

SDGs in Esploro

August 27 (Wednesday) 7 PM AEST / 10 AM CET (09:00 UTC)

August 28 (Thursday) 11 AM EST / 8AM PST / 5 PM CET (15:00 UTC)

When: Aug 27, 2025 07:00 PM Brisbane

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- Rebecca Cooke - University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) - RC
- Maureen Bezanson - Southern Cross University (SCU) - MB
- Joan Kolarik - Drexel University - JK
- Andrew Marsden
- Andii Johnson - University of West Florida (UWF)
- Wendy Robertson - University of Iowa
- Hannah Purtymun - Drexel University
- Ariell Lomax - Sacramento State University (CSUS)
- Jason Cohen- Miami
- Joan Kolarik - Drexel

Australia recording:

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Join us for an Esploro Community discussion on SDGs in Esploro. We invite anyone who works with Esploro or who wants to learn more from people using Esploro to attend.

SciVal - Scopus - Elsevier

InCites - WOS - Clarivate

OpenAlex - <https://github.com/ourresearch/openalex-sdg-classifier/blob/main/README.md>

Topics will include:

1. **How is your institution currently tagging or aligning research outputs with SDGs in Esploro?**
 - UniSC/RC: We rely on InCites tagging in Esploro, but solely use Scopus SDGs for any reporting within the institution or the THE Impact Rankings. No manually tagged SDGs are included at the moment for assets, only for project records.
 - Murdoch: We've added SDG info to repository records since 2017 - it was important to us when planning for implementing Esploro that we be able to

capture and show this information, so we configured a local field prior to the SDG field & InCites integration being implemented. We have the InCites integration but also assign as part of our processing workflow based on information in abstract - but only if obvious, we don't try and make an SDG fit. We still use the local field for a facet for browsing, and have an [SDG Collection](#)

- SCU: Same as UniSC - Our Office of Research are a Scopus/SciVal shop. We display the InCites SDGs on the assets but don't import any others.
- Drexel has Incites. We both receive SDGs automatically and also copy them into the local asset field. The copy is done in order to provide a logical set which can be displayed as a collection.
- Miami is using - example on a page: <https://scholarship.miami.edu/esploro/outputs/991031964720702976>
- Drexel Public Collection: https://researchdiscovery.drexel.edu/esploro/search/collections/UN-Sustainable-Development-Goals--Drexel/unsdg?institution=01DRXU_INST
- Drexel Researcher Example (this is only added with permission from the researcher: https://researchdiscovery.drexel.edu/esploro/profile/hasan_ayaz/overview?institution=01DRXU_INST
- Drexel: Mockup of new idea to add to unit home page, too (just thought of this, so haven't spoken with units yet)



- Drexel: HTML tags for both the researcher and the unit are generated automatically from Analytics (based on the Incites data). Adding alt and title tags would help with SEO and usability – haven't done that yet.
 1. Researcher: My work contributes to these UN Sustainable Development Goals

 2. Unit:

2. Are SDG tags in Esploro applied manually, automatically, or through researcher input?

- UniSC/RC: automatically through the InCites integration
- Murdoch: A combination of all three. As in the previous note, we do manually assign, particularly for theses. For outputs in Scopus we'll use the SDG assigned by Scopus. We have the InCites integration which populates the SDG field for outputs with WoS ID. We also configured the researcher edit functionality for adding/editing SDG info earlier in the year.
- SCU: automatically through the InCites integration (would include manual and imports IF we could display with assertions - per <https://ideas.exlibrisgroup.com/forums/929326-esploro/suggestions/48300764-display-multiple-sdg-sources>)
- Drexel: we would like to look into Scopus and OpenAlex as a source, but haven't gotten there yet. They could be added to the local asset tag. Yes, it would be useful to add the source (model of orcid was used)

3. What workflows or processes have you developed to support SDG tagging in Esploro?

- Murdoch: SDG tagging is quite embedded in our repository workflow. We have a reference document that lists each goal and highlights keywords relevant for Murdoch research (happy to share) for manually assigning. For outputs with SDGs added by InCites or researchers, the local field that the facet uses doesn't get populated - we have a set to capture these and copy the SDG info from SDG field to local field.
- SCU: Currently manually adding SDG icons to profile bios. Pulling them out from Scopus profiles.

4. Are you tagging any other entities besides assets with SDGs in Esploro? What is the driver for other non-asset entities?

- UniSC/RC: projects for impact records/reporting ([example](#))
- Murdoch: Not yet, but would like to. University strategy and Sustainability sub-strategy are the driver, they want to map everything to SDGs
- SCU: Outputs and Profiles only. Not using projects yet. Profiles: <https://www.scu.edu.au/about/contacts/directory/118896/> and https://researchportal.scu.edu.au/esploro/profile/david_abrego/overview

5. Are you using any integrations (e.g., APIs, external databases) to support SDG alignment?

- Murdoch: InCites
- SCU: InCites
- UniSC: Use the Scopus API in PowerBI reporting by Office of Research

6. Are you integrating SDG data in Esploro (or outside Esploro) with other systems (e.g., research management, reporting tools)?

- UniSC/RC: We add SDG data to our reporting (PowerBI), but only Scopus SDGs, not InCites/Esploro SDGs. We also add SDGs as metadata tags to our website pages for use in THE reporting. (<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>)
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7. How do you use SDG tagging to demonstrate institutional or researcher impact?

- UniSC/RC: Impact records in the projects entity where researchers can nominate which SDG their research comes under.

8. Are SDGs part of your reporting to funders or strategic planning?

- UniSC/RC: we only use SDGs for the THE Impact Ranking (which uses Scopus SDGs) and for academic promotion to “tell the story”. We also have SDGs embedded into our strategic and operational university plans.
- SCU: Our office of research also uses SDGs for THE impact Ranking (Scopus)

9. Do you combine SDG data with other impact markers like citations, altmetrics, or media mentions?

- UniSC/RC: we have a dashboard in PowerBI for research activity from different systems including Esploro, that brings in SDGs (from Scopus), altmetric score and citation data for each asset.

10. How do you engage researchers in the process of aligning their work with SDGs?

- Murdoch: our researchers are quite engaged already because of our institution’s focus on sustainability

11. What role do librarians or repository staff play in educating users about SDGs?

- UniSC/RC: Librarians and Impact Manager speak to researchers and explain to them about their publications to make sure that their keywords align with the chosen SDG.

12. What improvements would you like to see in Esploro's support for SDGs?

- UniSC/RC: adding SDGs to researchers and projects, and integration with Scopus SDGs as an option.
- Murdoch: Agree with the above. Adding SDGs to Activities also
- SCU: Agree with above AND ability to create a set based on incites SDGs (can only do this for local SDGs at the moment), and add assertions for SDGs so we can display SDGs from multiple sources, per idea here: <https://ideas.exlibrisgroup.com/forums/929326-esploro/suggestions/48300764-display-multiple-sdg-sources>)

13. Are you exploring AI or machine learning to assist with SDG tagging?

- UniSC/RC: No
- SCU: After the conversation at this meeting I was hoping I’d be able to use CoPilot to pull the SDGs off a researcher’s scopus record (impact tab). Alas, here was the response: “Unfortunately, Scopus does not currently allow automated extraction of SDG data from the Impact tab via public APIs or scraping, so you’ll need to manually check each profile for now.”

14. How could the community collaborate to develop shared resources or best practices?

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Please share links to show your implementation of them