

Emerald reach: supporting the UN sustainable development goals through open access

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At a UN Summit in September 2015, the UN launched the 17 sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development (www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment). The goals, which were developed to mobilize efforts to “end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change^[1]”, call for action by all countries, irrespective of income status, to promote prosperity while also protecting the planet.

Academic research forms a vital part in informing and driving change. Across Emerald's portfolio of books and journals, we publish a wealth of research that supports the themes outlined in the sustainable development goals, with particular focus on areas such as decent work and economic growth, industry innovation and infrastructure, sustainable cities and communities and climate action.

Over the next 12 months, Emerald will publish 12 supplements in line with the sustainable development goals themes. In keeping with the UN's desire that the goals be universal, inclusive and indivisible, we recognize the importance of insuring that research output in these vital areas reaches a truly globally audience. In support of this, we are pleased to publish these supplements as open access, ensuring that the articles are freely available to access and reuse from anywhere in the world. All costs associated with making the issues open access will be covered by Emerald with no cost to the authors.

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1. www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/

