



One of the most appealing results of the SDG project is the creation of a large number of 'SDG Communities' that help in the co-creation of relevant databases, exchange of information and experiences and explore venues for further research. Below some of the most prominent communities and their links are listed (status May 2021). The book provides further details on how to access and use the information gathered in these platforms.

- ***IISD SDG Knowledge Hub:*** For daily and free SDG news, expert commentary, includes a searchable database that can be filtered by SDG, issue, global partnership, actor, action and region. <https://sdg.iisd.org/news/>

- ***UN SDG Knowledge Platform:*** Knowledge hub of the UN Division for Sustainable Development Goals that provides wide access to information and knowledge for sustainable development. It contains databases, analytical tools and resources, and access to the Voluntary National Review Database (VNRs), inputs to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), the Partnerships Platform, SDG-related Topics. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

- ***Open SDG Data Hub:*** The Open SDG Data Hub promotes the exploration, analysis, and use of authoritative SDG data sources for evidence-based decision-making and advocacy. Its goal is to enable data providers, managers and users to discover, understand, and communicate patterns and interrelationships in the wealth of SDG data and statistics that are now available. Also provides access to the UN Sustainable Development Goals Reports. <http://www.sdg.org/>

- ***UN SDG Partnerships Platform:*** United Nations' searchable global registry of voluntary commitments and multi-stakeholder partnerships made in support of sustainable development and the 17 SDGs. The platform also facilitates sharing knowledge and expertise among multi-stakeholder SDG-related partnerships, as well as providing periodic updates on their progress. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/>;
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/about>

- **UN Sustainable Development News:** daily news coverage, special reports, feature pieces (text, audio, video, graphics) from the newsroom of the UN, related to sustainable development and the 17SDGs. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/news/>

- **The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC):** brings together multi-disciplinary researchers, practitioners, and policymakers for the purpose of improving governance and management, advancing understanding and creating sustainable solutions for commons, common-pool resources, or any other form of shared resources. Aimed at the exchange of knowledge among diverse disciplines, areas, and resource types and appropriate institutional design. Accessible resources include open-access journal articles; a digital library; online introductory education material; databases and methods. <https://iasc-commons.org/resources/>

- **GRI Sustainability Disclosure Database:** GRI's *SDG Target 12.6 Global-Tracker* displays an interactive world map to explore which countries have market regulations, policies or legislation in place with requirements for companies to disclose or report on non-financial factors: <https://database.globalreporting.org/SDG-12-6/Global-Tracker>.

- **UN Global Compact Academy'** offers learning experiences, virtual sessions, e-learning courses and an online community designed to enhance knowledge and skills for meeting sustainability objectives: <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/academy>

- **WBCSD SDG Learning Platform: SDG Essentials for Business.** Designed to help companies raise awareness and understanding of the SDGs to empower meaningful contributions, and to explore ways of becoming more involved – from ambition to action - in contributing to the transformational SDG-agenda. <https://sdgessentials.org/>

- **UN SDG: Learn:** a UN initiative that aims to offer relevant and curated learning solutions on sustainable development topics to individuals and organizations. Its Platform enables smart navigation through the growing wealth of various learning solutions including courses, tutorials, podcasts, analytical and other tools, and the expertise on topics related to SDG achievement. <https://www.unsdglearn.org/courses/> and <https://www.unsdglearn.org/microlearning/>.

- **Action Networks for the SDGs:** action-oriented networks and communities maintained by UN system entities or actors that focus on accelerating progress in sustainable development thematic areas, typically contributing to multiple interlinked SDGs. Action networks are useful in mobilizing resources, generating momentum and creating awareness, spurring tangible results in support of the objectives of the network, scaling up existing initiatives or catalyzing new SMART commitments and actions, <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/actionnetworks>; <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/browse/>.

- **The Resilience Alliance:** a networked international, multidisciplinary research organization that focuses on resilience in social-ecological systems as a basis for sustainability. Research and practical themes encompass the concepts of resilience, adaptation and transformation (between different levels or scales, from the household to the globe; comparisons and synthesizing information across different sectors and regions). Provides an open-access database of many (peer-reviewed) publications (articles, books, discussion papers), a practitioner's workbook for resilience assessment, and a glossary with key terms, concepts and definitions: <https://www.resalliance.org/>

- **The Human Rights Guide to the SDGs:** developed by the Danish Institute of Human Rights. Illustrates the human rights anchorage of the 17 SDGs by making concrete links between the 169 targets and the relevant range of (i) international and regional human rights instruments; (ii) international labour standards; and (iii) key environmental instruments. <https://sdg.humanrights.dk/en/instruments/overview/list>

- **SDG Academy:** The SDG Academy is an education initiative of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). It brings together the world's experts to create and deliver educational content on critical issues for the future of people and planet, including health, education, climate change, agriculture and food systems, and sustainable investment. Its materials are free, global in nature, based on science, taught by experts in their fields, accessible online and created in partnership with organizations from around the world. <https://www.unsdsn.org/sdg-academy>. To access free online educational resources and courses on SDGs: <https://sdgacademy.org/courses/>

- **WEF Strategic Intelligence:** Strategic insights and contextual intelligence from the World Economic Forum. Explore and monitor the issues and forces driving transformational change across economies, industries, and global issues by means of *Dynamic Global Transformation Maps*. Covers over 80 global strategic topics, ranging from artificial intelligence, biodiversity and human rights, to internet governance, values and international security. <https://intelligence.weforum.org/topics?type=Global+Issues>

□ ***The Value Balancing Alliance***: a non-profit alliance of multinational companies, founded in 2019, coming together with a common goal: to create a reliable global impact measurement standard for disclosing positive and negative impacts of corporate activity on people and the environment, and to provide guidance on how these impacts can be integrated into business steering. Companies play a crucial role to enable sustainable and inclusive value creation; it is hence paramount to identify, understand and ultimately manage businesses multiple impacts on society. The alliance is supported by major accounting firms, researchers and academia, in close cooperation with standard-setters. <https://www.value-balancing.com/en/downloads.html>; <https://www.value-balancing.com/en/our-work.html>.

□ ***International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)***: a global coalition of regulators, investors, companies, standard-setters, the accounting profession, academia and NGOs that promotes sustainability-aligned ‘integrated reporting and thinking’ within mainstream business practice as the norm in public and private sectors. <https://integratedreporting.org/resources/>

□ ***Science Based Targets Network***: (part of the ‘Global Commons Alliance’) aims to transform economic systems and protect the global commons – air, water, land, biodiversity and ocean – by developing methods (for cities and companies) to set science-based, integrated targets for an *equitable, nature positive, net-zero future*. By developing measurable, actionable, and time-bound objectives based in the best available science, SBTN equips businesses with guidance to move from doing “a little less bad” to “doing its fair share” to maintain the global commons and societal sustainability goals. <https://sciencebasedtargetsnetwork.org/resources/>