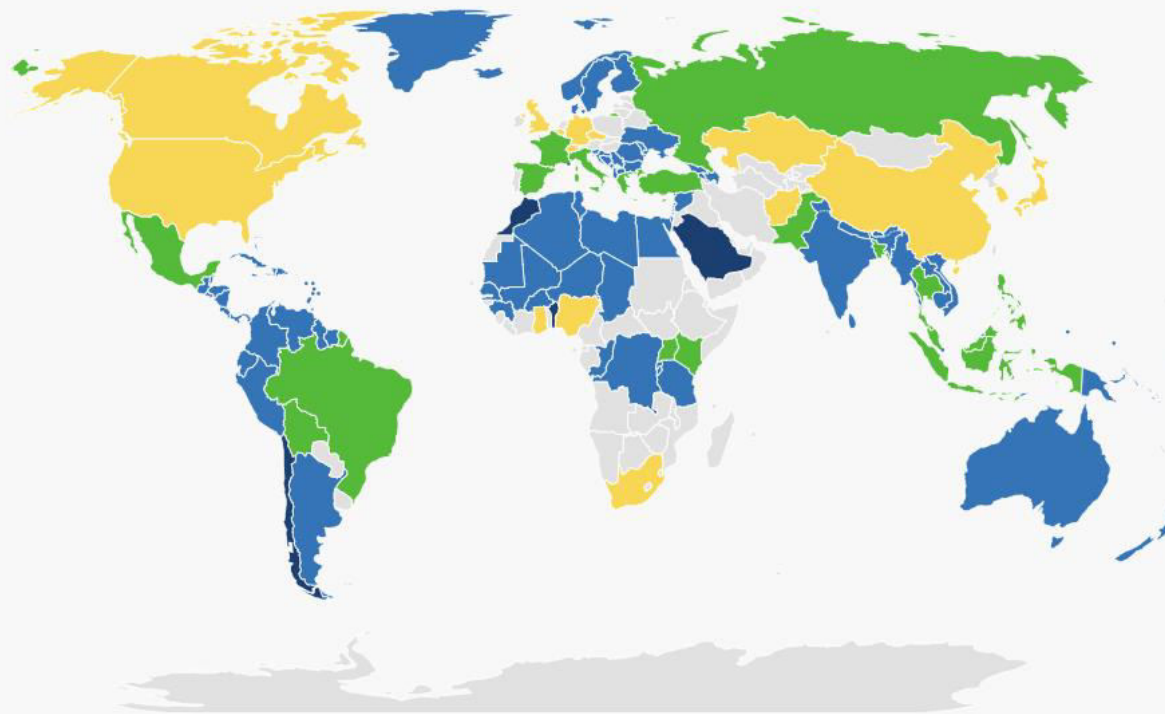
- **Innovative:** promote new technologies, business models, institutional mechanisms, and policies
 - **Transformational:** dramatically accelerate progress towards sustainable development
- Flagship initiatives like the Pathways projects: DDPP, FABLE

3. The SDG Academy

- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on sustainable development – 20+ courses launched
- Create an online university for sustainable development through collaboration with the best programs in the world



4. SDSN Networks



Legend

Some countries and geographical areas are covered by more than one network.

- Regional SDSN network
- National SDSN network
- Regional & National SDSN network
- SDSN network in development

5 Vital Roles of Universities

Through their “business as usual” activities, i.e. research, teaching, operations, community leadership, universities can provide:

1. SDG policy support
2. SDG-oriented research and development (R&D)
3. Incubation of new sustainable development businesses
4. SDG-based education
5. Multi-stakeholder convening

Networks mission

1. Localize and mobilize support for the SDGs
2. Support preparation of long-term pathways for sustainable development
3. Teach sustainable development, including through the SDG Academy
4. Vet and launch solution initiatives

SDSN Uganda

The SDSN Uganda National Network

- Approved by the Networks Strategy Council of the UN SDSN – Nov. 2019
- Appointed Makerere University to host the national network
- Launched in April 2021
- Coordinated under College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), Makerere University
- Secretariat in Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovations (MUCCRI)

Our vision of success

Mobilizing universities, research and knowledge centers, civil society, private sector, communities and special interest groups to identify and implement transformative solutions to achieve the 2030 sustainable development agenda and the Paris Agreement on climate change in Uganda and the East African region.

Our objectives

1. Build awareness and knowledge on SDGs, including supporting high-quality, free, online education via the SDG Academy, short term trainings etc.
2. Research on sustainable development solutions
3. Building partnership and conducting multi-stakeholder dialogues
4. Support dialogues and provide advice to policy and decision-makers
5. Support a vibrant SDSN Youth Network in Uganda

1. Building awareness of the SDGs

- Supporting SDSN in production and disseminate SDG reports, global African SDGs index reports
 - SDSN has led thinking on the SDGs with the reports
- Delivery short term and professional trainings in member universities
- Supporting participation in online education e.g. massive open online courses –MOOCs – through the SDG Academy
- Supporting experiential learning



2. Research on sustainable solutions

- The network will promote multi-disciplinary research that will generate evidence-based solutions for enhancing the achievement of SDGs at the national and local levels.

3. Partnerships and multi-stakeholder dialogues

- Create platforms for building partnerships and dialogues.
- Platforms will create thinking spaces for academia, think tanks, government, researchers, private sector, business and civil society
- Work closely with GoU - the SDGs Secretariat at OPM to mobilize action

4. Support dialogues and provide devise policy and decision-makers

Offer evidence-based advice to decision-makers engaged in politics, government, business and society to fill SDG policy gaps and motivate positive change towards implementation and achievement of SDGs.

5. Youth empowerment – SDSN Youth

- Will have a youth wing, the SDSN Uganda Youth
- Empowering the youth to create sustainable solutions that address development challenges.
- Youth Wing will focus on:
 - Educating young people about the SDGs and create pathways
 - Connecting young people to global networks to collaborate to achieve the SDGs in Uganda
 - Supporting young people in developing and scaling innovative solutions for the SDGs

Our thematic focus

1. Agriculture and food systems, in support ending poverty and hunger (SGDs 1 &2)
2. Improved Health – SDG 3
3. Natural resources and ecosystem health: SDG 6 (water and sanitation) and SDG15 (life on land),
4. Renewable energy and energy efficiency: to end energy poverty - SDG7 affordable and clean energy.
5. Sustainable Cities: Inclusive, Resilient, and Connected (SDG 11
6. Climate compatible development (SDG 13)
7. Gender equality responsiveness (SDG 5) – cross cutting

Approved SDSN Members in Uganda

1. Makerere University – hosts SDSN Uganda
2. Ndejje University
3. Uganda Christian University
4. National Coffee Research Institute (NaCORI)/National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO)
5. Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST)
6. African Climate change Leadership Program
7. Uganda Technology and management University (UTAMU)
8. School of Hygiene - Mbale
9. Uganda Coalition for Sustainable Development

Makerere University Sustainable Development Report (SDR)

Purpose of the Makerere University SDR

To produce a SDR that:

- Positions MAK as a leader in the Sustainable Development arena;
- Can be used to engage and mobilize internal and external stakeholders to further the University's strategic intent to become a leading university in Africa.
- Fosters the realization of the University's vision of being a thought leader of knowledge generation for societal transformation and development.

Rationale of the MAK SDR

- The UN 17 SDGs are our world's call to action on the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing humanity and the natural world.
- With their unique role in creating and sharing knowledge, universities have a direct role in addressing the challenges set out in transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- MAK recognizes that it is an integral part of society, and as such is a significant contributor to the positive shaping and evolution of the world we live in.
- Sustainable development is an institutional strategic focus area, and enables us to give expression to our purpose, ensure ongoing relevance and impact, and push the boundaries of knowledge and practices for a better world.

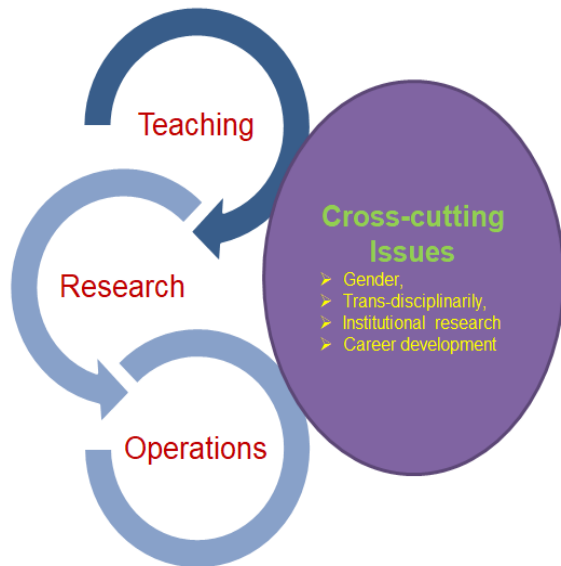
Rationale - 2

- Through its strategic plan, MAK is committed to the values of sustainable national development and is fully aware that its activities can produce significant impact.
- Through its core roles teaching and learning, research, and community engagement, MAK is playing a leading role in the achievement of SDGs.
- The SDR will document the university's contribution to achievement of SDGs, increase its visibility, but also identify gaps to be addressed to foster sustainability

Aims of the MAK SDR

- Articulating the philosophical position on sustainable development across research, teaching and operations
- Taking stock of evidence base on knowledge, solutions, innovations, technologies and pathways supporting the implementation of SDGs
- Identifying gaps, successes and opportunities for learning and increasing impact on sustainable development
- Fostering internal and external stakeholder collaboration and mobilization in support, resources and partnerships for realizing sustainable development

The focus



The main questions/focus

- How is the university curricula relevant and contributing to achievement of SDGs?
- How are the university research/project aligned and enhancing the achievement of SDGs
- How sustainable are the university operations in relation to achievement of SDGs (fleet management, waste management, energy and water efficiency, greening of university etc)
- Do we focus on all SDGs, or we select a few?

The methodology (Group work)

- Qualitative and quantitative
- Case studies: From selected Colleges/Schools, programmes/curricula (Group 1)
- Projects/Research mapping; we can selected a few research/projects for deeper analysis (Group 2)
- Publication metrics – SDGs publication mapping e.g. Scopus search queries (Group 3)
- Do we focus on all SDGs, or we select a few?
- Funding sources?

Thank you!

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