



## NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2023

### 1. Join the conversation at these Upcoming Events:

#### **a) Solutions Summit - Special Invitation to Researchers, Authors, Educators, Reviewers, and Editorial Boards**

If you have not yet registered, join the SDG Publishers Compact Fellows and the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative in its next virtual Solutions Summit on 5 April from 9 to 10 am ET / 3 to 4 pm CET, with a half hour period to network afterwards. The virtual event will focus on top recommended actions from current research and publishing trends. Understand how to connect to the Sustainable Development Goals within academic research and educational materials. Improve the value of your research. Network with your peers and publishing experts. The session will be recorded and shared following the event. [Register here and share the link with your networks.](#)

#### **b) London Book Fair - presentation in conjunction with the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers [\[ALPSP\]](#).**

Some of the Compact Fellows will be speaking in the main auditorium on **April 20th** at **3.05 pm (BST)**. If you are in London for the Book Fair, come along and take part in discussions, under the heading "Practical guidance for publishers on how to contribute to the SDG Publishers Compact".

*Help us to promote these events by posting on social media or sharing within your organization.*

### 2. Catch up on what we've been doing in Recent Events:

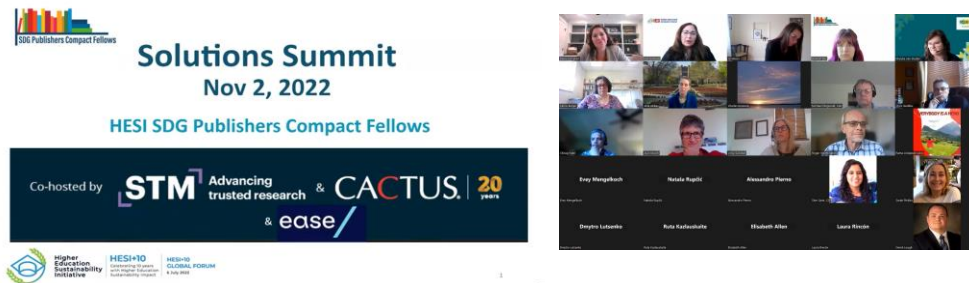
#### **a) Previous Solutions Summit for Academic Journal Editors, Publishers and Editorial Directors**

The SDG Publishers Compact Fellows, with the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative, launched its series of Solutions Summits – virtual convenings focused on increasing collaboration and resource sharing between stakeholders – with a by-invite-only event. The event was targeted at academic journal editors, publishers, and editorial directors. During the event, HESI and the SDG Publishers Compact

Fellows shared recommended actions and industry trends to better align journal scopes and practices with the Sustainable Development Goals.

The SDG Publishers Compact Fellows found that a majority of participants completing a poll during the first Solutions Summit were restructuring their abstracts to include implications for practitioners and policymakers and creating plain-language summaries, signifying that connecting to the SDGs in the publishing world is a growing trend.

The slide deck from the first Solutions Summit can be found [here](#). Summit participants heard from speakers in the journal publishing and editing space on how to enhance research agendas, co-create research with those in the field, and deliver research outcomes to practitioners.



### b) Researcher 2 Reader Conference, London, February 2023

A group of Fellows ran a series of workshops on **Strategies for Improving Sustainability**. Part 1 of our summary of these in-depth discussions can be found [here](#).



### 3. Workstreams

Fellows meet on a weekly basis, and a number of sub-groups meet independently, working on projects such as:

- a) *Equity and inclusion* - an important principle underlying all SDGs, with relevance to all strands of work by Compact Fellows

- b) *Taxonomy* - working to develop a taxonomy on sustainable development, seeing how our findings relate to those produced by others, including the UN
- c) *Plain language summaries* - part of a strategy for communicating research findings to the wider public, including practitioners.

#### **4. Shared information on sustainable development**

If, as a member of the Compact Fellows Virtual Community, you have material that you would like to share with others in the Community or announcements about upcoming events that you would like to make, please send to [compactfellows@gmail.com](mailto:compactfellows@gmail.com) and they will be considered for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter.

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