

# Linking Veterinary Science Faculty Research and Activities to the UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals: The Role of the Library

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# The role of universities in the successful implementation of SDGs

- Conduct research to address the challenges of the SDGs
- Provide education and training that prepares students to become future to contribute to sustainable development
- Engage with local communities and stakeholders to identify and address sustainability challenges, and to promote sustainable practices
- Develop partnerships with other universities, governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector to collaborate on sustainable development initiatives
- Incorporate the SDGs into their institutional policies, strategies, and operations, and strive to be models of sustainable development



# Challenges of universities regarding SDGs

- Limited resources
- Not easy to identify and connect with collaborators
- Lack of awareness
- Difficult to measure the impact
- Difficult to communicate and report the evidence on SDG activities and research





# Can libraries support universities in the successful implementation of SDGs?



# The role of libraries in contributing to the SDGs

- Information Provision
- Research Support
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Education and Awareness
- Local Engagement
- Open Access and Knowledge Sharing
- Monitoring and Evaluation





# What more can libraries offer?



# Skills and expertise of academic librarians

- Information management (collection, dissemination, preservation, organization, communication, etc.)
- Sophisticated search skills
- Knowledge of IT infrastructure and metadata
- Access to information resources
- Established library tools and platforms (including repositories)





# Background

- Faculty of Veterinary Science
- Jotello F Soga Library





# Motivation for the project

- Sustainability-related reporting in higher education is an emerging space
  - rankings and funding
- Current and future societal challenges
- Information resources and databases link to SDGs
  - Examples:
    - Elsevier (Scopus)
    - Sustainable Development Goals Online collection from Taylor & Francis
    - OCLC Report ("Libraries Model Sustainability": The Results of an OCLC Survey on Library Contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals)
- University of Pretoria initiatives:
  - 2020 SDG Progress Report, Prof Kupe
  - South African SDG Hub
    - machine-learning-based classification tool



# Motivation for the project (cont.)

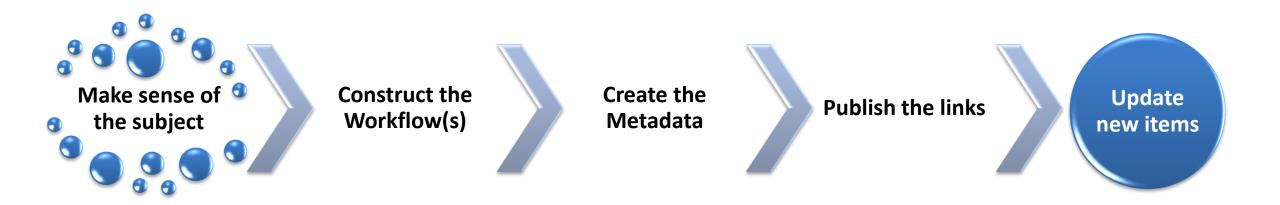
# Resources:

- Skills and knowledge (metadata)
- Access to information and resources (e.g., catalogue and collections)
- Institutional repositories (UPSpace)
- Subject guides



# **Process followed**

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin" – Tony Robbins





# Making sense of the content and subject area

# General and subject specific

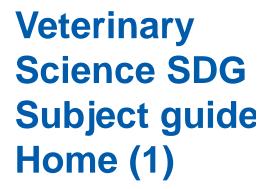
- Review relevant information
  - Wikipedia
  - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
  - Literature related to University's role in SDGs
  - Animal health related to SDGs (e.g., FAO)
  - Other
- Develop keywords





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# Veterinary Science: Sustainable Development Goals: Home

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#### About the UN Sustainable Development Goals

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, are a collection of 17 goals designed to provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. The 17 SDG's are an urgent call for action by developed and developing countries. Countries in Africa such as Ethiopia, Angola and South Africa worked with UN Country Teams and the United Nations Development Programme to provide support to create awareness about SDGs among many sectors like government officers, private sector workers, MPs and the civil society.

Everyone can contribute and the veterinary profession can also make sure the Global Goals are met. The veterinary profession should identify areas for which it has responsibility and where animals play an important role in the context of sustainable development. For example in SDG 3, owning a pet was mentioned as being associated with improved physical and psychological health of the owner. A better future is possible if we acknowledge that animals matter and that animal welfare is an important element of sustainable development. Adherence to animal welfare principles will lead to positive impacts for poverty eradication, food security, public health, climate change and biodiversity.

With this Libguide you can read more about the goals, find organizations to support and information to share. Our main aim with the Libguide is to highlight the Faculty of Veterinary Science contributions to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals through their research and activities.

(Sources: Wikipedia and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs)



#### University of Pretoria SDG News

- · UP releases first SDG progress report
  - UP's SDG report focuses on the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, and looks at how the University's operational activities and core functions of research, education and engagement are working towards achieving the UN SDG goals.
- South African SDG Hub

#### Animal Health and the SDGs

- Veterinarians' Contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) "Reflection paper"
- · Animal Welfare and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- The Veterinary Sustainability Goals
- Sustainable Development Goals and livestock systems

# **Veterinary Science SDG Subject quide**

Learn More about the SDGs (2)

# SDG Subject guide: Veterinary Science: Sustainable Development Goals: Learn More About the SDG's

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#### Resources About the SDGs

Below are selected courses, tools and resources related to the SDGs.





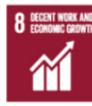














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#### Online SDG Courses

The SDG Academy

The SDG Academy is the Sustainable Development Solutions Network's flagship education initiative. The Network brings together the world's experts to create and deliver educational content on critical issues for the future of people and planet.

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#### Print Books in the Catalogue



Contested Ecologies by Lesley Green
(Editor) 

(Editor) 

(SBN: 9780796924285

ISBN: 9780796924285 Publication Date: 2013-09-15

#### Electronic Books in the Catalogue

Click here for a list of electronic books in the catalogue about the Sustainable Development Goals. (For UP Library staff and students only)

#### Open Education Resources and SDG's

Sustainable Nevelonment Ghale OFR's (OnenEd)

# **SDGs and Animal health**

"When animals and their habitats are healthy and cared for, every one of us benefits."

# Healthy animals can contribute to key SDGs







irreplaceable pathway out
of poverty for a billion
people, while offering
valuable nutrition for
communities.



Our mental health is a cornerstone of well-being, and **pets provide faithful support** during difficult, stressful times.





Healthier animals have a smaller environmental footprint, it's why the UNFAO says "animal health is necessary for sustainable livestock production.



# **Veterinary Science** SDG Subject guide: YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA **SDG-related Veterinary Science** Research at UP (3)

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#### SDG Goal 1: No Poverty



End poverty in all its forms everywhere. Protecting animal health can grow economies and lift hundreds of millions out of poverty. Many poor people around the world depend directly on livestock for their livelihoods. For them farm animals are a major asset - providing them with capital or their only source of income.

UP Faculty of Veterinary Science articles (Open access)

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#### SDG Goal 2: Zero Hunger



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. Farm animals play an important role in food security, providing protein in people's diets at global level. With our population rising, we must feed more people in the coming decade than ever before. Fewer animals lost to disease means less food waste and more milk, meat and eggs available for our tables. Livestock also provides animal traction and manure for fertilisation in crop productivity. Conserving wildlife are critical to reduce global hunger.

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#### SDG Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. Healthier animals mean healthier people. Food sourced from animals are important to nutrition and health but can also be a threat to human health. Some animal diseases are zoonotic which can infect humans. The livestock sector is also a major contributor to global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) - a rapidly emerging threat to human health. The One Health approach should be made a priority to attain optimal health for people, animals and the environment. Animal welfare also helps support long-term human health, which is integral to the physical and psychological health of communities

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- Animal health
- Pets
- Human-animal relationship
- One Health
- Zoonoses
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Animal welfare

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# **Keywords**

1. No Poverty	2. Zero Hunger		
Economic reliance:	Chronic hunger		
Animals for income	Food security		
Working animals	Animal resources inefficient		
Wildlife crimes	Food forests		
Poaching			
3. Good Health and Well-Being	4. Quality Education		
One Health	Humane education		
Anti-microbial resistance (AMR)	<ul> <li>Compassion, respect, proper care for animals</li> </ul>		
Factory farms disease breeding grounds	Animal cruelty		
Animal experimentation	Veterinary professionals welfare training		
Pet assisted therapy			
5. Gender Equality	6. Clean Water and Sanitation		
Women reliant on animals for livelihood	Water footprint of animals		
Livestock keepers	<ul> <li>Beef requires more water to produce than vegetables</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Women as veterinarians</li> </ul>	Livestock waste pollution		
Domestic violence/animal abuse linked	Pollution of waterways		
Women as animal protectors	Pharmaceuticals and illegal drugs in rivers		
7. Affordable and Clean Energy	8. Decent Work and Economic Growth		
Energy production methods	Reliant on animals for livelihoods		
<ul> <li>Harmful to local ecosystems</li> </ul>	Wildlife tourism		
Wildlife casualties	Major industry		
Use of working animals	Wildlife watching tours		
<ul> <li>High standards of animal welfare</li> </ul>	Consumptive tourism		
Reduce mortality and increase work output	Hunting and fishing		
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	10. Reduced Inequalities		
Replacing animal research	Wildlife crime is driven by economic inequalities		
Alternative protein industry (Plant-based)	High-risk jobs in the meat industry		

# **Keywords**

Reduce the impact of infrastructure on wildlife, animals and habitat  • Avoid wilderness areas  • Over- and underpasses for animals reduces roadkill  11. Sustainable Cities and Communities  Spay/Neuter and vaccination programs  • Control populations	Harm of animals linked to histories of oppression  • Veldfires  • Extermination of animals due to traditional beliefs  12. Responsible Consumption and Production  Increase in global food production  Alternatives to animal agriculture
Control the spread of zoonotic diseases Reducing violence toward animals     Safer communities     Animal cruelty linked to abuse of humans	Plant agriculture negative impact on animals  Land to support livestock must be returned to nature
Animal production emissions Biodiversity impact  • Species extinction  • Animal migration – the risk of spread of zoonotic diseases  • Ocean acidification destroying sea life Domestic and wild animals at risk from increased climate-related disasters  • Droughts  • Severe rain storms	Overfishing Aquaculture
15. Life On Land	16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
Ecosystems not human dominated Species extinction	Wildlife crime largest global trade
17. Partnerships for the Goals  Animal welfare and conservation recognized in international policy NGO's  Private industry behind ecotourism and animal-friendly advances	

# **Construct workflows**

- Identify content (collections)
  - Collections:
    - Articles
    - Theses
    - Activities
- Excel lists
  - To manage the workflow





Faculty research Veterinary Science collections

### Browse by



# Sub-communities within this community

- African Veterinary Information Portal 403
- Anatomy and Physiology 311
- Biomedical Research Centre 4
- Centre for Veterinary Wildlife Studies 58
- Companion Animal Clinical Studies 463
- Department of Library Services Collections 164
- Equine Research Centre 61
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- Production Animal Studies 639
- Researchers (Veterinary Science) ①
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- Veterinary Tropical Diseases 1174
- Veterinary Wildlife Unit 1

# Search UPSpace

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# **UPSpace** Institutional Repository

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# UPSpace Home → Veterinary Science → Anatomy and Physiology

# Anatomy and Physiology

# Browse by

Issue Date Authors Titles Subjects Supervisor UP Author UP Postgraduate Type

Search within this community and its collections:

# Sub-communities within this community

Christine Seegers Biomedical Illustrations 93

# Collections in this community

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- Research Articles (Anatomy and Physiology) 185
- Theses and Dissertations (Anatomy and Physiology) 24

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# Activities of the faculty

# History of the Faculty of Veterinary Science

# Browse by



Collection of material capturing the beginning and development of the Faculty of Veterinary Science.

### News

For inquiries regarding this collection or items in the collection, please contact Myleen Oosthuizen Tel.: +27 12 529 8007

# Collections in this community

- Arnold Theiler Memorial Lectures 22
- Early Veterinary Theses: University of South Africa, 1920-1950 12
- Faculty Day Posters 28
- Faculty Day Programmes 36
- Faculty of Veterinary Science Centenary Celebration, 2020 32
- Faculty of Veterinary Science Class Photos 125
- Faculty of Veterinary Science Speeches 7
- Faculty of Veterinary Science Web News 279
- OP News 31

# Metadata creation and tagging

- Tagging of veterinary science open access articles, theses and news articles – from 2015 when SDG initiative started
- Each item is tagged according to the SDG description and keywords extract from the description
- Consistency in terminology!
- Dublin Core field: dc.subject.other

# UPSpace Home → University of Pretoria: Research Output → Theses and Dissertations (University of Pretoria) → View Item

	matched vaccine candidate within a short space of time and holds enormous potential for the poultry industry.	
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dc.description.department	Production Animal Studies	
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# **Examples of the Tags in UPSpace**

# Tags for the different links in the Subject guide

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**Veterinary Science** 

Articles

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**Veterinary Science** Theses

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**Veterinary Science Activities** 



# **Building the links**

- Search in UPSpace
- Build search- string in Subject guide link
- Subject guide links to UPSpace

### UPSpace Home → Browsing by Subject

# Browsing by Subject "Veterinary science activities SDG-17"

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### Faculty collaborates with Tshwane Speaker's Office to expose learners to Veterinary Science

Van Blerk, Chris; University of Pretoria. Faculty of Veterinary Science (2016-06-02)

The visit was made possible by collaboration between the Faculty and the Office of the Speaker in the City of Tshwane. According to Ms Duduzile Malatsi, Deputy Director in the Office of the Speaker, the various departments ...

### Faculty DVTD staff attend 4th ICPOW and 50th annual PARSA conference

Marufu, Chris; University of Pretoria. Faculty of Veterinary Science; Van Blerk, Chris (2022-09-30)

The Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) recently celebrated its golden jubilee in style as the 50th PARSA Conference was held together with the 4th International Conference on Parasites of Wildlife from 11 ...

# Faculty hosts Research for Africa Network (ERFAN) workshop to improve research and collaboration between African countries

Van Blerk, Chris; University of Pretoria. Faculty of Veterinary Science (2017-10-10)

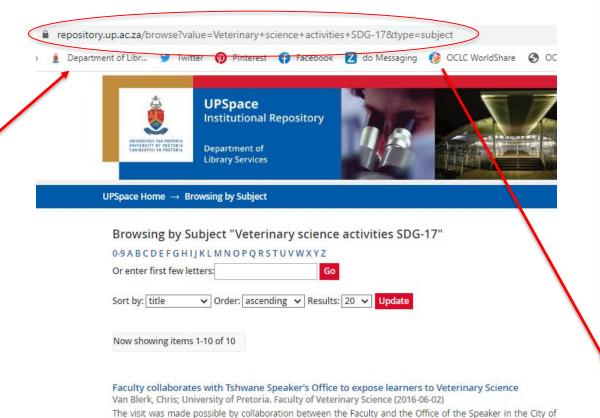
The event which took place on 4 and 5 October was organised by the Faculty of Veterinary Science (Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases) and the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale of Abruzzo and Molise "G.Caporale", ...



# **Retrieving the Links**

### Subject

Veterinary science activities SDG-1 [11]
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#### SDG Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals



Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development. To reach these goals and have a shared vision it requires partnerships between governments, private sector and civil society. In the animal and livestock sector stakeholders must join together to share knowledge, develops cutting-edge tools and promotes an integrated approach for sustainable livestock.

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#### Faculty showcases its CEn programme to the steering committee of the USRN

departments ...

Van Blerk, Chris; University of Pretoria. Faculty of Veterinary Science (2017-04-11)

The University Social Responsibility Network (USR Network/USRN) was inaugurated on 9 October 2015 in Hong Kong. It places emphasis on collaboration, coalition and networking among members and with other networks and ...

Tshwane. According to Ms Duduzile Malatsi, Deputy Director in the Office of the Speaker, the various



# **Publish the links**

energy in a wide range of production systems.

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health. Through tourism, agriculture and other industries, animals naturally form the backbone of economic growth and livelihoods in many communities.

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small producers should have access to markets.

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#### SDG Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities



Reduce inequality within and among countries. Livestock are a source of income to poor rural households and give them a chance to participate in markets. Significant inequalities can be seen due to disparities in access to land and water. Ownership and development of small-scale livestock rearing can contribute to reducing these inequalities

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#### SDG Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. More people are now living in cities than in rural areas. Urban agriculture and livestock provide many benefits but also present significant risks. Zoonoses can develop in the absense of proper sanitation and infrastructure particularly in developing countries. Instead of banning urban livestock the producers and sellers should be supported to practice good hygiene and upgrade their facilities and activities.

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#### SDG Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. Healthier animals have a smaller environmental footprint. Diets of the population feature more livestock products and will increase with time. Reducing animal-source food in diets could bring large environmental and health benefits. Almost one third of all food produced is lost or wasted between field and fork. By limiting wastes and losses along the supply chain we can contribute to improved efficiency and sustainability.

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# **Update new items**

- Created alerts
- Became part of the daily workflow (routine)





# The way forward

# **New developments**

- Expanded to all UP faculties
  - Collaboration between:
    - Cataloguers
    - Open Scholarship
    - Information specialists
    - IT support
- Additional metadata to tag all UP research to specific SDGs
- Adapted and expanded the Subject guide:
  - Overview of UP's total research output
  - All faculties included
- Build-in drop-down menus to guide self- submission of articles and documents



# **Conclusion**





# Thank you!

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