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 and protect 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 work towards 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. “We are on a mission of promise. It is our mission to work on each of these issues and help prepare the next generation of citizens 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 into 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

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4. QUALITY EDUCATION
5. SUSTAINABLE CITY AND COMMUNITIES
6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7. AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8. GOOD HEALTH AND WELFARE
9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND FACILITIES
10. reductions in carbon emissions
11. REDUCED INEQUALITY
12. SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION
13. CLIMATE ACTION
14. LIFE ON LAND
15. LIFE UNDERWATER
16. HEALTHY PEOPLE, HARMONIOUS PLANETS
17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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