Hvordan kan uddannelsesinstitutionerne understøtte omstillingen til cirkulær økonomi?

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## 1. Uddannelsesinstitutioner skal sikre, at deres studerende forstår, hvorfor cirkularitet er en nødvendighed!!



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## Why universities need to declare an ecological and climate emergency

Universities have a responsibility to prepare students for an uncertain future, 11 scholars from around the world argue

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We have "research freedom"

 We already have a sustainability masters program; We have always had a focus on economic (alt. environmental or social) sustainability

Universities are "non-political"

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# 2. Nedbrydning af disciplin"siloer" er en nødvendighed, hvis uddannelsesinstitutioner skal bidrage til cirkularitet!



## Fra "silo-" til "systemtækning!



En vision for, hvordan vi gerne vil dele Jordens begrænsede ressourcer blandt 9-10 mia.

#### Business-as-usual approaches

GOAL	WITHIN 5%	5-10%	>10%	NEGATIVE LONG-NRM TREN
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Goal 2		2.1. Ending hunger (undernourishment)	2.2. Ending malnutrition (stunting) 2.5. Maintaining genetic diversity 2.a. Investment in agriculture*	2.2. Ending malnutrition (o verweight)
- <b>W</b> Goal 3	3.2. Under 5 mortality 3.2. Neonatal mortality		3.1. Maternal mortality 3.4. Premature deaths from non-communicable dise	
Goal 4	4.1 Enrolment in primary education	4.6 Literacy among youth and adults	4.2. Early childhood develorment 4.1 Enrolment in secondary aducation 4.3 Enrolment in tertiary ducation	
<b>貸</b> Goal 5			5.5. Women political participation	
Goal 6		6.2. Access to safe sanitation (open defecation practices)	6.1. Access to safely minaged drinking water 6.2. Access to safely minaged sanitation service	
₩ Goal 7		7.1. Access to electricity	7.2. Share of renewal e energy* 7.3. Energy intensity	
Goal 8			8.7. Use of child labo	
🚓 Goal 9		9.5. Enhancing scientific research (R&D expenditure)	9.5. Enhancing scient ic research (number of resea thers)	
Goal 10			10.c. Remittance costs	Inequality in income**
♠ <b>I</b> Goal 11			11.1. Urban population iving in slums*	
Goal 12				12.2. Absolute material footprint, and DMC*
Goal 13				Global GHG emissions relative to Paris targets**
Goal 14				14.1. Continued deterioration of coastal waters* 14.4. Overfishing*
Goal 15				15.5. Biodiversity loss* 15.7. Wildlife poaching and trafficking
<b>Y</b> Goal 16			16.9 universal birth registration *	

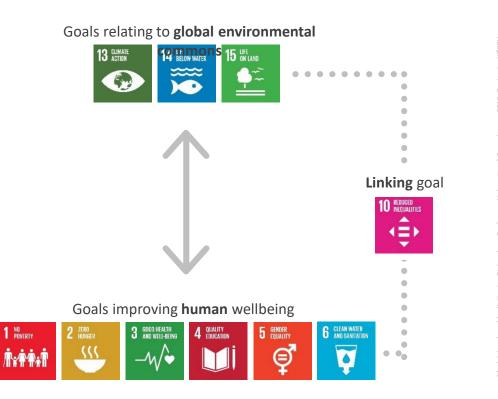


### Interactions between the SDGs

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Og alle discipliner skal i spil for at udvikle et cirkulært forbrug af ressourcer!



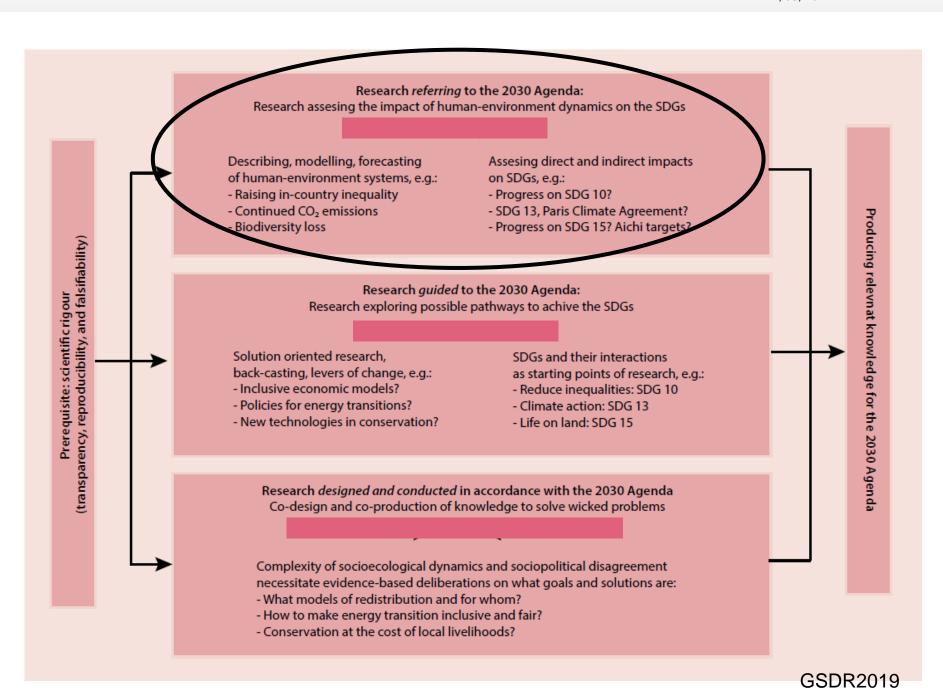


Cirkularitet er nødvendigt for at reducere "trykket" på Jordens ressourcer!

3. Forskning skal sadle om for at kunne bidrage til en transformation, der stiler mod bæredygtighed og cirkularitet

Modes of research engagement with the SDGs

Little (if any) **Danish** research goes beyond stage 1!!



### Kræver samarbejde mellem uddannelsesinstitutioner:

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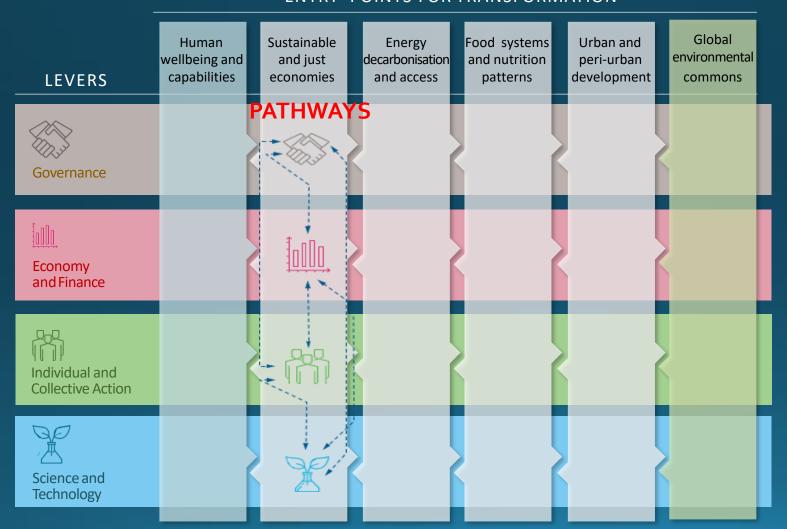
No Danish university alone is equipped to train sustainability professionals

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# Knowledge-based transformations Innovation through combined levers and new partnerships

#### ENTRY POINTS FOR TRANSFORMATION

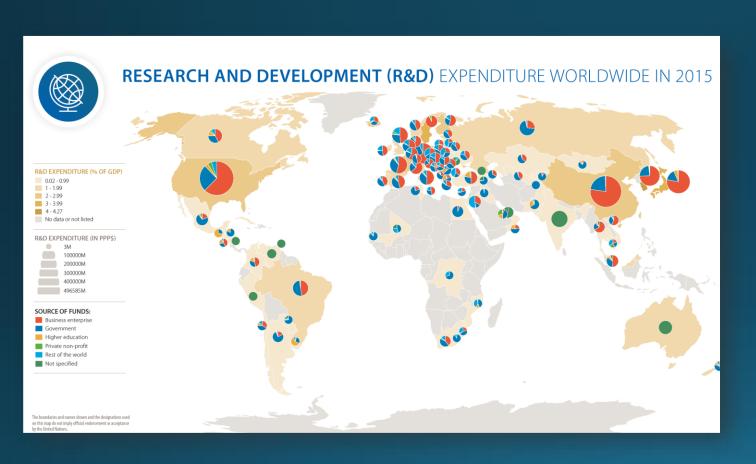


- Forskere skal kunne redegøre for, hvor og hvordan deres forskning kan bidrage til transformation!
- Forsking der
   bringer de
   forskellige
   redskaber (levers)
   sammen ,skal
   fremmes!



### **GSDR Call to Action:**

### A 'moon-shot' mission for Sustainability Science



Der er masser af forskningsmidler rettet mod "(tekniske)løsninger", men næsten ingen, der fokuserer på interaktioner og transformationen af samfundspraksis.

Forskningsfinansiering skal laves om, for at fremme cirkularitet

## Hvordan bidrager uddannelsesinstitutioner til omstilling?

- 1. De skal sikre, at deres studerende forstår, hvorfor cirkularitet er en nødvendighed!!
- 2. De skal nedbryde disciplin"siloer"!!
- 3. Forskning skal sadle om for at kunne bidrage til en transformation, der stiler mod bæredygtighed og cirkularitet
  - Gælder både forskning og forskningsfinansiering!!

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### Expansion of sustainability science needed for the SDGs

Dominant research modes are not enough to guide the societal transformations necessary to achieve the 2030 Agenda. Researchers, practitioners, decision makers, funders and civil society should work together to achieve universally accessible and mutually beneficial sustainability science.

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his is a decisive year for the 2030
Agenda for Sustainable Development
and the Sustainable Development
Goals (SDGs). Convening this week, the
United Nations High-level Political Forum
on Sustainable Development (HLPF)
includes a quadrennial SDG summit under
the auspices of the General Assembly. Here,
the Global Sustainable Development Report
(GSDR), prepared by an independent group
of scientists, will be officially presented.
It reviews progress and strives to chart
ways ahead.

Adopted in 2015, a remarkable year for multilateralism, the 2030 Agenda has successfully ratsed awareness of the kinds of transformations needed — in policy, civil society, business, science and technology — to put countries on a sustainable development path.

But 'recent' scientific assessments' a paint a sobering picture of progress towards the SDGs. There is a growing gap between what needs to happen and what is actually being done. Just a handful of the 169 sub-targets are on track to fulfil the 17 higher-level SDGs. Many are off track and some display even negative trends including those related to tackling climate change, inequalities and biodiversity loss'. Massively expanded concerted actions are urgently needed to enable sustainable development in the next decade. In particular, we must quickly make available the best policy-relevant knowledge to guide these actions.

#### GSDR framework

The GSDR 2019 proposes a framework for knowledge-based transformations to sustainable development that reconciles evidence and socio-political deliberations for accelerated action. It emphastres the following three key complementary areas of knowledge production.<sup>62</sup> Understanding systemic interactions.

Gudded by the 2030 Agenda, we must improve understanding of how complex human-environment system dynamics can produce trade-offs that hinder individual targets, on the other. For example, scaling up dominant food systems to meet growing demand can harm targets related to ending poverty, halting climate change and preserving life on land. Conversely, sustainable intensification of food production (for example, agroecology) and adapting people's diets can have positive spillover effects for many social and environmental targets.

Understanding competing development agendas. Governance, business and finance, individual and collective action, as well as science, technology and innovation all provide crucial levers for transforming vicious systemic circles into virtuous ctrcles1. However, we must clearly identify how the values and interests of powerful actors help or hinder the 2030 Agenda, and how rules and incentives can be changed to enable collaboration towards common goals. For instance, there is a pressing need for evidence-based guidance on how to regulate the financial sector, markets, trade, taxation, and so on, to support not harm - ecological sustainability and social coheston<sup>6</sup>

Understanding transformations in concrete contexts. Individual countries and regions face unique challenges and have different development priorities. The specific design of transformation pathways depends on each context—few solutions will work the same way everywhere. Instead, we must strive to combine different sets of transformation levers based on the needs

and conditions of each setting. At the same time, harmonized high-level efforts are needed to steer the interactions between pathways and their aggregate outcomes to deliver unitversal progress towards the 2030 Agenda. For example, poor nutrition is a global challenge demanding international cooperation, but it also requires customized local pathways based on cultural preferences, educational attainment, prevalent food systems, available technologies and other local factors.

#### Achieving the 2030 Agenda

Science has played a central role in building the still fragile international consensus on the SDGs. Researchers have made major advancements in understanding coupled human-environment systems, especially thanks to increasing use of interdisciplinary approaches? Various international scientific assessments have successfully synthesized fragmented evidence, enabling policy breakthroughs such as the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

Nevertheless, there are fundamental limits to our ability to design sustainable transformation pathways based on evidences. Human-environment systems remain highly complex and difficult - or impossible — to map fully. Causes and effects are often hard to distinguish and context dependent. Stakeholders frequently disagree about problems and solutions9. In such cases, decision makers must navigate ways forward based on careful consideration of risks, uncertainty and issues of social justice. Precautionary measures or interventions may be advisable even if cause-and-effect relationships are not fully established.

In response to such challenges, the growing field of sustainability science has adopted a variety of useful approaches —

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