

Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals

Short Learning Programme



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Why Sustainable Development Goals?

This SLP will provide learning and content that will assist anyone who wants to learn more about the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda of 2030 and how to apply it. The SLP is ideal for professionals who work with legislation, climate change adaptation or other development units, Environmental Impact Assessments, and designated projects based on the SDGs.

The skills gained will help guide those engaging and leading Environmental Impact Assessments, ensuring sustainability concepts are incorporated into municipal planning, and equip participants with an understanding of how to interpret policies and legislative needs using SDGs as policy frameworks.

About the Course

The course introduces you to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is an introductory interdisciplinary short learning programme (SLP) to provide you with a basic understanding of and context to the SDGs (from African perspectives), the reasons for their existence, how they fit together in a comprehensive framework, as well as critiques levelled against the SDG Agenda. The 17 SDGs will be engaged in four groupings: social, economic, biophysical SDGs and SDG implementation.

A digital certificate will be issued on successful completion of the course that may be viewed and shared with third parties or possible employers through the UJ Digital Certificate platform.

This SLP is self-paced.

Work on your own terms, at the times and speeds that are most convenient for you, over a semester window.

The course is designed to be completed in about 50 hours. For example, you can complete it over five weeks by engaging in the course for ten hours per week or complete it over eight weeks by spending about 6 hours per week.



Goals & Objectives

On completion of this SLP candidates should be able to:

- Explain the origin, development and current context of the SDG Agenda.
- Discuss what the various SDGs are.
- Illustrate the interdependence between the social, economic and biophysical intentions of the SDGs, whilst also recognising the trade-offs.
- Recognise the institutional infrastructure in place to implement the SDGs.
- Reflect on the progress made with the implementation of the SDG Agenda thus far, the challenges to achieve the SDGs, as well as criticism against it.
- Relate the SDGs to the African Union's Agenda 2063 and South Africa's National Development Plan.

Important to Note

- **Sign up closes on:** currently open
- **Commencement date:** to be advised

Support will be provided by monthly webinars, a mid-programme check-in session and a closing session.

Sign up via this link: **Click here**

Should you have any queries related to the course, please email peetstraining@uj.ac.za