Governance Through Goals
New Strategies for Sustainable Development

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A long path of global sustainability governance …

1982

1992

1972

2012

Many policy instruments have been tried ...

Multilateral treaties

Emissions markets

Public private partnerships

Detailed Programmes of Action

NEW

A New Approach (agreed in 2015):

17 "Sustainable Development Goals"

with 169 targets, all to be achieved by 2030

1 NO POVERTY	2 NO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY	8 GOOD JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	9 INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND	16 PEACE AND JUSTICE	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development

The global research network 'Earth System Governance Project' supported the SDG process via meetings, policy briefs & academic research.

Will it work?

European Research Council Advanced Grant

Global Governance through Goals?
Assessing and Explaining the Steering Effects of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

G L O B A L G O A L S

2.5 million EUR (2019-2023)

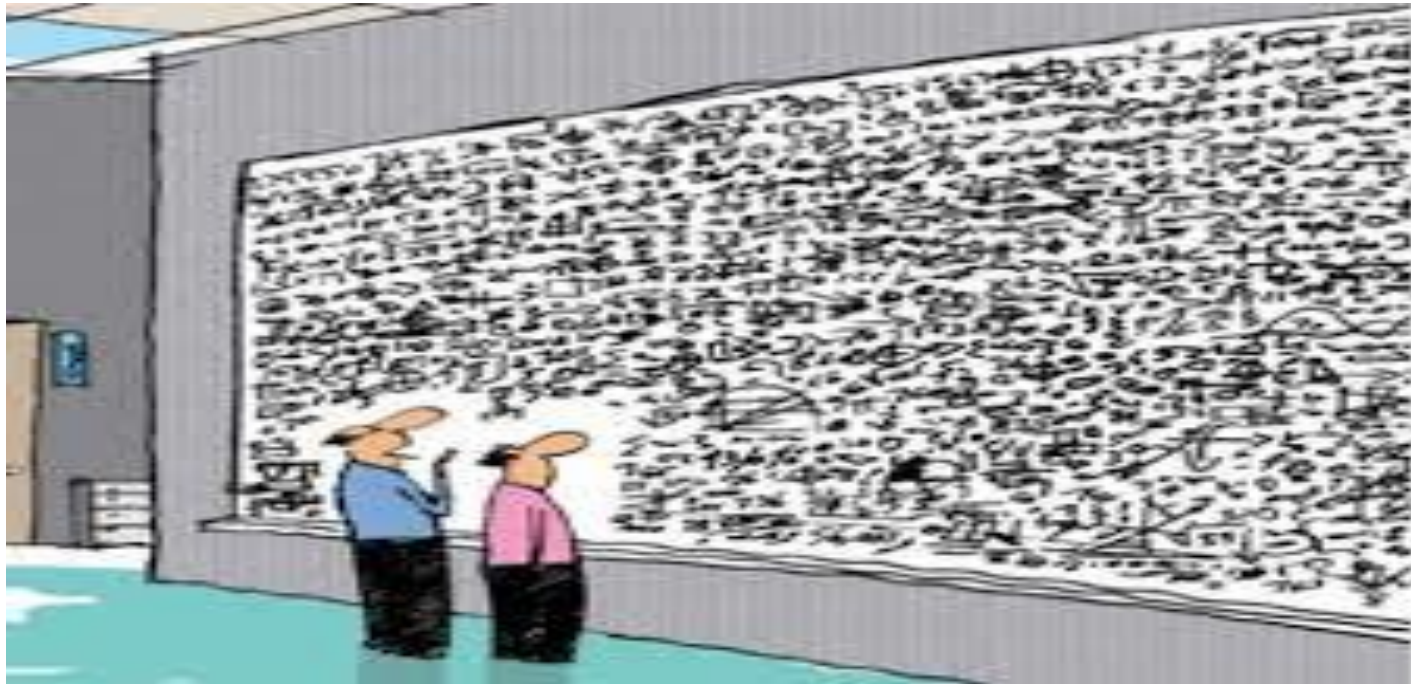# Open questions in the theory of international relations and global governance

First, GLOBALGOALS analyses whether and under what conditions the Sustainable Development Goals advance institutional **integration**.

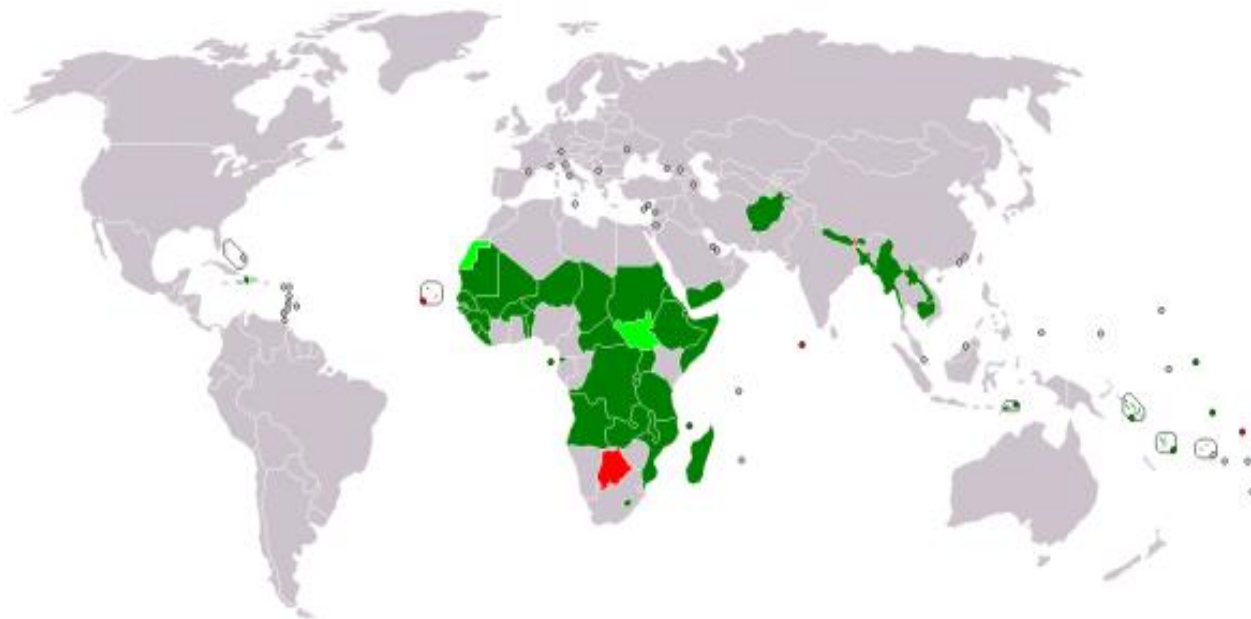Second, GLOBALGOALS analyses whether and under what conditions the Sustainable Development Goals make global governance more **inclusive**.
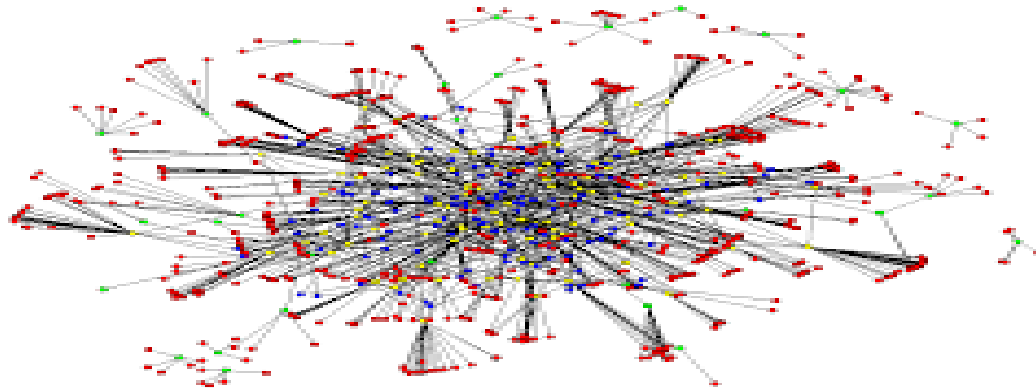
Third, GLOBALGOALS analyses whether and under what conditions the Sustainable Development Goals advance ecological **integrity** of global governance.

Social Network Analysis

GLOBALGOALS builds numerous (global) actor networks in areas covered by Sustainable Development Goals.

This allows us to understand integration, inclusiveness and integrity *over time* and *across issues*.

Global Surveys and Discourse Analysis

Global Goals surveys

Discourse analysis

> 180 expert interviews

Country Studies

Plus additional country studies by affiliated teams

- Australia

- Germany

- Italy

Pathways of Influence

Pathway 1:
Global Goals as 'Orchestrators'?

- SDGs could influence global governance by serving as 'orchestrators' in dense networks of actors and institutions.

Pathway 2:
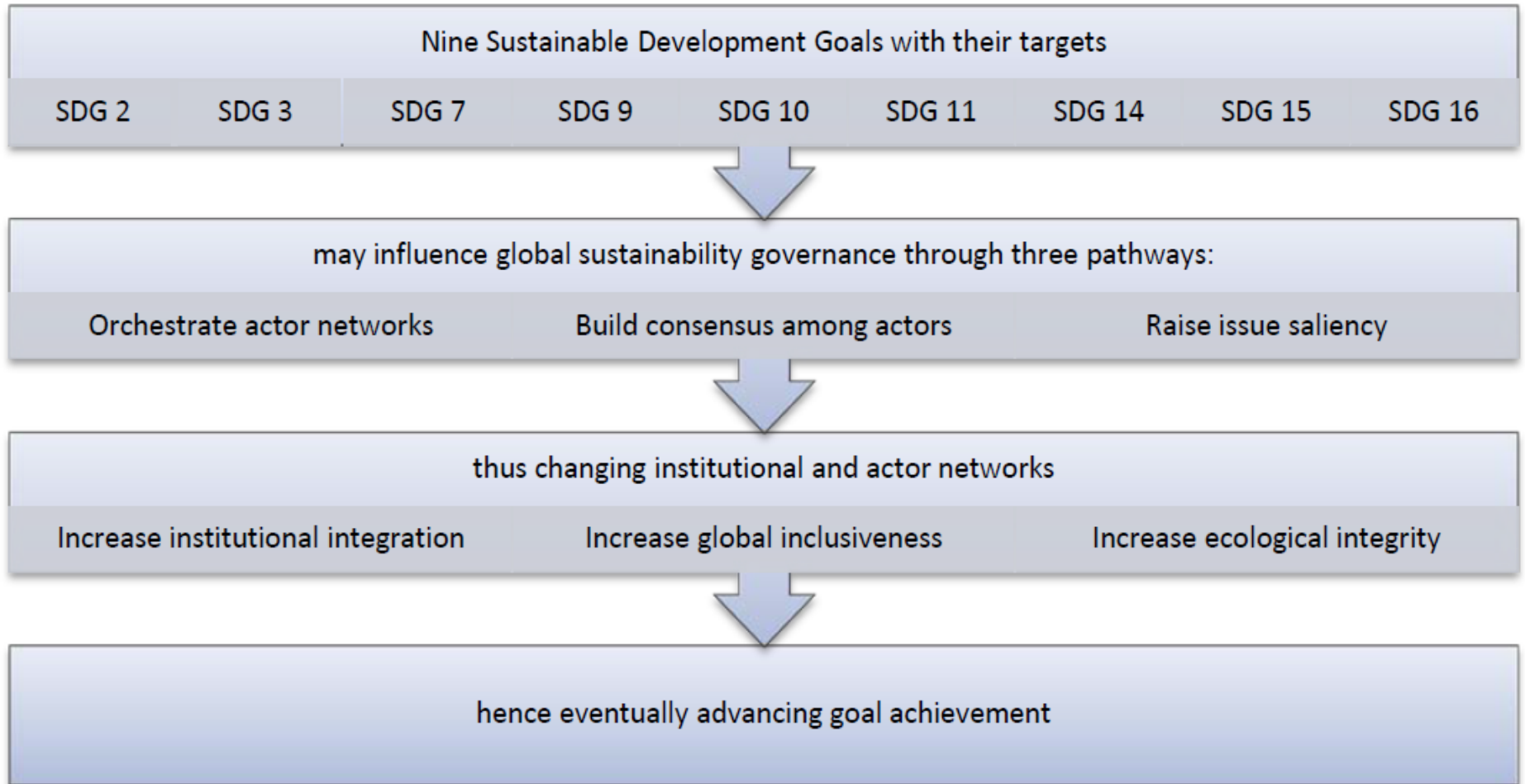Global Goals as Consensus-Builders?

- SDGs could influence global governance by fostering cognitive consensus among governments and other actors.

Pathway 3:
Global Goals as Agenda-setters?

- SDGs could influence global governance by raising the saliency of issues on the global political agenda.

Project Overview

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- ➢ Core team of 10+ researchers at Utrecht University

- ➢ Global partnerships with related projects

- ➢ Side-events at both political and academic conferences

- ➢ International open science conference on SDG research: June 2020 in Utrecht