UNU’s Vision

To generate knowledge with diverse global stakeholders
To equip people with the evidence needed to create
A secure, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

UNU is…

• A network for solutions-focused research
• A think tank for the UN System
• An immersive academic institution

Personnel - 2018

616
494 Contractor
73 Professional
49 General Service
38%
52%

UNU’s Postgraduate Students

185 Active Projects

93 PhD Students
44%
338
245 Master’s Students
59%

38% Personnel from Developing Countries
52% Female Personnel
9% Female Students
93% Students from Developing Countries

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UNU Sustainable Development Explorer - unu.edu/explore
UNU Science Blog - ourworld.unu.edu
“Transforming our world” the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)

- 169 targets
- 232 indicators

**Goals:**
1. **No Poverty**
2. **Zero Hunger**
3. **Good Health and Well-being**
4. **Quality Education**
5. **Gender Equality**
6. **Clean Water and Sanitation**
7. **Affordable and Clean Energy**
8. **Decent Work and Economic Growth**
9. **Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**
10. **Reduced Inequalities**
11. **Sustainable Cities and Communities**
12. **Responsible Consumption and Production**
13. **Climate Action**
14. **Life Below Water**
15. **Life on Land**
16. **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
17. **Partnerships for the Goals**
SDGs and Space

- No goal or target within SDGs on art, intellectual curiosity, entertainment, cultural diversity, ...
- No “space” or “satellite” in the 2030 Agenda/SDGs
  - “Earth Observation” in para 76
    - strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices and data systems

IAU Strategic Plan 2020-2030 *

- Goal 3: The IAU promotes the use of astronomy as a tool for development in every country
  - VI. Stimulate global development through the use of astronomy
  - Contribute significantly to at least half of all SDG indicators; develop a number of global OAD (office of astronomy for development) “signature” projects.

* https://www.iau.org/administration/about/strategic_plan/