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SDG Expo

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ABOUT THE SDG INITIATIVE FROM INTERIM VICE PROVOST DR. HEIDI HOBBS

This year’s expo celebrates the culmination of the two year Campus Sustainable Development Goals initiative. There are many people to thank for their leadership in the Campus Sustainable Development initiative.

Critical to this effort was David Hawley, the former Assistant Director of Student and Community Affairs in the Office of Global Engagement, working with the Director of the University Sustainability Office, Carla Davis, and their Academic Working Group, led by Dr. Christopher Galik and Dr. Steph Jeffries. The SDG Course Inventory developed by Seth Murray, Director of Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Studies, CHASS, and a team of undergraduates, has been an important contribution to this effort. Support was also provided by Erin Sills, Head, Department of Forestry, CNR, Carolin Lehmann, former Communications Specialist for NC State Global and Jessica Bast, University Program Specialist in the Sustainability Office. More recently, Allison Haskins, Global Programs Coordinator, Maggie Agnew, Global Programs Assistant and Peyton Carrington, Communications Specialist for NC State Global have worked with Lani St. Hill in the Sustainability Office to make this Expo a success.

NC State remains committed to sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals, looking forward to new ways to engage.
THE SDG INITIATIVE

Beginning during the Fall 2021 Semester, NC State launched a campus programming initiative focused around the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This initiative lasted through the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years, and featured a wide array of programs each semester focused around a cluster of SDGs. The purpose of the SDG Campus Programming Initiative is to educate students at NC State as to what the SDGs are, why they are a blueprint for peace and prosperity in the world, and inspire them to take action in support of the goals on their campuses and in their local community.

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Throughout the two-year initiative, the Office of Global Engagement and campus partners facilitated 16 events with an attendance of over 1000 students on the topics of SDGs, career development, and sustainability at NCSU.

One main part of these events were the SDG@3 Discussion Series. SDG@3s were one-hour conversations with an NC State Faculty member, student organization, and community practitioner who briefly shared about what they are doing to make a difference related to a specific SDG. The SDG@3 series featured 11 faculty speakers from 11 different departments, 6 student organizations, and 5 organizations from the greater Raleigh area.

The initiative also featured two talks with Robert Skinner from the UN Department of Global Communications. His first talk focused on the role of the local community in the context of the Global SDG goals, and his second talk was on career development.

Finally, two SDG Expos were held at Talley Student Union. These Expos functioned as a chance for students to get to know faculty, courses, and programs that relate to the different SDGs, as well as meet with NCSU and community organizations that work in sustainability.

All these events were classified as “High Impact Experiences” by NCSU’s Honor’s program.
## SDG History

The 17 SDGs are built on decades of work by countries and the UN including:
- The June 1992 Earth Summit and Agenda 21
- The September 2000 Millennium Summit and the 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

## Events

### The Sustainable Development Goals: Connecting the Global to the Local

**September 1, 2021**

Speaker: Robert Skinner, Chief Partnerships & Global Engagement Department of Global Communications United Nations

### SDG@3: Goal 1, No Poverty

**September 8, 2021**

Speakers: Nora Haenn, NCSU Dept of Sociology and Anthropology; Elder Hannah Broom, Poor People’s Campaign

### SDG@3: Goal 2, Zero Hunger

**September 29, 2021**

Speakers: Bob Patterson, NCSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Maddy Smith, Feed the Pack

### SDG@3: Goal 3, Good Health & Well-Being

**October 27, 2021**

Speakers: James Kiwanuka-Tondo, NCSU Department of Communication; Megha Pb and Samantha Aiken, Rural Health Outreach Club
OPPORTUNITIES & CAREERS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

November 3, 2021
Speaker: Robert Skinner, Chief Partnerships and Global Engagement Department of Global Communications United Nations

SDG@3: GOAL 6, CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

November 10, 2021
Speakers: Ayse Ecrumen, NCSU Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources; Emma Guertin, NCSU WaSH

SDG@3: GOAL 7, AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY

January 19, 2022
Speakers: Andy Grieshop, NCSU Department of Civil Construction and Environmental Engineering; Emily Floess, Student Energy Club; Aidan Lake, Engineers Without Borders

SDG@3: GOAL 13, CLIMATE ACTION

February 16, 2022
Speakers: Robert J. Mera, NCSU Climate Change & Society Program; Andrew Laughter and Veerani Taylor, The Climate Reality Project
1ST ANNUAL SDG EXPO
March 3, 2022

SDG@3: GOAL 14, LIFE BELOW WATER; & GOAL 15, LIFE ON LAND
April 13, 2022
Speakers: Astrid Schnetzer, NCSU Department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences; Meredith Martin, Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources; Caroline Brenan, Marine Science Club

DID YOU KNOW?
Progress reports are produced annually to track and assess global and regional SDG implementation progress.

SDG@3: GOAL 4, QUALITY EDUCATION
September 7, 2022
Speakers: Haddy Njie, NCSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Sommer Stephens and Allison Potter, Global Ambassadors.

SDG@3 GOAL 5, GENDER EQUALITY
October 12, 2022
Speakers: Cameron Denson, NCSU College of Education; Maria Murray Riemann, WomenNC; Junho Yu, GLBT Community Alliance.
At the world summit in September 2019, world leaders called for a decade of action, aimed at accelerating sustainable solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges.
Beginning in 2020, a group of undergraduate students led by Dr. Seth Murray (Interdisciplinary Studies) embarked on a project to compile a database of undergraduate courses that relate to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The SDG Course Inventory with the identified courses was published on the University Sustainability Office’s website in April 2021 and has served as a resource for both students and faculty.

Since, the Sustainability Office has further supported this effort by evaluating graduate courses to complete the SDG Course Inventory. As of spring 2023, 838 graduate and undergraduate courses across 11 academic divisions (College of Science, College of Natural Resources, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Education, College of Engineering, Wilson College of Textiles, College of Design, Poole College of Management, College of Veterinary Medicine, and University College) have been added to the Inventory, highlighting the interdisciplinarity of sustainability-related courses offered at NC State.

You can learn more about the inventory and browse by college here: SDG Course Inventory