



# 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	 <b>University of Toronto</b> Toronto, Canada	 Shortlist
2	 <b>University of California, Berkeley (UCB)</b> Berkeley, United States	 Shortlist
3	 <b>The University of Manchester</b> 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.



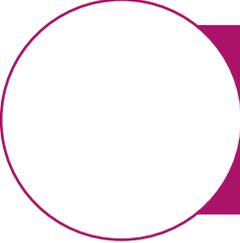
**Transformation 2:**  
Advance inclusive  
and equitable  
health and well-  
being  
for all,  
regardless of  
demographic.

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

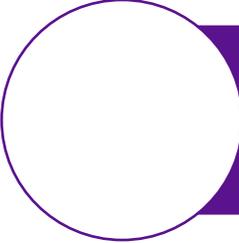


**Transformation 3:**  
Facilitate inclusive and  
equitable energy decarbonization  
providing the framework  
for universal access.

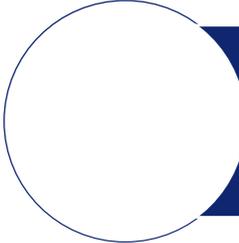
# OUTPUTS



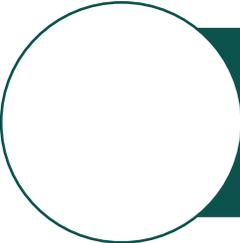
**DELIVER** presentations, dialogues and debates that address various aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework for achieving transformative change.



**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...!

