

EASAC and the Sustainable Development Goals

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The Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs, are not an end for itself, they are a tool, among others, towards making our planet hospitable for humanity, and hence also for other forms of life, for a long period of time. EASAC and its member academies are all committed towards this goal in many ways: When selecting topics for their work, by linking their ongoing work to specific SDGs, when communicating, sometime when looking at their way of operating. Looking at the list of EASAC's reports illustrates all these points. EASAC and the member academies did share their experience on work towards a sustainable future and the SDGs during an IAP-sponsored meeting and will continue to do so. It is important to keep in mind, though, that the science community, and hence academies, must keep a very open door to free research and subjects that may not be directly related to the SDGs. Solutions don't always come from where they are expected.