

WORLD SYMPOSIUM ON IMPLEMENTING THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

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EVENT DESCRIPTION

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- Escola de Engenharia / UFF
- Departamento de Engenharia Civil / UFF
- LATEC – Laboratório de Tecnologia, Gestão de Negócios e Meio Ambiente / UFF
- MSG – Mestrado em Sistemas de Gestão / UFF
- DSG – Doutorado em Sistemas de Gestão Sustentáveis / UFF
- NITS – Núcleo de Inovação e Tecnologia para a Sustentabilidade / UFF
- Sistema FIRJAN;
- Research and Transfer Centre “Sustainable Development and Climate Change Management”, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW Hamburg, Germany)
- German-Brazilian Science and Technology Network

SUPPORTERS

- UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- UNESCO
- Manchester Metropolitan University (UK)
- ADINGOR – Asociación para el Desarrollo de la Ingeniería de Organización
- ABEPRO – Associação Brasileira de Engenharia de Produção
- ABQ – Academia Brasileira da Qualidade

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Background

The process leading to the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been negatively influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic. The health crisis as a whole, and its substantial socio-economic impacts in particular, have led to many setbacks. These vary from the emerging of competing priorities, to restrictions in the availability of financial resources needed to implement the SDGs. The extent of this problem may be better understood if it is considered that there are at present doubts, as to whether the SDGs may be reached by 2030.

This state of affairs suggests that new - and innovative approaches- to support the implementation of the SDGs are needed. One of them is the support to regional implementation efforts across the various geographical regions, and the documentation and promotion of these experiences. It is also important to promote studies, research, projects and good practice, which illustrate how the SDGs may be implemented in practice.

It is against this background that the Symposium **"Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives"** is being organised. This is a parallel initiative to the Rio+30 event, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 30 years after UNCED.

Aims of the event

The main aim of the Symposium **"Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives"** is to support the acceleration needed for the implementation of the SDGs, by mobilising the **academic community, industry and the civil society** by generating information and communicating on experiences focusing on the SDGs deemed as being most important for the world regions. The specific objectives of the Symposium are as follows:

- i. to provide research institutions, universities, NGOs and enterprises all around the world with an opportunity to display and present their works in the implementation of the SDGs;
- ii. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of sustainable development projects aimed at implementing the SDGs, especially successful initiatives and good practice;
- iii. to discuss methodological approaches and experiences deriving from case studies and projects, which aim to show how the SDGs may be implemented in practice;
- iv. to network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for cooperation.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on the implementation of the SDGs available today across the world. To this purpose, papers submitted and accepted will be published in the book **"Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives"**. This is part of the World Sustainability Series, the leading peer-reviewed book series on matters related to sustainable development: <https://www.springer.com/series/13384>.

The Rio+30 framework offers a unique opportunity to critically discuss the progresses related to the realisation of the SDGs, and discuss the actions needed in order to speed-up their implementation.

Themes

The Symposium **"Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives"**, as the title implies, has a specific regional scope, tackling the SDGs in a way that it takes the particularities of each region into account. Consistent with this strategy, the "Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives" project consists of four high impact volumes. Some of the themes are:

- Innovative and sustainable use of resources (extraction of raw materials),
- Development, production, use and recycling of products,
- Environmental protection, environmental technologies,
- Life sciences and bioeconomics,
- Urbanization,
- Environmental management and businesses,
- Corporate social responsibility,
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation,
- Promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency,
- Sustainable agriculture,
- Conservation of biodiversity,
- Conservation and sustainable use of tropical forests,
- Management of protected and indigenous areas,
- Decarbonisation.

Other themes may also be considered. Together, the topics will guide policy-making and help to unlock investments, since they are tackling issues which deserve more attention in a Rio+30 context.

Profile of the participants

Delegates attending the Symposium **"Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives"** will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas, from both industrialised and developing countries. They are:

- i.officials at city, regional and national level concerned with the SDGs;
- ii.members of NGOs working with sustainable development;
- iii.researchers at universities and research centres;
- iv.teaching staff at universities;
- v.representatives from companies
- vi.representatives from development agencies working with sustainable development and executing projects on the ground;
- vii.project officers and consultants;
- viii.other people interested in the field.

The participation of doctoral students is warmly encouraged and supervisors/advisers are kindly requested to facilitate their participation. The sort of international exposure and the rich content of this Symposium will be beneficial to their work, and their careers.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for and the usefulness of integrated approaches towards implementing the SDGs and hence contribute to the further consolidation of this thematic area.





Deadlines

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30th October 2021
- Deadline for the submission of papers: 30th January 2022
- Deadline for registrations: 10th May 2022

Since the book is expected to be launched shortly after the event, the deadlines need to be followed. Delegates may also attend the event, without submitting a paper.

Fees and charges

A discounted fee of € 100 will be charged to delegates who register until 30th December 2021 (early bird registration). After that, delegates will need to pay the full fee of € 200. The reduced fee for MSc/PhD students is €50. The fee includes access to the event and to the presentations. Authors contributing to the book will have a PDF of their chapters and an electronic token with which they may download the book **"Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals-Regional Perspectives"** for their personal use.

Attendance to the event is by invitation only. Interested people and organisations are encouraged to submit their expressions of interest and abstracts first, after which they may receive an invitation to register. This is a self-funded event and the organisers are unable to subsidise costs of any kind. They are however happy to issue letters of invitation to support delegates to request funding for their participation.

Further information

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