

## SUSTAINABLE G ALS

Dear Global Colleagues,

The United Nations launched the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) as a call to action for all countries to address the sustainability of our world. The seventeen goals are intended to promote prosperity for all while also protecting the planet. The SDGs offer a framework for understanding and tracking the array of challenges and opportunities that our world confronts. All sectors of society are asked to embrace the goals, and as such, the University of Tennessee—along with higher education institutions across the world—are doing just that.

Chancellor Donde Plowman has expressed her support for the university's goals and pointed to the prominence of sustainability in the University of Tennessee's new strategic vision.

"As a flagship, land-grant university, we carry a specific responsibility to serve those around us, and that means building a more just, prosperous and sustainable world," Chancellor Plowman said. "As our new vision stresses, it is incumbent on each of us to leave the world better than we found it and to help prepare the next generation of thinkers and leaders to do the same."

The following University of Tennessee Sustainability Report characterizes the university's work around all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals during 2020. The report provides insights in its teaching, research, outreach and stewardship of the campus. As Tennessee's flagship, land-grant university, the University of Tennessee takes pride in knowing that it is working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Sincerely,

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## The 17 Goals

Review the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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