

Móðurmál – the Association on Bilingualism

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From Guidelines for the support of mother tongues...

Knowledge of more than one language is a treasure that must be nurtured and developed, as all languages open up the doors to different cultures and make our lives richer. The diversity of the language skills of citizens means not only that they create opportunities for themselves, such as a broader range of educational options and more diverse job opportunities, but it can also facilitate Iceland's international collaboration.

It is our shared responsibility to create an environment that appreciates language knowledge, as it should be. Belonging to a community and being proud of one's origin and mother tongue is a source of strength for all children. Plurilingual children play an important role in Icelandic society because they build bridges and connect countries and communities in various ways. At the same time, Icelandic society's opportunity to find its place in the ever-changing and globalized international world increases.

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Welcome to Móðurmál – the Association on Bilingualism. We have offered mother tongue instruction for plurilingual children and youth since 1994.









Here is the list of **all our groups**

28 years of Móðurmál in Iceland

Established in 1994 by parents of bilingual children, NGO established in 2001.

Umbrella organization that has supported more than 20 different language groups.

Running on volunteer basis but seeking governmental support.

Ethical code for Móðurmál since 2017.

Support from the City of Reykjavík: 2 schools open for us on Saturdays, economical support for material.

Presence at the primary schools and kindergartens. Participation on regular events of the city of Reykjavik (The Children Festival, International day of Mother Tongue, International day of languages, etc.)

Annual conference since 2013, with international participation, for our teachers and open to others.



What we do?

- **School year 2022**: Arabic, Bisaya, Bulgarian, Czech, Filipino, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Ukrainian
- Most teachers are licenced teachers in Iceland or with teacher education from their country
- Teaching materials are sometimes created in the home country and designed for the diaspora
- Teaching is individualized, children of different ages, competencies vary

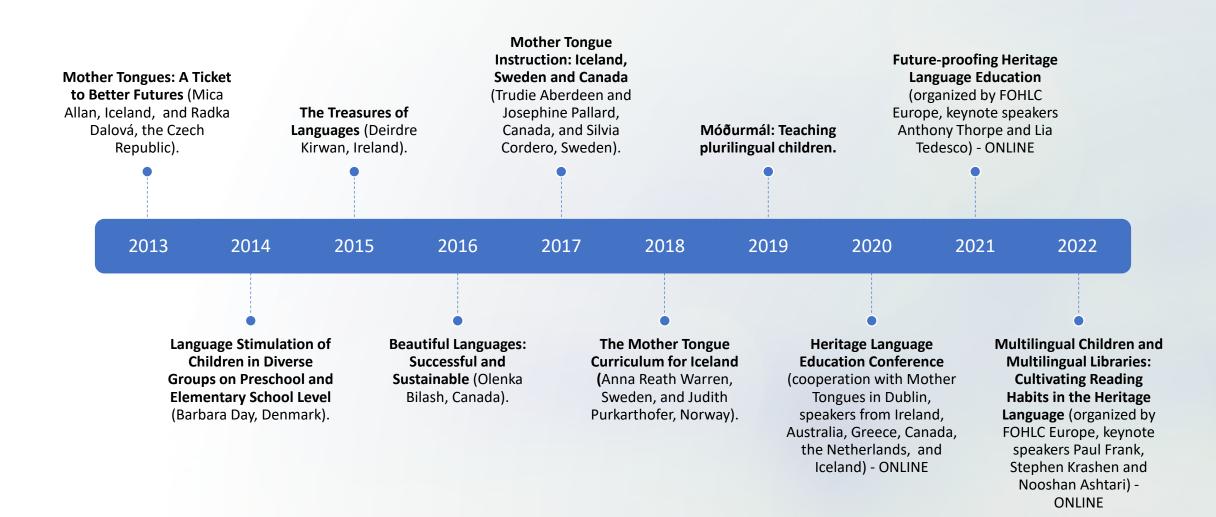
Regular work



- Monthly board meetings with the groups, extra meetings of the board
- Annual conference: Professional development of teachers, new research on bilingualism and plurilingualism presented, new teaching methods etc.
- Assist and support mother tongue groups

Mother tongue lessons usually take place on Saturdays and Sundays in schools, preschools, cultural and religious institutions, NGO's etc.

Móðurmál conferences



Collaboration with institutions

Almannaheill – an umbrella NGO of umbrella NGOs

Mother tongue instruction supports values rooted in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Sustainability goals of the UN, the Educational policy of the City of Reykjavík

Multicultural Council of Reykjavík



Immigration team of the City of Reykjavík

Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, i.e. the Draft of the policy on education of children and youth with diverse language and cultural background



Maí 2020

Drög að stefnu

Menntun barna og ungmenna með fjölbreyttan tungumálaog menningarbakgrunn

Participation in the Icelandic society

- City Art Gallery "Art talks languages"
- City Museum "History talks languages"
- Multicultural projects such as Flying Carpet –
 Cultural encounters
- Reykjavík Multicultural Day
- Other NGOs SAMFOK, Home and School
- Research institute of the School of Education
- School and Leisure Department of the City of Reykjavík

Projects for our groups

Language and environment:

Creating a dictionary about sustainability $\,$ - $\,2016/17$

- Móðurmál Bilingual book 2018/19
- 17 goals for sustainable development:

Video with children presenting the selected goals -2019/20





SPÆNSKUR MODURMALSHOPUR

Um skólann

Möðurmálskennsla í spænsku árið 2001 en árið 2016 var högutinn var formlega stefn áður og fölagið Möðurmál-spænskur höpur var stofnað. Tilgangur félagsins er að aktpuleggja og bjöða upp á möðurmálskennslu á spænsku fyri böra sem eiga spænsku að möðurmáli og / eða eru íslenskures smænskursvælenst.

Hopunnn skiptist i fjögurra aldurshöpu: smäba (1-3 åra), leiksköla (4-5 åra), grunnsköla yngri (6-9) og grunnsköla eldri (10-12), Hópamir eruaðeins aldursakipt, heldur líka getuskipt.

Staður: Hólabrekkuskóli Timi: Laugardaga kl. 11:00-13:00 Umsión: Maria Sastre

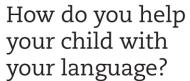
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Una Vez habia un hombre que se llormba Olavut que era un navat y tenlos dos hijos y Uno de ellos le dijo ne puede contat una història papa si, una vez estama yo en la guerra y vi un desgon que



Flyer for parents in 9 languages



Always speak your own language with your child. That way it learns more. You should not shame the child for answering you in another language but repeat what it said in your language and continue the conversation.

It is best to create a variety of opportunities for the child to use the mother tongue by using and teaching complicated words and phrases that do not only include "come to eat, go to sleep, brush your teeth" and so on.









What is bilingualism?

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Mother tongue:

The language of one or both parents. A child can have more than one mother tongue.

Móðurmál

- Organisation on bilingualism

We advocate mother tongue teaching for bilingual children and help parents to create groups where their language is taught.

Many groups are active and new language groups are being formed all the time. We also want to increase knowledge of bilingualism by general discourse and education.

Do you want to know more? www.modurmal.com Do you want to join us? Contact us!

modurmal@hotmail.com We're also on Facebook

Móðurmál – Organisation on bilingualism in cooperation with the City of Reykjavík with finance from The Development Fund for Immigrant Issues.

Bilingual and multilingual:

Children that speak one language at home and another outside the home are bilingual. Children that speak two or more languages at home and another outside the home are bilingual or multilingual. About 70% of the people on Earth are bilingual and use more than one language daily. Children can easily learn two languages at the same time.

All languages of the child are important.

The language is the key to communication both with the family in Iceland and with family members abroad. Good language skills contribute to a strong self-image and help the child participate both in his parents' society and in Icelandic society. Bilingual children find it easier to learn other languages

in the future. They will also have more career and educational opportunities.

Several awards from different institutions

2021. Project Manager of <u>Móðurmál Library</u> received the <u>Order of the Falcon</u> from the President of Iceland Guðni Th. Jóhanesson for her contribution to promoting literature in other languages than Icelandic. The order is awarded annually on 17 June, the national holiday.

2021. Hvatningarverðlaun Upplýsingar.

2020. Award for Móðurmál Library "í þágu barnamenningar" (for contribution to children's culture) from Ibby in Iceland.

2020. Award for Móðurmál Library "Fræðslu- og vísindaviðurkenningu Siðmenntar í þágu mannréttinda og mannúðar"

2019: Human Rights Award of the City of Reykjavík

2016: Parents' award from the National Parents' Association

2014: The Society Award of Frettabladid (newspaper)

2008: For A Job Well Done, awarded by Alþjóðahús (International Center)





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GROUPS LIBRARY LEIÐARVÍSIR V RESOURCES

Guidelines for the support of mother tongues and active plurilingualism in schools and afterschool programs

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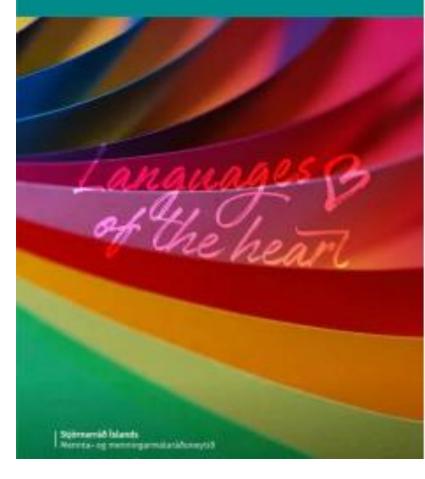
GUIDELINES

TEAM WORK ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, **SCIENCE AND CULTURE**

Published in 2020, different ways to support plurilingual students and their languages In schools and leisure centers.

Guidelines for the support

of mother tongues and active plurilingualism in schools and afterschool programs



Language map 2021

109 language are spoken in Iceland by children and youth in preschools and schools.

The purpose is to create a culture of learning in which children and youth are proud of their language repertoire and their educators understand how important languages are for children's identities.

In the multicultural policy of the City of Reykjavík "The world is here", one of the goals for children and youth is active bilingualism

The Language Map 2021



The National Curriculum Guide acknowledges the importance of mother tongues, offers mother tongue teaching as a selective in schools and opens for the collaboration with other professional organizations

Our fantastic library

Books registered in the national database Gegnir.

Schools from Iceland can access them.

8000 books, board games, audiobooks, DVDs in 86 languages.

More information on our website: www.modurmal.com



Polish School also...

- Actively participates in the life of Icelandic society
- It takes part, cultural events, organizes meetings and trainings for parents
- It actively supports bilingualism of students and cooperates with icelandic schools
- Multiple partner in international projects



Sustainability Development Goals and Community-Based Heritage Language Schools



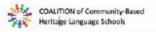
SDGs

June 15, 2022

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Agenda today

- ✓ Briefly introduce SDGs
- ✓ Educational activities on SDGs
- ✓ Why SDGs are relevant for CBHLS
- ✓ Four models how community-based HL schools can work with the SDGs
- ✓ Discussions in breakout-rooms how our CBHLS can use SDGs
- ✓ Bringing ideas together

WEBINAR

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND COMMUNITY-BASED HERITAGE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

In this Webinar, for representatives of community-based heritage language schools, Dr Renata Emilsson Peskova will briefly introduce the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and describe how Móðurmál and its heritage language schools worked on a project connected with the SDGs in 2021.

She will discuss how the SDGs connect to the work of the schools, why it is relevant and important to be aware of them, and how using the SDGs can strengthen the work of the schools.

Renata and Webinar participants will discuss concrete ideas for teachers and boards to take the first steps to work with the SDGs.

Led by

Dr Renata Emilsson Peskova (Móðurmál, the Association on Bilingualism).

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 4 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

















<u>Sustainable Development Goals – Do you</u> know them all?







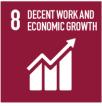
























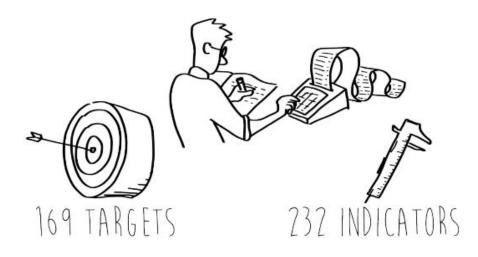




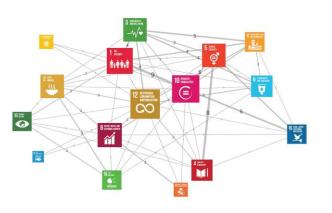




SDG wedding cake







Quality Education





Target

4.7

By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development

Sustainable development report

<u>– interactive maps</u> & country profiles



<u>Sustainable Development Goals – Resources</u> for Educators



Early Childhood Care and Education





Educational activities

A Quiz

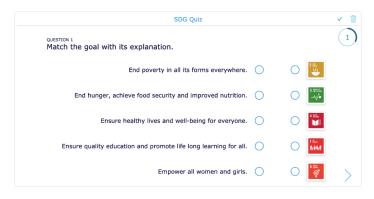
https://www.bookwidgets.com/play/5KJEEM

Go Goals – a digital game

https://www.bookwidgets.com/play/QKUJZZ

9. Quiz

Finally, use this quiz to check your students' knowledge about SDG's.

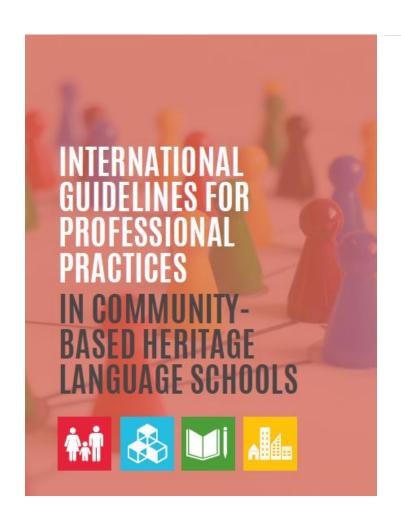


7. Go Goals - Digital game

This digital board game contains the same questions as the original paper board game. Just click on the little white circle to get the questions about a certain goal.



Why are SDGs relevant for CBHLS?





Educational Program: Teachers & Instruction

This section outlines the basic professional responsibilities of CBHL teachers and those responsible for curriculum. Following these principles helps ensure an effective educational program.

$\mathsf{n}\mathsf{k}$ The teachers and educational staff offer a student-centered educational program

This is demonstrated by practices such as:

- a) creating a positive and inclusive learning environment (see Core Values above)
- b) fostering students' abilities, interests, and identity development
- c) responding to the emotional and mental health needs of students
- d) embracing technologies that allow personalized and differentiated learning
- e) shaping opportunities for student leadership
- f) preparing students for life-long learning

\bigcap The teachers and educational staff offer an appropriate educational program

This is demonstrated by practices such as:

- a) using high-impact, evidence-based teaching practices
- b) balancing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills
- c) fostering a holistic understanding of the heritage culture(s), i.e., geography, history, music, and current events
- d) selecting, creating, and adapting engaging and relevant materials
- e) ensuring educational accessibility so every student can be successful
- f) assessing and improving students ´ language development
- g) organizing cultural activities and celebrations in and out of class

The teachers and educational staff embody professional behavio

This is demonstrated by practices such as:

- a) being prepared for class and for meetings
- b) showing genuine concern about student development and well-being
- c) partaking in teamwork among teachers, staff, and school leadership
- d) engaging in critical self-reflection
- e) participating in professional development opportunities
- f) staying informed about emerging and innovative teaching practices



OUR VALUES:

Although our groups are located across the globe, we share values that we adhere to and promote among our associated heritage language schools.

These values include identity, plurilingualism, multiculturalism, democracy, equity, global citizenship, and cooperation. We help to preserve heritage languages as a way of nurturing diversity, mutual respect, and inclusion.

Four models how community-based HL schools can work with the SDGs

SDG Compass

Adjusted for CBHLS

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• all work of the organization is aligned with SDGs

HLE network

aligning mission with SDGs

Móðurmál

project work with children











The guide for business action on the SDGs

Companies can use the SDGs as an overarching framework to shape, steer, communicate and report their strategies, goals and activities, allowing them to capitalize on a range of benefits such as:

- ✓ Identifying future business opportunities
- ✓ Enhancing the value of corporate sustainability
- ✓ Strengthening stakeholder relations and keeping the pace with policy developments
- ✓ Stabilizing societies and markets
- ✓ Using a common language and shared purpose

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Step 01
Understanding
the SDGs

Step 02
Defining
priorities

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Setting goals



Integrating

Step 05
Reporting & communicating

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A guide for CBHLS action

adjusted SDG Compass (the guide on business action)



- Get acquainted with SDGs
- o Understand the responsibility of CBHLS
- o Understand the opportunities of CBHLS
- o Secure support of management and teachers
- Find out about knowledge of stakeholders



- Analyze current activities
- Analyze stakeholders
- See what schools and other stakeholders do
- Make connections with schools and other stakeholders





- Use SDGs for policy making
- Prioritize
- o Consult
- Select measuring tools
- o Create action plan with goals, milestones, and timing
- o Publish your decisions
- Decide on processes



- o Measure success and evaluate progress
- o Mediate results regularly
- o Create opportunities for knowledge dissemination



Step 04 Integrating

- Collaboration
- Professional development
- Regular meetings on policy
- Dialogue with stakeholders

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Transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

People

We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

Planet

We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.

Prosperity

We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.

Peace

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.

Partnership

We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.





The Icelandic Disability Alliance







Aligning mission with SDGs

Through HLE Network's various activities, we work toward achieving our mission. Our program of activities is in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

HLE Network works towards ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all (Target 4.7). It does so by organizing activities that aim to promote and improve the quality of heritage language education. When learners have access to heritage language education, they are able to acquire knowledge and skills that sustain a culture of peace, global citizenship, and appreciation of cultural diversity.

HLE Network works toward reducing inequality within and among countries (Targets 10.2 and 10.3). It does so by informing the public about issues that are important for multilingual students, who are migrants or children of migrants. HLE Network promotes the inclusion of and fights against the discrimination of children who speak a non-majority language at home.

HLE Network works towards making cities inclusive (Target 11.4). It does so by promoting educational programs that help protect and safeguard the world's linguistic and cultural heritage.



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Spanish group of Móðurmál: Online teaching during Covid 2020-2021. Theme: SDGs

Topics for classes: The whales – endangered species; biodiversity – extinct species & general concepts & coral reefs; children's rights; reading; working on SDGs – pppt's & translating parts into Icelandic;

Tools: Google Classroom, Google Hangouts, Google Docs; YouTube

Moðurmál Spænsku hópur









Especies en peligro de extinción a nivel mundial





Todas tienen su valor y no hay nada que las reviva

"report violence

En comparació

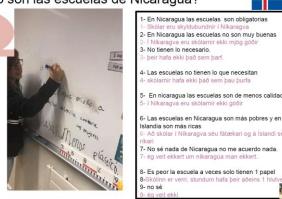
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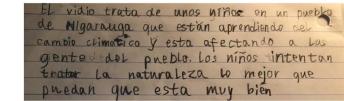
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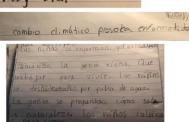
con los niños, hay niñas que Daniel: Ir a ver ballenas es como ir a un zoo pero más grande. Y estoy un poco en contra de los zoos.

Cómo son las escuelas de Nicaragua?













Covid-19 consequences for education

- > Detrimental effects
- > Lessons learned

Reach populations

- > where they are,
- >science reaches the people,
- in languages they understand
- humanity not "minorities" and "majorities"

Multilingualism and COVID-19

Lessons Learned and **Looking Forward**

3-4 May 2022

Symposium of the Study Group on Language and the United Nations

Focusing on the essential role that multilingualism must play in fostering sustainable development in the wake of COVID-19, this two-day virtual symposium brings together stakeholders including United Nations staff members, government officials, university scholars, and members of civil society to address linguistic challenges and innovative solutions with respect to Good Health and Well-Being (SDG 3) and Quality Education (SDG 4).

Sponsored by









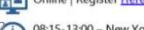












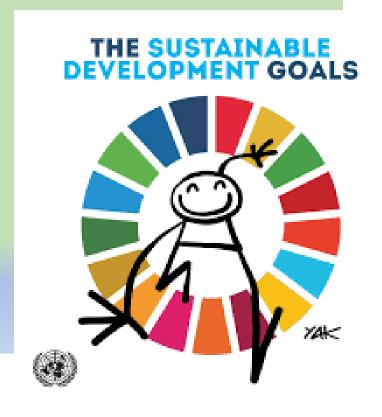
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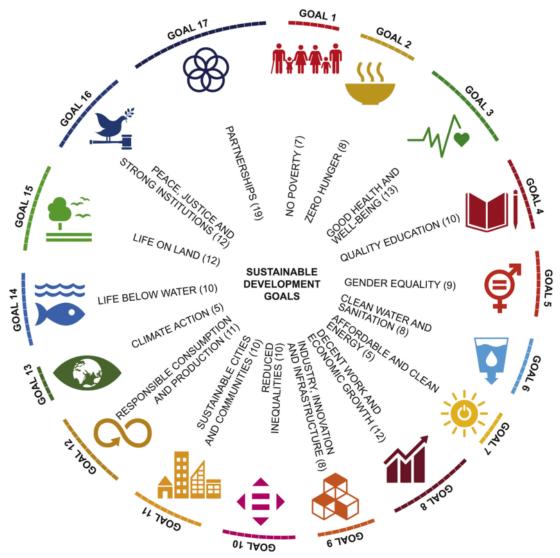
Discussion points for breakout rooms

- How can your school connect the SDGs into its work?
- What goals are relevant for your CBHLS?
- What actions would you like to take towards selected SDGs?



Wrap-up & Questions & Answers





Further resources

United Nations. Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

https://sdgs.un.org/goals

Quality Education explained at 7:12

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wYKvRq-iEw

Sustainable Development Goals – Resources for Educators

https://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material

Sustainable Development Report

https://dashboards.sdgindex.org/

