

SPRINGER NATURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS PROGRAM AND THE ROUNDTABLE

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by 193 countries in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The United Nations calls these 17 goals “an urgent call for action by all countries” to address some of the most pressing global issues of our time—from ending poverty and protecting our oceans to providing universal access to high-quality education. At Springer Nature, we’ve developed our own SDG Programme to connect the researchers who are working to address the world’s grand challenges and bring visibility to their discoveries and the resources we can share as a global community. Here are three of the ways that we’re delivering toward the SDGs:

1. We're supporting and amplifying the SDGs through the content that we publish

Through our books and journals, we are a leading publisher of SDG-related content that can have an impact on the decisions made by policy makers and business leaders. We are committed to opening up research and sharing it widely so that it reaches audiences who are working to address critical global issues.

2. We're innovating to support SDGs

We unite communities of people who are working to achieve the SDGs through new partnerships and new technologies so that important discoveries can be shared on the world stage. Our approach is interdisciplinary: we know that the physical, natural, applied and social sciences, and the humanities all have a role in finding long-term solutions for the SDGs.

3. We're acting as a responsible business

We are addressing the environmental and social impacts of our business and reducing the impact Springer Nature has on the environment: cutting our carbon footprint, setting targets to increase diversity and inclusion at the company, and contributing to programmes to support the research and education communities we work with. Our annual Responsible Business report outlines our strategy and the progress that we’ve made so far.



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Springer Nature will organize a virtual roundtable on SDG. Partnering with Times Higher Education (THE) and local academics and organizations such as International Islamic University Malaysia, United Nations Development Program, Worldfish, the roundtable will discuss topics from various angles:

- How sustainable goals increases the impact of research
- Research and the SDGs: an editor’s perspective
- How the Sustainable Development Goals are driving new performance metrics and helping to re-frame university rankings and our understanding of what excellence in higher education and research looks like
- SDG goals from the perspective of researchers, funders and policy makers

By organizing the roundtable, we hope to bring the academia community and the industry in Malaysia the trends and development of sustainable development goals and further support the publication and research in Malaysia to tie up with international growth.