

OPEN ACCESS FOR SDG PART-I

Improving access to information and knowledge is fundamental to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*. Open Access (OA) aims to democratise access to research, information and data. OA therefore has a key role to play in the advancement of the SDGs.

OA's contributions to the sustainability goals are numerous. In this study we have summarised OA's specific contributions to the goals**.



To end poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030

OA Contribution

- Access to research and data
- Facilitate learning
- Educational equity



To end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

OA Contribution

- Access to research and data
- Access latest technical information
- Facilitate learning about food security, improved nutrition and sustainable agriculture



To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

OA Contribution

- Access to most recent findings in health and medical journals, both for technical information as well as support in the development of appropriate policies and strategies



To ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning

OA Contribution

- Access to research and data
- Facilitate learning
- Educational equity
- Equal access to affordable technical, vocational and higher education



To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

OA Contribution

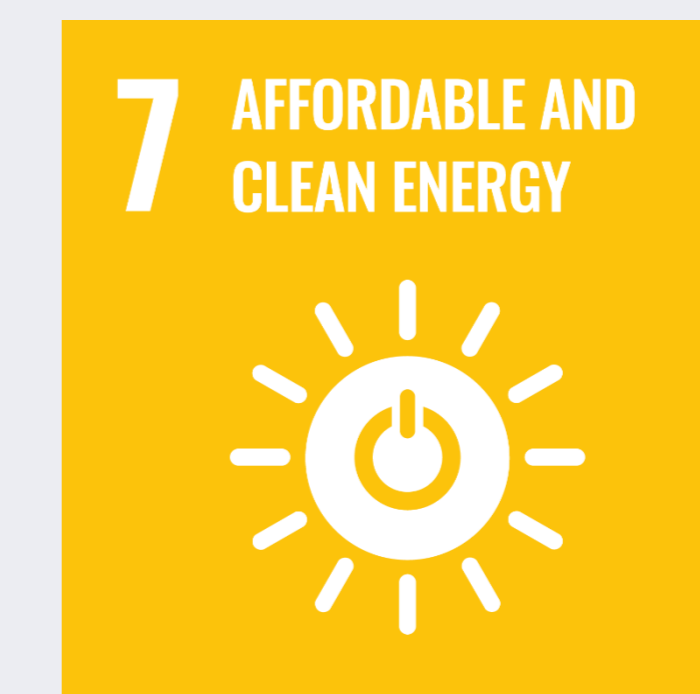
- Access to information to broaden and deepen the discussion
- Information for policy development of gender-related issues



To ensure access to safe water sources and sanitation for all

OA Contribution

- Access to research and data for policy development and project formulation



To ensure access to affordable and sustainable energy for all

OA Contribution

- Access to research and data for policy development and project formulation



To promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all

OA Contribution

- Access to research and data in support of commercial development
- Access to research and data for government policy
- Access to information for learning
- Access to research and data



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* RELX, SDG Resource Centre

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** Open Access is key to the Sustainable Development Goals- Taylor & Francis's