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Achieving SDGs in University Libraries

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What is UN Agenda 2030 and SDGs

Source: https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals

What is UN Agenda 2030 and SDGs

3 main goals

- Ending extreme poverty;
- Combating inequality and injustice;
- Fixing climate change

Source: https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/global-goals-sustainable-development

One of 17 SDGs

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

16.10

Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.

Source: https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/peace-justice/

One of 17 SDGs

MONITORING AND REPORTING ON SDG INDICATOR 16.10.2

GOAL 16

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Target 16.10

Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

Indicator 16.10.2

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

"Number of countries that adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information"

Source: https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/sdg_indicator_16101_tracking_progress_accesstoinfo.pdf

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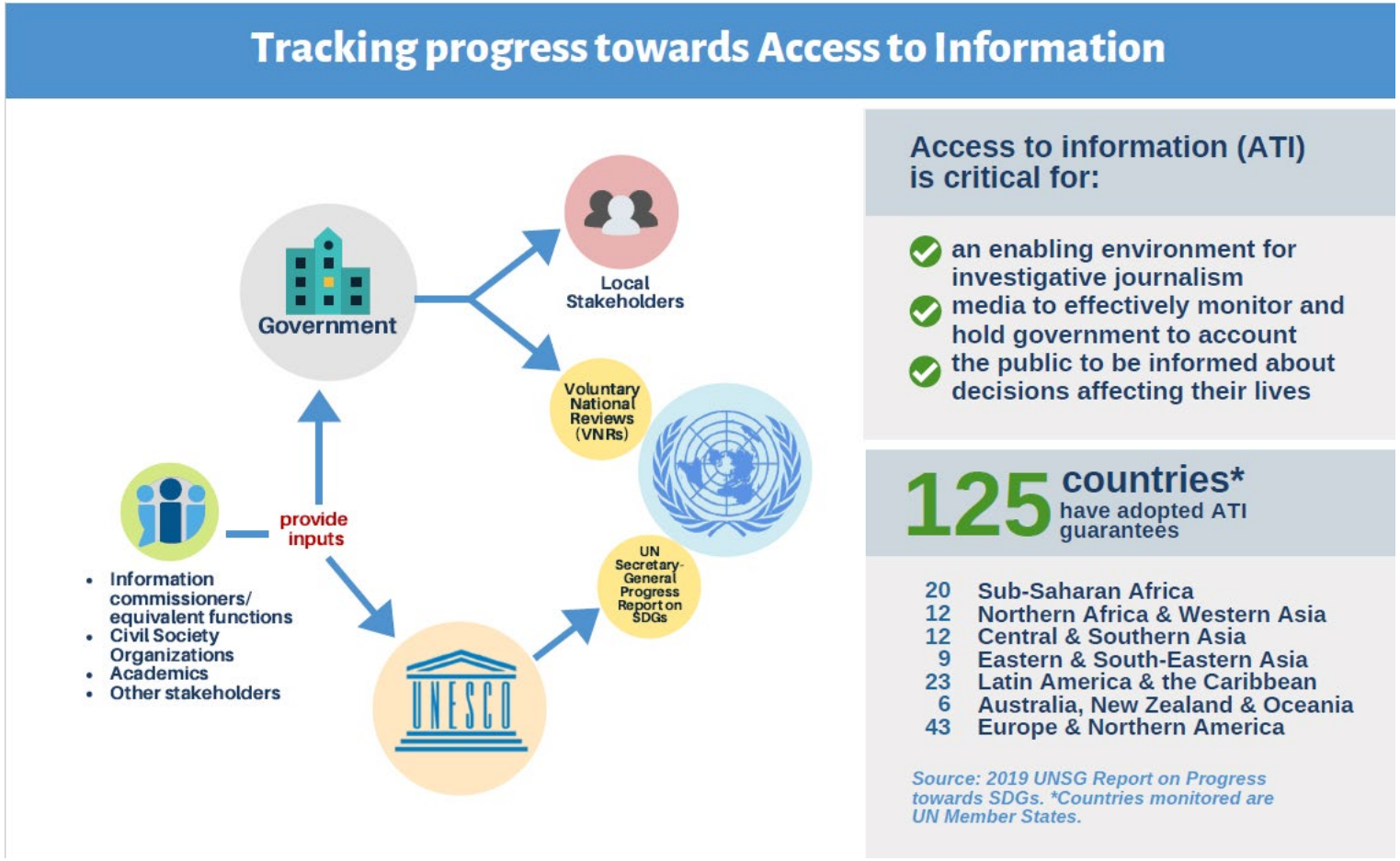

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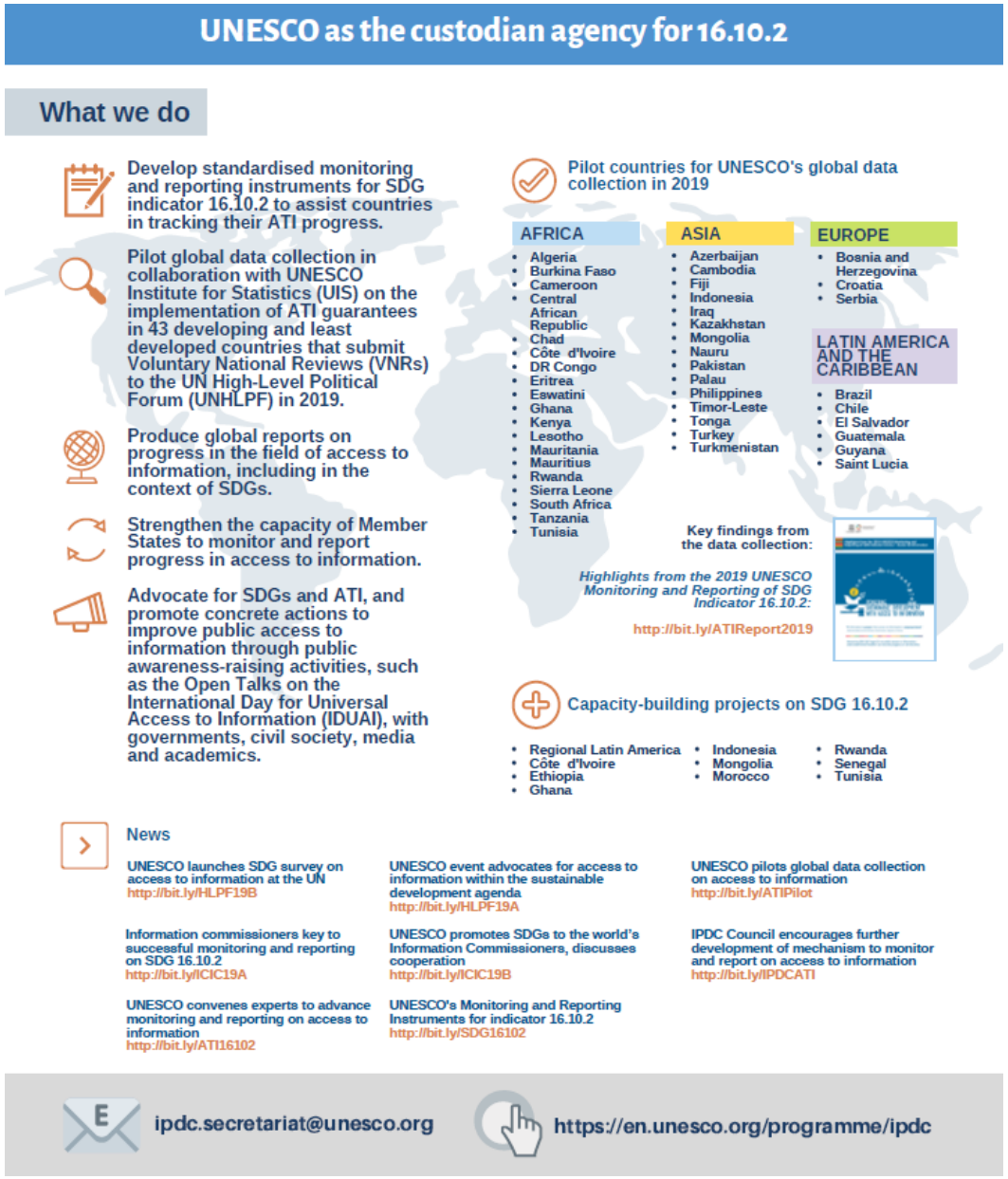

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Triple Bottom Line Definition:

- Environmentally Sound
- Socially Equitable
- Economically Feasible

Sustainable Libraries Initiative

IFLA as a Driver

- IFLA is committed to the following issues:
  - Ensure access to information
  - Safeguarding the cultural heritage
  - Enhance General literacy
  - Enhance Access to information and communication technology (ICT)

IFLA President 2021-2023: Barbara Lison

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Theme: Libraries building a sustainable future

I am taking up the responsibility of the IFLA Presidency at a time when the world is looking to rebuild after the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Yet while we should not easily forget all of the damage done, there is also an important opportunity to do things better, more sustainably.

My theme – **Libraries Building a Sustainable Future** – therefore has the following three dimensions.

✓Why IFLA also relies on – and is hoping for – the Academic Libraries with regard to the SDGs

- Importance of academic libraries within their institutions as backbone of research infrastructures
- Importance of their participation and contribution to IFLA's work

By the courtesy of Barbara Lison, IFLA President

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

4 phases to SDG engagement for academic libraries

Situation in Türkiye

More recognized in other sectors

Example:

- 44 new LEED certificated buildings in 2022
- Sustainable Business Awards for a decade
- Several social responsability projects of all size

A quotation from a report (2002) by Turkish Academy of Sciences:

«In Türkiye, we face these problems simultaneously with the rest of the world. Türkiye approches these problems with limited capacity and from a developping country perspective. It attempts to deal with them through new institutions. The outcomes obtained remain limited.»

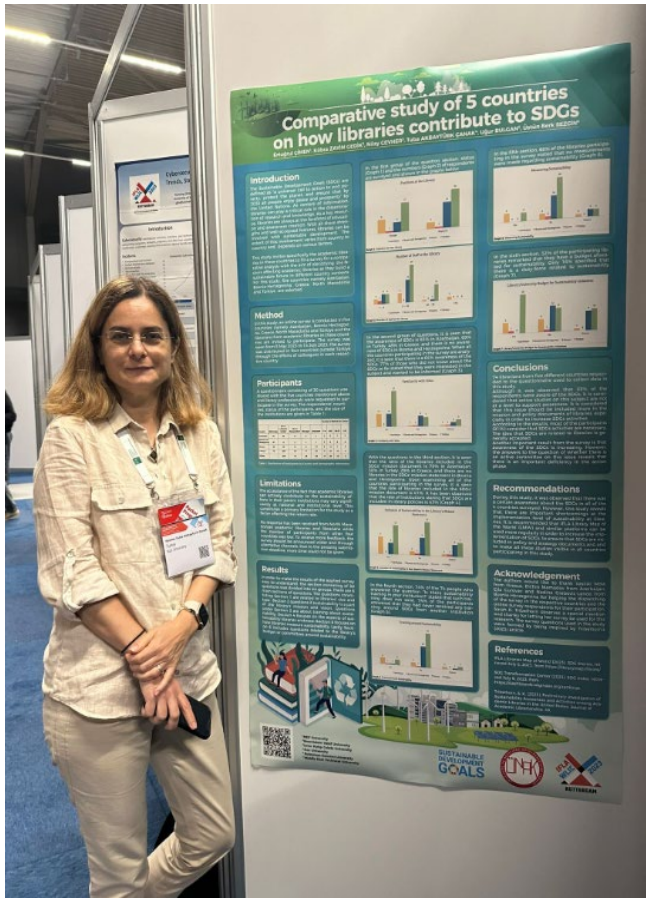
University and Research Libraries Associations (ÜNAK) –Sustainable Libraries Chapter

- Mission:
  - To advocate and mobilize action on SDGs in Turkey among libraries
  - To offer a platform to orchestrate the decentralized efforts around the country

- To accomplish this mission:
  - Conference participations
  - A webinar series
  - A photo campaign on social media
  - Poster presentation @ IFLA WLIC 2023

Sürdürülebilir Kütüphaneler Çalışma Grubu

Poster Session at WLIC 2023



Title: Comparative study of 5 countries on how libraries contribute to SDGs

Authors: Tuba Akbaytürk, Nilay Cevher, Ertuğrul Çimen, Kübra Zayim Gedik, Uğur Bulgan, Üstün Berk Sezgin

Full text: https://tinyurl.com/mrfj6kyz

Poster Session at WLIC 2023

Participating Country Profiles

Greece
SDG Index Ranking: 28
SDG Story on IFLA Map: -
No of participants: 21

Bosnia-Herzegovina
SDG Index Ranking: 47
SDG Story on IFLA Map: -
No of participants: 2

Azerbaijan
SDG Index Ranking: 53
SDG Story on IFLA Map: -
No of participants: 12

North Macedonia
SDG Index Ranking:60
SDG Story on IFLA Map: -
No of participants: 0

Türkiye
SDG Index Ranking: 72
SDG Story on IFLA Map: -
No of participants: 39

Universities' Perspective

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Universities’ Perspective

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Our posters, which we prepared in Turkish and English with the aim of contributing to the studies on sustainability under IFLA, were accepted and published on the "Environment, Sustainability and Libraries - Green Library Poster" page of IFLA. We were the first library from Turkey to participate in this study. You can review our poster work and the relevant web page via the links below.

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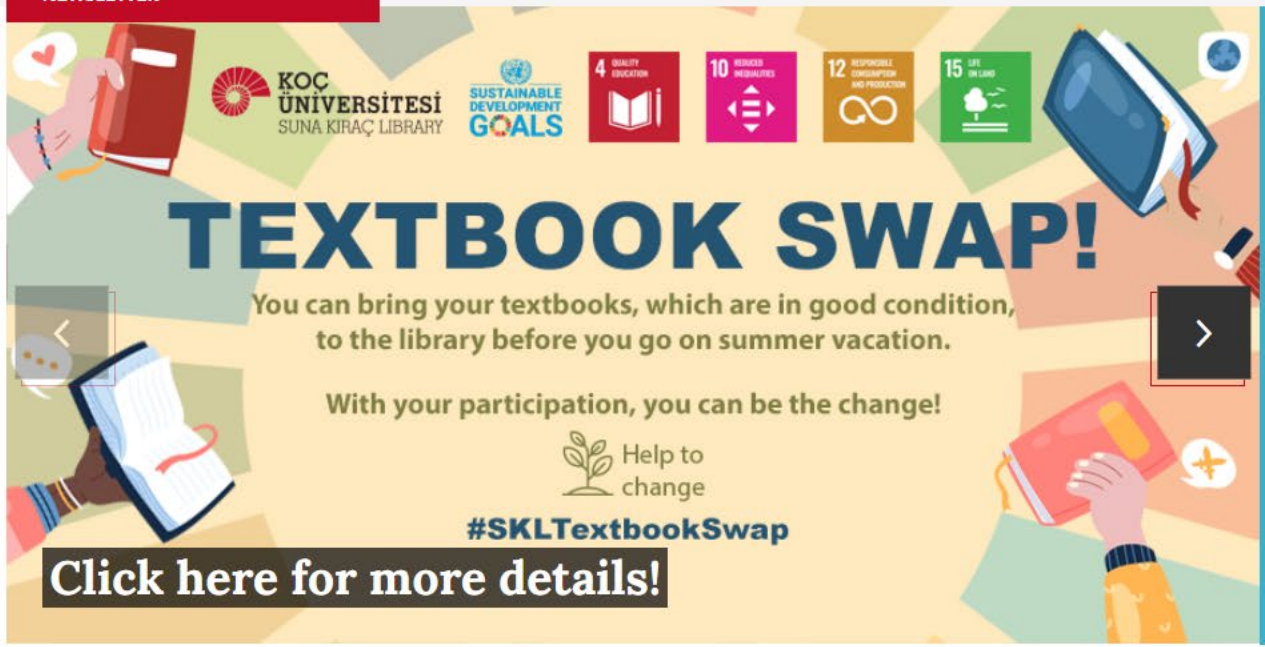

Announcements

Suna Kıraç Library "İstanbul'u Dinliyorum" Podcast: Levent Kaya Ocakaçan – Istanbul Entertainment History with Witnesses

20th of July, 12:30 / SKL Book Club Talks – Beyoğlu Rapsodisi / Ahmet Ümit

9. Treasure Series: Byzantine Studies in Republican Turkey – Exhibiting Byzantium Talk with Emir Alışık is on Youtube!

Suna Kıraç Library "İstanbul'u Dinliyorum" Podcast: Kerim Altuğ – Ernest Mamboury's Discovery of Byzantine Istanbul

See all announcements

Featured Services

Turkey

Don't Buy, Just Swap: Consume responsibly for a more sustainable world

Ebru Gönül Türk, Academic Engagement & Reference Librarian, Koç University Suna Kıraç Library

Koç University Suna Kıraç Library not only adopts United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) but also implements and updates its services according to them. Our library provides equal access to information, actively works for the improvement of education quality and prepares services and activities within the scope of different SDGs. Together with our library staff, we have established a Sustainability Committee. The main purposes of the committee is to raise awareness about SDGs on campus by organizing services, activities and training on environmental and sustainable issues.

One of the first accomplishments of the Sustainability Committee was to translate the definition of IFLA ENSULIB' "What is a Green Library" into Turkish. The Turkish translation is now accessible on IFLA ENSULIB's website. This translation's valuable content has made a big impact and it also showed us that more work needs to be done in this field. Therefore, we are also planning to translate IFLA's other texts on Green Libraries.

We alao participated in the "Trade Fair Event" held at the Koç University's main campus with Suna Kıraç Library Book Swap stand. One of the first things that comes to mind regarding book swaps is ensuring the process to exchange the books is simple. Since consumption habits are one of the most critical behaviors that need attention and change for a more sustainable and green future, our aim while planning the book swap was to draw attention to responsible consumption.

[11]Swapping books at Trade Fair

Sticking to this idea and keeping the SDGs in mind, we designed a poster for the Book Swap. We also included related UN SDG icons in our poster. Thus, we informed those participating in the Book Swap how they can support the environment and ensure sustainability.

Suna Kıraç Library Book Swap Poster

During the Book Swap, we had many visitors and supporters. We re-enforced the messag that by swapping books, visitors could not only easily access what is needed, but could also support the environment and sustainability. Our participants were impressed at how a simple exchange action can have such a positive impact.

Following positive feedback, the Sustainability Committee is planning Textbook Swaps. Suna Kıraç Library continues to work on projects to address and draw attention to SDGs, environmental and climate issues while supporting an equal, quality education across the University.

[11] Photograph by Tuba Akbaytürk Çanak

"We are on the way to a green library system!”

- Open Access Policy
- E-first Acquisition Policy
- Scanners instead of copiers
- Tote bags from the library
- E-Bags planned for the next International Library Staff Week
- Less disposable dinnerware, preferably eco-friendly ones for library hosted events

ENSULIB

What is a Green Library?

Translations:

Armenian — Arabic —Bengalie — Brazilian Portuguese — Bulgarian — Chinese (Simplified, Traditional) — Croatian — Dutch — Estonian — Farsi (Persian) — Finnish — French — German — Greek — Hebrew — Hungarian— Italian — Japanese — Kiswahili — Korean — Latvian — Polish — Portuguese — Russian — Serbian — Slovenian — Spanish — Swedish — Telugu — Thai — Turkish

Gender Equality

This guide aims at providing you with a compiled list of Library resources, which are relevant to Gender Studies.

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Welcome!

Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary field that focuses on the complex interaction of **gender** with other identity markers such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, nation, and religion. **Gender**— femininity and masculinity—is such a basic form of social organization that its operation often passes unnoticed.

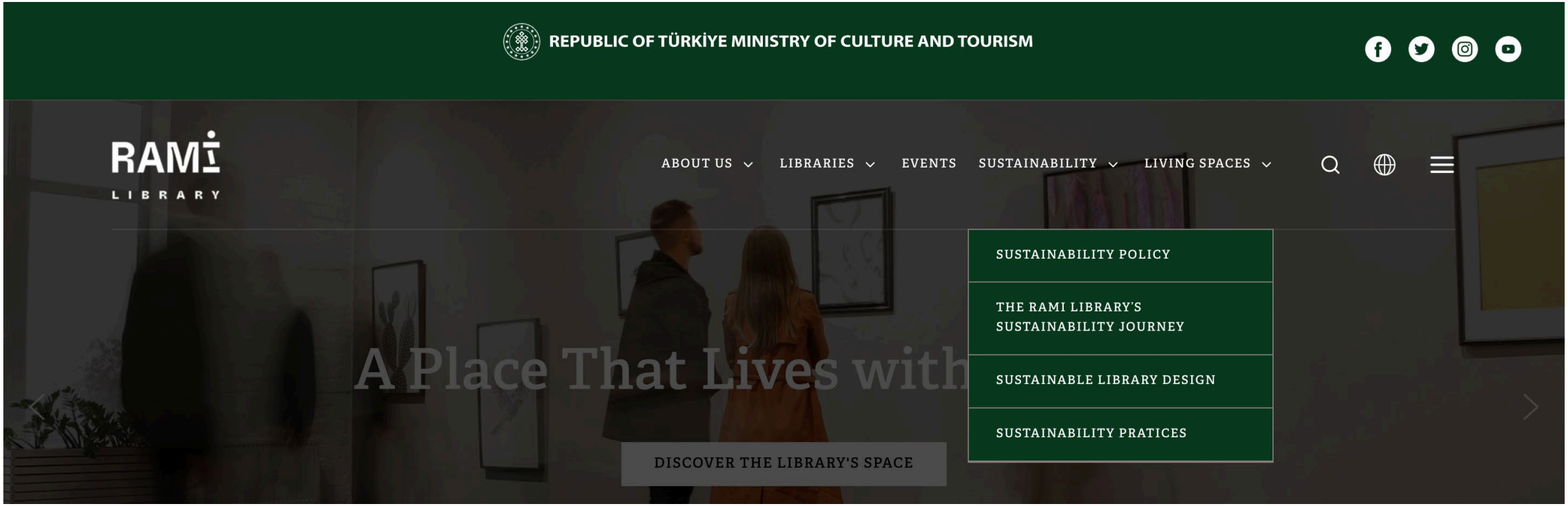
Suna Kıraç Library offers you a range of both electronic and print resources through its collections that you may discover with our Library Catalogs.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Marmara Sea – Board Game

First Important Initiative from The Ministry

- Rami Barracks to Rami Library (largest library in İstanbul)
- Biosphere Sustainable Museum Certificate -2023



Türkiye's first "agro-library" opened in Uşak

NOVEMBER 23, 2022

Türkiye

WHO WE ARE | WHAT WE DO | OUR IMPACT | GET INVOLVED

ENGLISH

UNDP

Türkiye

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

FOCUS AREAS

Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

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TEMEL BİLGİLER

Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma hakkında temel bilgilere buradan ulaşabilirsiniz

RAPOR & DÖKÜMANLAR

2019 Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma Raporu ve ilgili dökümanlara buradan ulaşabilirsiniz

DUYURULAR

Sürdürülebilir Kalkınma ile ilgili güncel duyurulara buradan ulaşabilirsiniz

"Ortak Hedefler için Sağlam Temeller"

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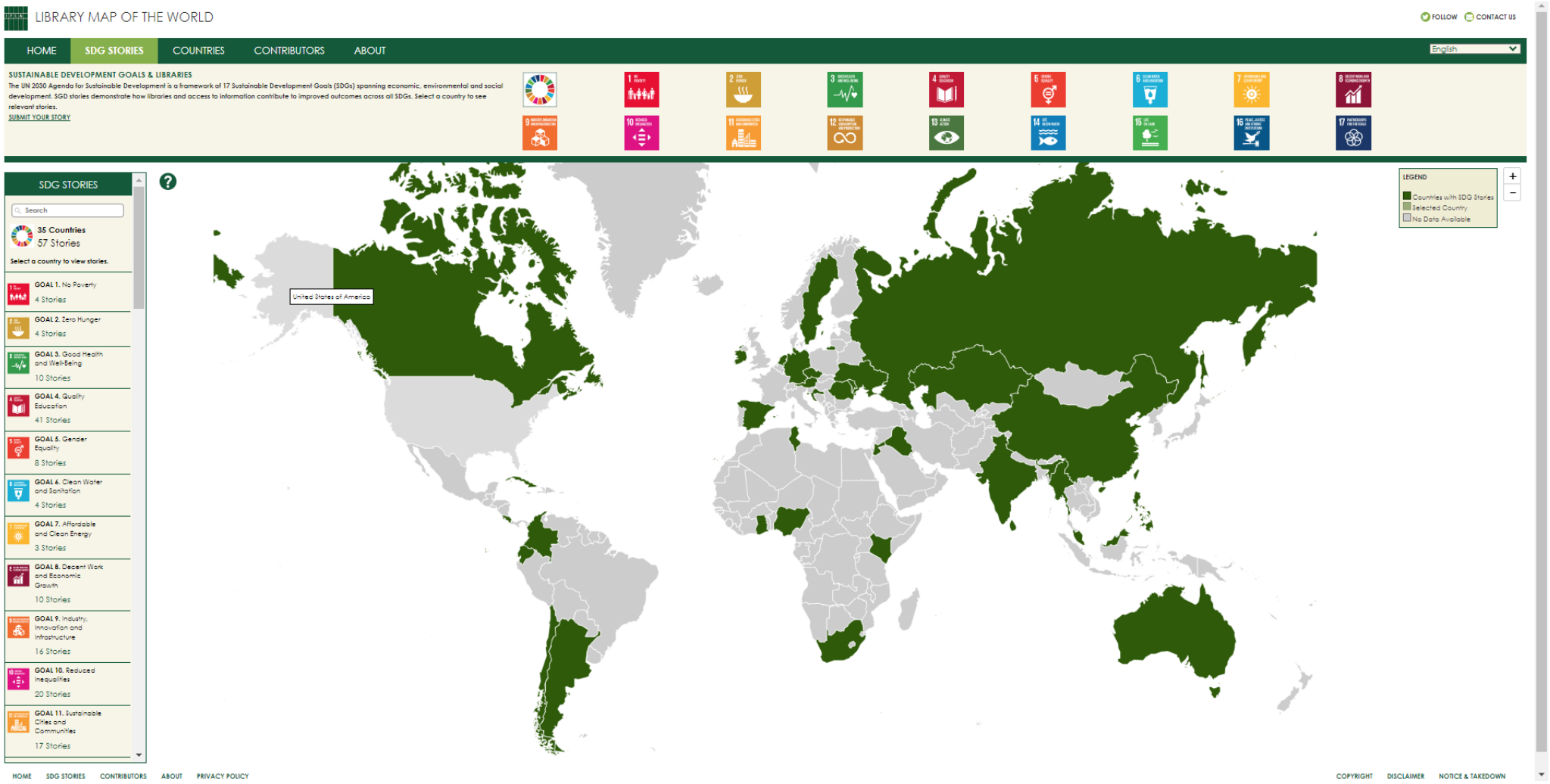

IFLA Map of the World

SDG STORIES

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GOAL 1. No Poverty
4 Stories

GOAL 2. Zero Hunger
4 Stories

GOAL 3. Good Health and Well-Being
10 Stories

GOAL 4. Quality Education
41 Stories

GOAL 5. Gender Equality
8 Stories

GOAL 6. Clean Water and Sanitation
4 Stories

GOAL 7. Affordable and Clean Energy
3 Stories

GOAL 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
10 Stories

GOAL 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
16 Stories

GOAL 10. Reduced Inequalities
20 Stories

GOAL 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
17 Stories

GOAL 12. Responsible Consumption and Production
6 Stories

GOAL 13. Climate Action
6 Stories

GOAL 14. Life Below Water
2 Stories

GOAL 15. Life on Land
2 Stories

GOAL 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
7 Stories

GOAL 17. Partnership for the Goals
32 Stories

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LIBRARY'S CAMPAIGN IMPROVES SUSTAINABILITY AND DECREASES RESOURCE CONSUMPTION

In 2016, the **University College Cork (UCC) Library** launched its **sustainability campaign**, Love Our Library. As a result of actions taken in the campaign's first year, the Library saved over 155,000 KWH - a 9% reduction in energy use. This savings is enough to power a light bulb for 1,770 years or travel around the world 24 times in an electric car!

The UCC, like all public-sector organisations in Ireland, was obliged under the Public-Sector Energy Efficiency Programme to increase efficiency by 33% by the year 2020. A 2016 review identified the UCC Library, the heart of the campus both geographically and functionally, as one of the greatest energy consumers on campus – accounting for up to 10% of the university's overall energy use.

The University's Energy Manager proposed a new energy-saving initiative, which the Library agreed to pilot. With the "Saver Saves" scheme the Library was given a budget for energy - if they underspent, the savings could be kept and used for environmental projects, but if they overspent, there would be an extra cost to the library.

The Library formed a Green Team to include library staff, the University's Energy Manager, Sustainability Officer and others. They focused on monitoring waste management, energy and water use, identifying areas for improvement and examining the environmental impact of library operations.

As the entire University community would be impacted by this initiative, effective communication was essential to get and keep everyone involved. The team spread the Love Our Library campaign message to the University's faculty, staff and students, using signage, email and social media. Students were asked to sign a pledge to help the Library make changes, and within 24 hours of its promotion, over 1,000 students had signed up in support.

After analysing usage behaviors, the Library implemented measures to decrease energy use. They re-balanced the air ventilation and heating systems, reduced building operating times, and turned off lights in low occupancy areas during the summer months.

The Library also introduced a waste management and recycling programme. All bins were removed from staff offices and student areas, and two recycling stations were placed on the ground floor of the library. Single use cups were banned and alternative bamboo mugs and sugar cane bottles went on sale in the library. Water fountains were revamped, and students were encouraged to bring and refill their own water bottles. A dishwasher was purchased so catering for conferences and meetings in the Library could be provided without single-use products.

Influencing people's behaviour has been a major success of the campaign. In three years, over 1,000,000 kWh of electricity and €65,000 have been saved. The surplus from the initiative was used to install a new air curtain at the main entrance, a living wall in the library's 24-hour reading room and to purchase an electric van. Recycling rates increased from 5% to 70%, and 1,234,000 litres of water were saved.

The Love Our Library campaign contributed to UCC being named the 9th "greenest" university in the UI Green Metric World University Rankings for 2017, 2018 and 2019. The ethos of the Sustainable Development Goals to "think globally: act locally," is fundamental to this campaign and continues to be embraced by University staff and students.

Further Information

- Information on UCC Library's Sustainability Campaign
- Shush! Sounds from UCC Library: Ann Byrne and Pat Mehigan talk about UCC Library's #loveourlibary campaign

"The Green Team of the "Love our Library" campaign "" by UCC Library is licensed under CC BY 4.0

UCC Library Our Journey

2016: The UCC energy manager approched the library with the 'Saver Saves' initiative.

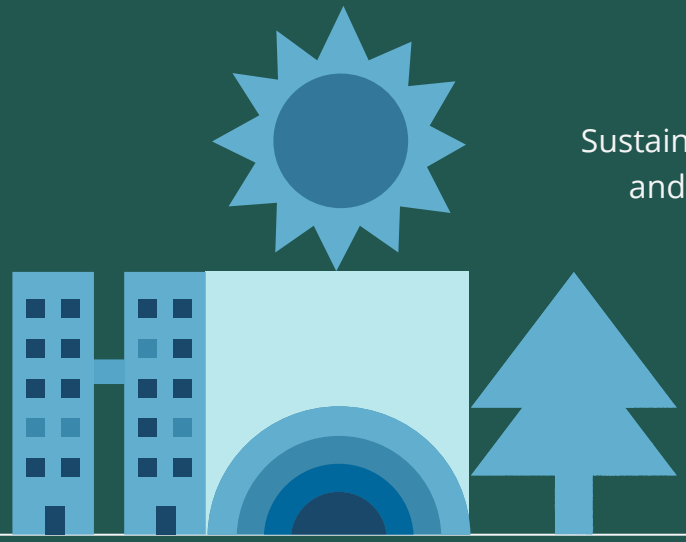
Sustainability Committee Formed. Originally called the 'Green Team'

Energy Saving measures implemented

Scope of Sustainability campaign extended to include, Waste, Water and Cultural Change

Sustainability Strategy and Action plan

Implementation of plan



By the courtesy of Martin O'Driscoll, Learning Spaces Coordinator

New Developments

Plastic Free UCC

In 2023 UCC went plastic free.
Single use cups and plastic bottles are no longer sold on campus

Vapes

Disposable Vapes have become a significant waste problem.
Each Vape contains a 500mAh battery

Cans

The banning of single use plastics has led to an aluminium can problem

Aeroponics

We introduced 3 Aeroponics towers into the library. We have harvest days where we give away the produce grown.

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Thank You for Listening!

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