

# NEWS

For the first time since the adoption of the SDGs in 2015 by the international community, the global SDG Index has decreased.



The Sustainable Development Report (SDR), was released on June 14 in an online launch event. The 2021 report includes the SDG Index and Dashboards to track progress on the SDGs. For the first time since the SDGs were adopted in 2015, the report states that the world lost ground on progress in 2020. Significant media coverage was generated by this year's report, and many top government officials from around the world (Finland, Austria, Slovenia, Thailand, and Georgia, among others) published statements reacting to the launch.

The report can be downloaded for free here: <https://www.sustainabledevelopment.report/>

Website: <https://www.sdgindex.org>

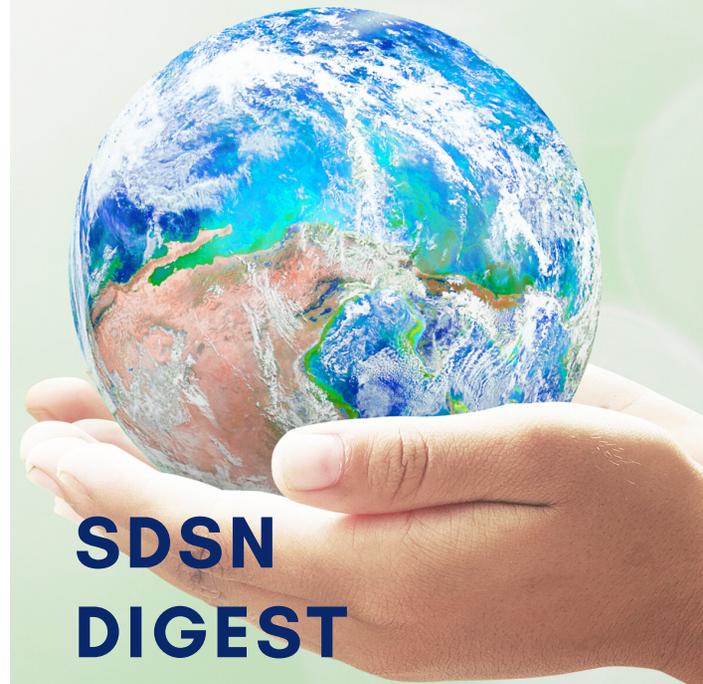
Data visualization: <https://dashboards.sdgindex.org>



**TSDG Action** is a new initiative launched by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) to support the UN's Decade of Action – the global effort to mobilize governments, businesses, and civil society to deliver the SDGs by 2030.

SDG Action is a resource for sustainability practitioners in all sectors and will bring timely analysis of the most pressing challenges. Its emphasis will be on identifying opportunities and providing tangible ways to accelerate progress. This website features articles from world-leading experts on all aspects of the SDGs and climate action.

Website: <https://sdg-action.org/>



# SDSN DIGEST

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# GRANT-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

## ***New Call for Projects, UEFA Foundation***

This call for projects is aimed at any organization that shares the values of the UEFA foundation and proposes practical measures to help children, in the areas of access to sport, health, education, employment, personal development and supporting vulnerable children.  
Deadline: Aug 15, 2021.

## ***Call for Applications, Scientific Product Grant Program, Wildlife Acoustics***

To support the advancement of animal biology research, habitat monitoring, and environmental conservation that provides scientists with resources to help further their research into the study of bats, birds, frogs, and other vocal wildlife.  
Funding information: up to USD 5,000 is available to be awarded each quarter.  
Deadline: Aug 15, 2021.

## ***Call for Applications, Merck Research Grants 2021***

To create new sustainable partnerships with leading global science and technology players to work on breakthrough science and to generate valuable seeds for future business.  
Funding information: amount of the grant(s) is EUR 40,000 - 450,000 per year/up to 3 years.  
Deadline: Aug 31, 2021.

## ***Small Research Grants on Education Program, Spencer Foundation***

The Supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived. The goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.  
Funding information: Budgets up to USD 50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years.  
Deadline: Sep 1, 2021.

## ***IMPACT 3rd Funding Round Open for Applications, Philip Morris International***

To support projects dedicated to reducing or preventing illegal trade, and countering its negative consequences for individuals, their families, and communities. Thematic areas: border control; capacity building; restorative justice and victims protection; networks engagement, awareness building and international cooperation; COVID-19 and the threat of illicit trade  
Deadline: Sep 15, 2021.

## ***Call for Proposals, Incentive Grants, World Health Organization***

For Young Researchers from Low- and Middle-Income Countries – Implementation Research to Scale-up National NCD Responses for Achieving SDG 3.4  
Deadline: Sep 30, 2021.

# EVENTS

**The Innovate4Cities conference (I4C)** is a global meeting that will bring together over 1,000 changemakers from numerous sectors with a promise to bring together science and innovation, policy and practice united by a common objective: enabling cities to take accelerated and more ambitious climate action. I4C's key theme is the Global Research and Action Agenda. Discussions stemming from this broader theme will address more specific topics, such as post-pandemic recovery, climate justice and green strategies.

The conference is now accepting submissions to enhance the conference program! Co-hosted by UN-Habitat and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCCoM), the conference will focus on reducing cities' carbon footprint and increasing overall resilience to climate change.

Submissions should focus on research and innovation across the themes inspired by the Global Research and Action Agenda on Cities and Climate Change Science, that resulted from the first Cities and Climate Change Science Conference in Edmonton, Canada in 2018.

Interested applicants should submit this form before 4 August 2021. **Submit Online**

