# The 2022 Gothenburg International Research Workshop on Sustainable Economic Growth and Decent Work for All

25-26 August 2022

The 2022 Gothenburg International Research Workshop on Sustainable Economic Growth and Decent Work for All will take place 25-26 August, 2022. Researchers from around the world are invited to present, discuss and network related to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8 in Agenda 2030.

At the core of SDG 8, is the great challenge of obtaining economic growth without compromising the environment while also ensuring full employment and respect for labour rights. Economic progress must be inclusive and in harmony with the planetary boundaries. The COVID pandemic has put enormous pressure on development, the geopolitical landscape has severely deteriorated with imminent risks of escalation of conflicts, we are nowhere near the reductions needed to avoid a climate collapse, and the great majority of indicators of ecosystems and biodiversity are showing a rapid decline. The existing economic system is unsustainable and the need to pursue further research in areas such as sustainable economic growth, resource efficiency, full employment, occupational health and safety, and policies for just and well-functioning labour markets is critical. For the same reasons, it is critical to synthesise existing research and urgently transfer that knowledge to society.

As part of [the International Association of Universities (IAU) Cluster on Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development](https://www.iau-aiu.net/HESD), The University of Gothenburg has taken the lead on Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth. Within the cluster each SDG has its lead university, resulting in a global network of universities. The purpose of [the SDG 8 Initiative at the University of Gothenburg](https://www.gu.se/en/about-the-university/collaborate-with-us/networks-and-partner-universities/sdg-8-decent-work-and-economic-growth) is to mobilise academic work and policy interaction in local and global contexts, together with eight satellite universities globally. The satellite universities, located in the Global South, provide opportunities for dynamic research collaboration by addressing the challenges of SDG 8 from the various geographical and methodological perspectives represented.

objectives of the SDG 8 initiative

Critically scrutinise the goal, targets, and indicators of SDG 8, to reveal biases, contradictions, and links to other SDGs

Identify and synthesise research in support of the implementation of the SDG 8 targets

Accelerate the implementation of research through research-to-policy interaction, including dialogue and potentially input to the Voluntary National Reviews that all countries present at the UN High Level Political Forum.

Advance knowledge by identifying key areas for further research

Integrate research-based knowledge on SDG 8 in higher education

This will be the second international research conference on Sustainable Development Goal 8 at the School of Business, Economics and Law in Gothenburg, and we invite researchers to contribute to the content by submitting abstracts of current or recent research, as well as relevant examples of educational or collaborative activities. We encourage in particular researchers at the satellite universities, though everyone is welcome to submit their proposals, ideally expressing the connection to one or several of [the targets of SDG 8](https://www.globalgoals.org/goals/8-decent-work-and-economic-growth/).

The conference is hosted by the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg and co-organised by the Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), the Department of Sociology and Work Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences, School of Public Health and Community Medicine at Sahlgrenska Academy, and Global Sustainable Futures at the Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development, GMV. The conference is financially supported by the Partnership Programme Internationalization Support and EfD, both at the School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg.

collaborating partners

Chalmers University of Technology

Karolinska Institutet (medicine)

The European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health (ENETOSH)

satellite universities

University of Concepción, Chile

Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

University of Nairobi, Kenya

University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria

University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Makerere University, Uganda

University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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