A SHARED VISION

OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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FOREWORD

Sustainable development has been central to Université Laval's mission for many years. Driven by a deeply rooted culture of sustainability, the university community is more committed than ever to this path and is ready to pursue and multiply its efforts to contribute to the common good.

The university's sustainable development vision is meant to inspire all members of the university community in the pursuit of knowledge for the purpose of sharing it present and future generations. It sets forth a common definition of sustainable development at Université Laval and is a beacon—a source of inspiration and collective pride.

The vision builds on past accomplishments to help chart ambitious goals and action plans that will evolve over time as part of a comprehensive and integrated strategy. These action plans are the concrete expression of our sustainable development ambitions.

Our world must undergo a rapid transformation and adopt sustainable solutions if we are to overcome the challenges of our times. Many changes are needed at the individual and collective level. The bold solutions we craft today are key to building a better tomorrow.

Our vision is the result of community consultations and the collective efforts of Université Laval's Sustainable Development Issue Table. Composed of faculty, researchers, students, staff, and partners, the Table's main mandate is to make recommendations that tangibly impact the University's success in promoting sustainable development.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN's member states contains 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs). These goals and the related targets are a call for international action to meet humanity's basic needs and address global social and economic issues while respecting the planet's environmental limitations and finite resources.

The University community is already actively involved in developing and implementing solutions to reach those 17 goals. The SDGs are a roadmap for Université Laval's sustainable development initiatives in the years ahead.

By joining this global initiative, Université Laval is positioning itself as a leading institutional player and making a genuine commitment to promote equity and transform our world.

To learn more about the UN's sustainable development goals, go to un.org/sustainabledevelopment/.

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THE VISION

To be an inspirational
community driven by a profound
and lasting commitment
to the pursuit and sharing
of knowledge in the service of
the common good.

THE VALUES

AUDACITY
Take bold action to bring about ambitious, structural changes through the power of consensus and the development of concrete, innovative solutions.
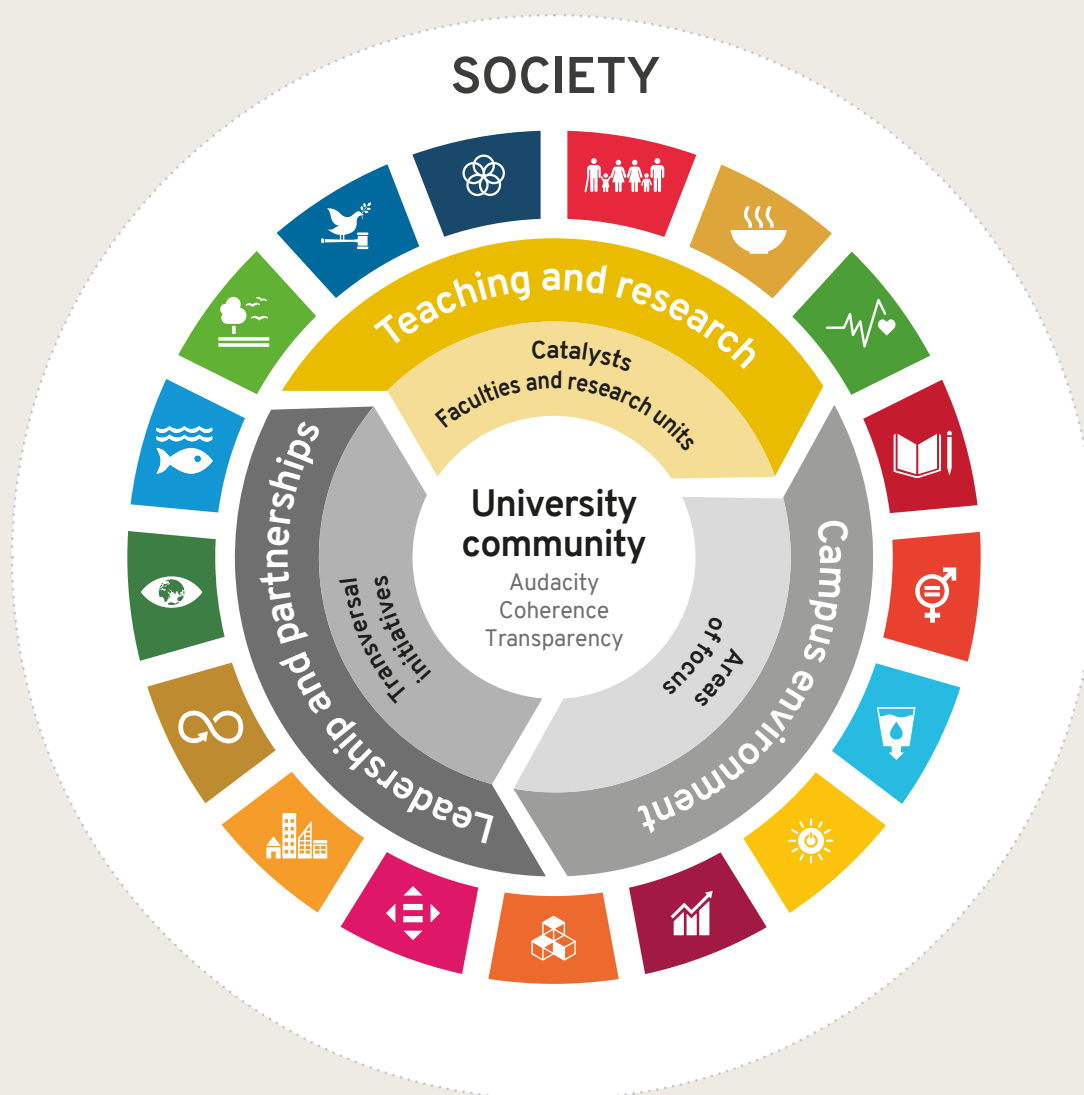
COHERENCE
Make sure our actions and practices are coherent so that sustainable development becomes a collective effort with multiple impacts and benefits.

TRANSPARENCY
Be transparent and stay attuned to the rapid evolution of innovation and initiative within the university community.

THE COMPONENTS

Université Laval's vision of sustainable development is based on three interdependent and mutually reinforcing components. This interdependence is meant to integrate and accelerate sustainable development at Université Laval by strengthening the University's teaching and research mission, experimenting with sustainable approaches and behaviours on campus, and establishing productive partnerships.

SOCIETY

Teaching and research
Catalysts
Faculties and research units

Leadership and partnerships
Transversal initiatives

Campus environment
Areas of focus

University community
Audacity
Coherence
Transparency

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

THE UNIVERSITY, BY VIRTUE OF ITS CORE
TEACHING AND RESEARCH MISSION,
PRODUCES LEADERS CAPABLE OF
SPEARHEADING THE TRANSFORMATIONS
NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY-WIDE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT. AS IT ACQUIRES AND
TRANSFERS KNOWLEDGE, THE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY FINDS INNOVATIVE WAYS TO
TACKLE THE MAJOR CHALLENGES FACED
BY SOCIETY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

> Foster interdisciplinary collaboration in sustainable
  development research and education

> Deliver experiential learning that allows students and
  the wider university community to play an active role
  in developing solutions for the benefit of all society

> Promote the University community's sustainable
  development research and education initiatives.

Université Laval's **faculties and research units and the
researchers**, faculty members, and students who work and
study there act as **catalysts** for the teaching and research
component by advancing and disseminating knowledge and
educating people about sustainable development.

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL'S CAMPUS IS A
STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT PERFECT
FOR EXPERIMENTING AND DEVELOPING
INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS IN SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT. THE CAMPUS ITSELF
IS A LIVING LAB—A TESTING GROUND
FOR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

> Share the many ways in which sustainable development research and education have a positive, direct impact on the sustainability of the University's daily operations

> Opt for the most innovative approaches and practices in order to promote sustainable behaviour as part of a commitment to continuous improvement

> Set ambitious, measurable targets combined with evaluation, monitoring, and reporting processes that are transparent and easy to understand

The **areas of focus** enrich the campus environment by giving rise to innovative, ambitious practices based on concrete advances in teaching and research, particularly with regards to energy, food, mobility, residual materials, human resources (by fostering equity, diversity, and inclusion, among other things), and culture.

LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO SHOW STRONG COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL LEADERSHIP AND ESTABLISH PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE SECTOR. ULAVAL'S WORK ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES HAS FAR-REACHING BENEFITS. THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY'S GENUINE, LONG-TERM COMMITMENT MAKES IT A MOBILIZING FORCE AND AN AGENT OF CHANGE.

> Promote and disseminate knowledge and innovation in sustainable development in the community, in the spirit of open science and knowledge sharing

> Consolidate ULaval's sustainable development leadership by promoting the experiments and initiatives led by the University community

> Establish productive, long-lasting alliances with local, national, and international partners and contribute to our collective well-being.

There are other **transversal initiatives** at Université Laval, including sustainable health, social engagement, a culture of partnership, and responsible entrepreneurship. These initiatives evolve over time and have their own governance structures. All help the University reach its sustainable development goals.

TAKING IT FURTHER, TOGETHER

Through its actions and genuine commitment, the University community plays a central role in bringing this shared vision to life, delivering bold, concrete solutions to society's greatest challenges.

Encouraged by the University's participative approach, the community actively participates in the discussions and projects surrounding sustainable development at Université Laval. The purpose of this approach is to:

> Work together to establish and implement approaches and initiatives for the betterment of society

> Foster multidisciplinary projects and partnerships aimed at developing concrete, high-potential solutions in sustainable development

> Discuss sustainable development issues in ways that bring the University community together

A BOLD STRATEGY

The University's sustainable development vision will be deployed using a comprehensive and integrated strategy and specific action plans with ambitious targets. These will nurture the various components of our shared vision in a concrete, flexible way.

IMPACTS

This vision of sustainable development at Université Laval
brings the University community together around a common undertaking that holds great promise for the future. Rooted in action, participation, and mobilization, it fosters the acceleration and integration of transformations aimed at the common good. It encourages members of the University community to become agents of change who help bring about transformation in their own environment.

Together,
let's help forge
a sustainable future.