

Managing Risk or Acknowledging Uncertainty? Mobilizing University Capacities through the UN SDGs



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University Leadership Responding to an **Uncertain** Future

Risk: outcomes known & probabilities estimable

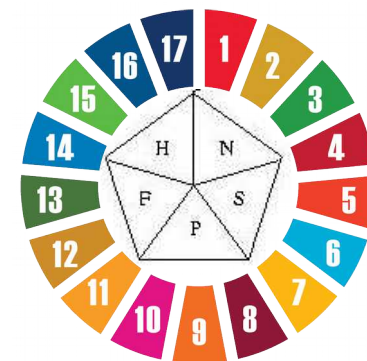
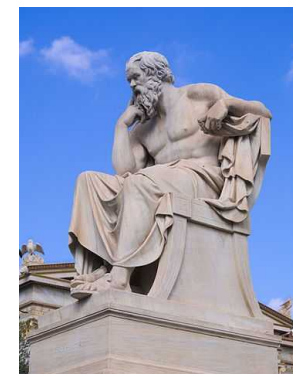
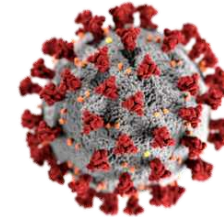
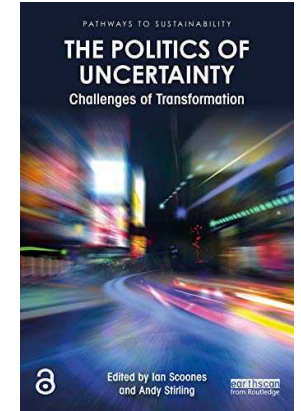
vs.

Uncertainty: unsure outcomes & probabilities
(Scoones & Stirling *The Politics of Uncertainty*, 2020)

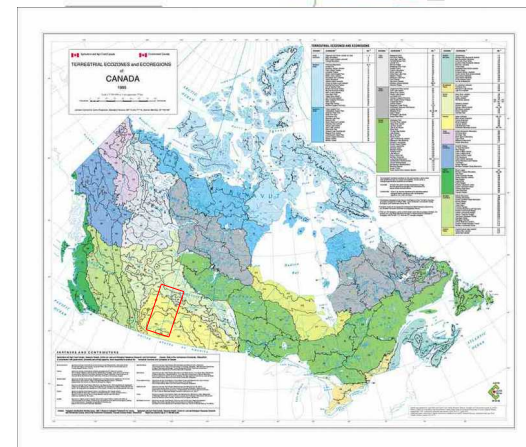
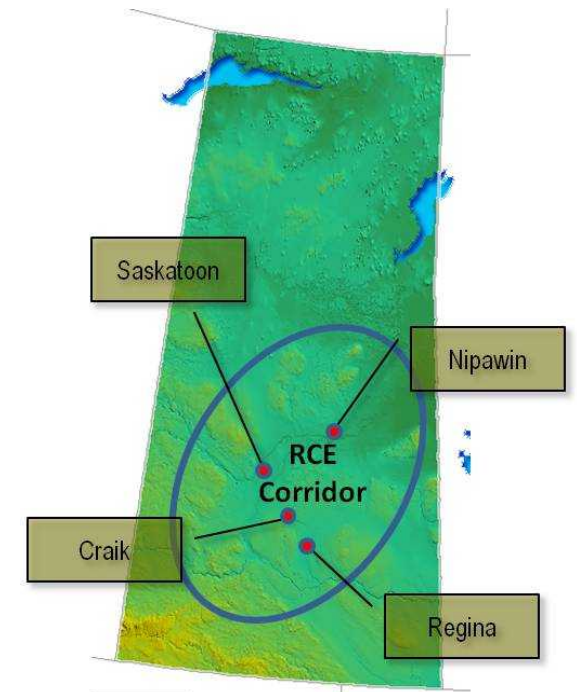
- *feature of sustainable development*
- *feature of our future: ignorance & ongoing surprises*

Managing and Leadership w. Uncertainty:

- permanent *adaptability*
- shift culture: from *control* to *care & solidarity*
- building *shared resources & capacities*



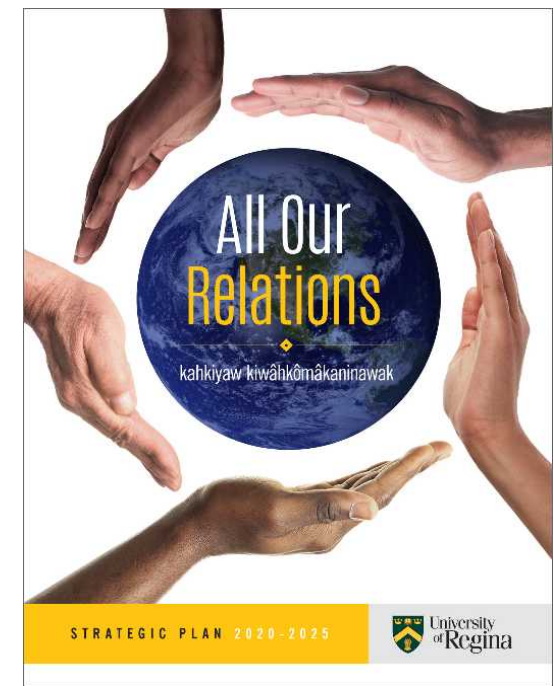
SDGs and ESD to Build *Social Capital*: IAU HESD Cluster and UNU RCE Network



SDGs and Mobilizing *Human Capacity*: Strategic Planning at The University of Regina

Everyone as Leader:

- From control to participation: the University of Regina 2020-2025 Strategic Plan:
 - volunteer team leads
 - participation of 1300 individuals
 - 5 strategic priority areas assessed against 17 SDGs
- Campus sustainability strategic plan & 7 volunteer theme-based working groups



Alignment with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Through our commitment to the goals listed in this Strategic Plan, we are working toward the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The table below outlines where we believe our actions will contribute to these SDGs by 2025.

UN SDGs	UNIVERSITY OF REGINA STRATEGIC PLAN AREAS OF FOCUS				
	Discovery	Truth & Reconciliation	Well-being & Belonging	Environment & Climate Action	Impact & Identity
Goal 1: Poverty	✓	✓			✓
Goal 2: Hunger			✓		
Goal 3: Health & Well-being	✓		✓		✓
Goal 4: Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goal 5: Gender Equality	✓	✓	✓		✓
Goal 6: Water & Sanitation				✓	✓
Goal 7: Energy				✓	✓

Shifting Culture in Use of *Physical & Financial Capital*: Self-Sufficiency & A Campus Sharing Economy

Shifting campus production & consumption *through sharing*:

- Open Educational Resources Publishing Program
- U of R Print Optimization Project
- IAU SDG 12 Priority on Sustainable Procurement & Disruptive Technology



Building Natural Capacity: Autonomy/Rights of Nature

Problem of farmland drainage

- Lack of enforced provincial wetland policy

Webinar on Water & Responsible Consumption and Production

- *intrinsic value* of water
- value of wetlands for agriculture
- showcase local knowledge
- direct input into public policy process



ADVANCING WATER RESILIENCY:
NATURE'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEOPLE AND AGRICULTURE

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Heather Bear,
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Tuesday, November 3, 2020
10:00 am - 11:30 am CST (SKTime)

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United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 12 envisions using natural resources such as water sustainably in both consumption and production practices. In agriculture and resource rich Saskatchewan, this goal resonates on the prairie landscape - advancing agricultural livelihoods, climate adaptation, and mitigation. Wetlands, grasslands and pasture land can act as natural sinks to reduce GHG emissions and their protection offers synergistic benefits in improving water quality. While agricultural producers have made important contributions in this regard it is important not to lose the momentum. This panel will discuss the challenges, opportunities, and will envision a path forward.

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Strategic Tips for a Whole Institution, Collaborative University Approach

- Ready, Fire, Aim!
- Start small
- Listen deeply
- SDGs for mobilizing, questioning, and agreement
- Celebrate success
- Flexibility to capitalize on emerging opportunities
- It takes a whole university...



