



United Nations Academic Impact Hub for Sustainable Development Goal 6

Background

The SDGs Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to protect the planet, tackle climate change and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. SDG 6 seeks to ensure that there is safe drinking water and sanitation for all and focuses on the sustainable management of water resources, wastewater, and the ecosystem by preserving our freshwater, oceans and forests.

About the UM UNAI Hub for SDG 6

In 2018, The University of Manitoba was named the United Nations Academic Impact Hub for Sustainable Development Goal 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation (UNAI SDG 6 Hub). The SDG 6 working group at the UM brings together established and emerging leaders who have a shared interest in freshwater sustainability, and who work collaboratively with national and global partners to address the issues related to climate change impacts on freshwater systems at local, regional, and national scales.

DID YOU KNOW?

We are the only Academic Institution that holds a UNAI designation in North America.



Land acknowledgment

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Beyond SDG6

SDG 6 underlies and connects all other SDGs. For instance, sustainable water governance is only possible when other SDGs like Quality Education (SDG 4), Gender Equality (SDG 5), Reduced Inequality (SDG 10), Climate Action (SDG 13), and Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (SDG 17) are also supported.

The UM UNAI is committed to advancing the human right to clean water for all. Moreover, we are dedicated to enhancing peace and conflict resolution through education.

We accomplish this through multiple approaches, including a university-led commitment to

- educational opportunity for all people,
- advancing Indigenous reconciliation and self-determination, and
- promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding.

We are dedicated to attaining these through activities such as the webinar series “The Last Drop” hosted by the UNAI, the “Critical Conversations Series roundtable on Water and Borders” hosted by the Centre for Human Rights Research and the UNAI, and by promoting sustainability through education both directly in the academic curriculum and through the Office of Sustainability.

Research

Our researchers work throughout Canada and internationally, and across the freshwater-marine spectrum. We have a broad range of expertise from across the disciplines including the STEM fields, social sciences and humanities.



For more information on the SDG6 UNAI at the University of Manitoba and the projects our researchers are working on, please scan these QR codes

