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Culture and the Sustainable Development Goals

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- a manifesto
- a declaration on the inclusion of culture in the 2030 Agenda
- a proposal of possible indicators for measuring the cultural aspects of the SDGs
- an assessment of the final 2030 Agenda

https://www.agenda21culture.net/advocacy/culture-as-a-goal-in-post-2015
Why there is still no Goal for culture in Agenda 2030?
Why the role of culture remains understated in sustainability research and governance

- scientific evidence of the influences of culture on sustainability is fragmented
- interdisciplinary barriers in methodology: qualitative approaches of cultural analysis vs quantitative approaches of sustainability science
- complexity and low enforceability of cultural interventions
- UNESCO’s decision to focus on cultural industries
- no particular state to demand inclusion
Operating as if Culture was included in Agenda 2030
Research on culture and sustainable development

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/35021503

7 Consideration of culture is vital if we are to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
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UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development – MONDIACULT 2022
«We call on the UN Secretary General to firmly anchor culture as a global public good, and to integrate it as a specific goal in its own right in the development agenda beyond 2030.»

- peace and stability
- environmental protection
- force for resilience
- social inclusion and cohesion
- bilateral and multilateral cooperation
- human-centred and context-specific development
- dialogue and solidarity within and between countries
- multicultural human societies

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A Culture Goal is Essential for Our Common Future
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A sustainable development goal for culture should ensure that:

- There is adequate focus on culture at the highest level of government
- The range of connections between culture and other policy areas are fully accounted for
- The culture sector itself feels a sense of engagement in and ownership of the goals
- All other goals are activated and that their achievement is strengthened through the mobilising power of culture
- The achievement of all goals can be protected from systemic and behavioural barriers that can be addressed through a cultural lens.

https://culture2030goal.net/sites/default/files/2023-03/culture2030goal_Culture%20Goal%20-%20ENG.pdf
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CULTURE GOAL: Ensure cultural sustainability for the wellbeing of all

POSSIBLE TARGETS

1. Realize cultural rights for all
2. Promote a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity
3. Protect and safeguard all forms of heritage, harness them as a resource for sustainable development
4. Protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions
5. Promote local culture and products, the economic and social rights of artists and cultural professionals and artistic freedom
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6. Enhance legal conditions and practical opportunities for mobility of cultural professionals and cross-border creativity

7. Empower indigenous peoples to strengthen their own institutions, cultures and languages

8. Develop a cultural approach in environmental protection and sustainable urbanization

A Strengthen cultural institutions

B Ensure, through transversal, multi-stakeholder collaboration, that cultural considerations are taken into account in all international development goals
What can we do to link Culture and Sustainable Development?
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Visibility
Advocacy
Evidence
Breaking the silos

on the cultural dimension of sustainable development in EU actions
Latvia’s second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlights the contribution of museums and libraries to the Agenda 2030. 

Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals – 2022

https://pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/Latvia%202nd%20VNR%202022_2_pg%2028-29_0.pdf
The online side event "Libraries and museums as a safe space for dialogue and information literacy" at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, 2022 accompanied the presentation of the Latvian Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWo7fuGbYsw
Discussion