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futurearth Pathways Newsletter

April 2023

Dear Pathways enthusiasts,

Spring has sprung and the winds of change are reflected in this edition's events and opportunities, focusing on how to 'spring forward' and trigger the necessary transformations in research and society.

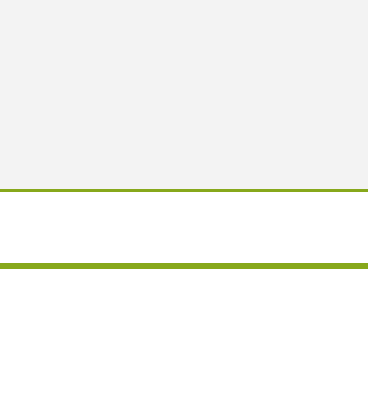
We are also happy to announce another round of the [Pathways Communication Grants](#), aiming to support the dissemination of place-based pathways research to non-academic audiences in new and innovative ways. If you ever wondered what we mean when we talk about 'pathways', join us at the next [Pathways Forum](#) which will explore four common pathways approaches, their specificities and synergies.

As always, we welcome contributions from the community. If you would have any pathways-related news, opportunities and events you'd like to share, please let us know.

Happy reading!

Natalie Chong
& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group

Food for Thought



An open space for boundary-pushing critical reflections, opinions, and perspectives from the scientific community on doing sustainability science

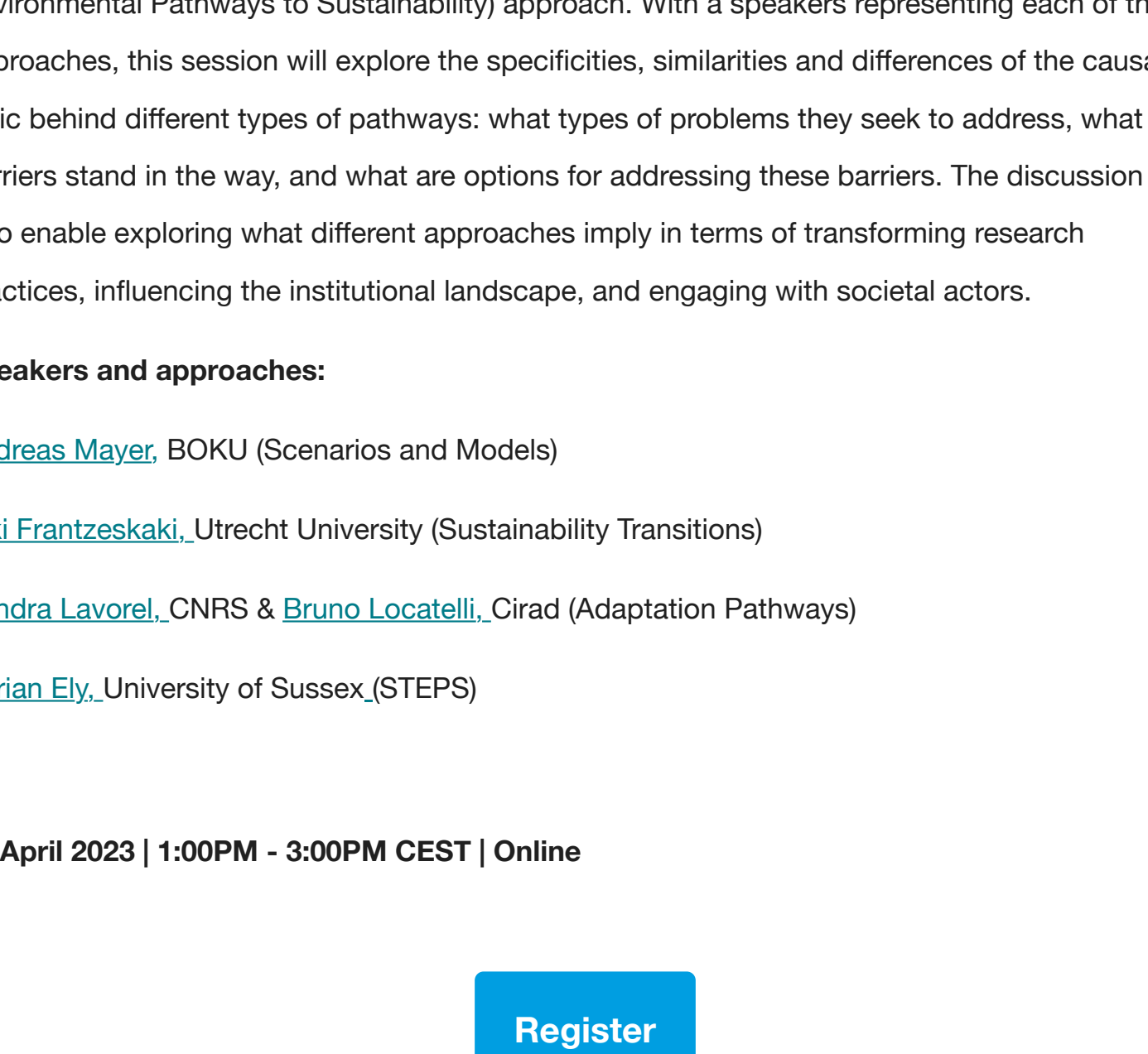


Point of View: Rethinking academia in a time of climate crisis

Academia needs urgent change. But how? This article suggests seven new principles for rethinking the norms of scientific practice based on "Doughnut Economics"

[Read the article](#)

Events



Pathways Forum

"Different ways to walk a pathway"

The understanding of the concept of sustainability pathways is multiple. In this webinar, we will explore and discuss four common pathways approaches : target-based scenarios and models, sustainability transitions, adaptation pathways, and the STEPS (Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability) approach. With a speakers representing each of these approaches, this session will explore the specificities, similarities and differences of the causal logic behind different types of pathways: what types of problems they seek to address, what barriers stand in the way, and what are options for addressing these barriers. The discussion will also enable exploring what different approaches imply in terms of transforming research practices, influencing the institutional landscape, and engaging with societal actors.

Speakers and approaches:

[Andreas Mayer](#), BOKU (Scenarios and Models)

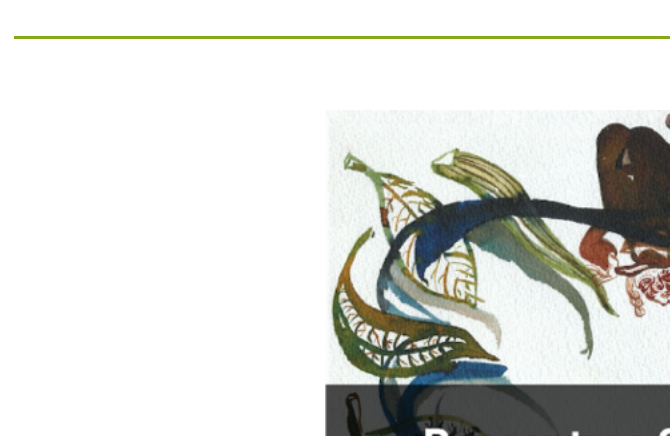
[Niki Frantzeskaki](#), Utrecht University (Sustainability Transitions)

[Sandra Lavorel](#), CNRS & [Bruno Locatelli](#), Cirad (Adaptation Pathways)

[Adrian Ely](#), University of Sussex (STEPS)

18 April 2023 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM CEST | Online

[Register](#)



FRB + Future Earth Workshop "Scenarios and transition trajectories: what transdisciplinary research is needed?"

The French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity (FRB) and Future Earth are co-organising a national workshop for researchers and societal actors interested in developing scenarios and transition trajectories of socio-ecosystems in a transdisciplinary and collaborative way. The workshop will be in person and in French. [Learn more here](#)

8 June 2023 | 9:30AM - 5:30PM CEST | Paris, France



HELSUS Sustainability Science Days "Pathways of Hope - Knowledge, Actions, Solutions"

Sustainability Science Days is an international, multi-day conference for groundbreaking transdisciplinary research, bringing together the academic community, societal change makers, and the public to create knowledge, actions, and solutions for a sustainable future. [Learn more here](#)

23-26 May 2023 | University of Helsinki

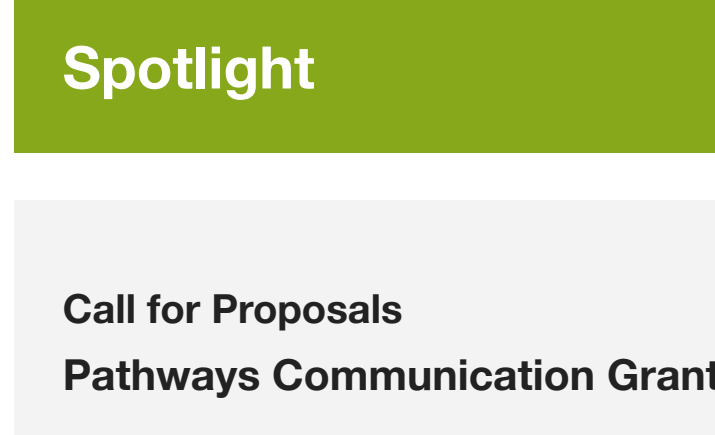


Sustainability Science Conference 2023

"Sustainability science and (in)actions: rethinking our practices"

This year's Sustainability Science Conference (*Les Rencontres Sciences de la durabilité*) explores how to engage in transformative research through the lens of different networks and collectives in France. The conference will be in person and mainly in French. [Learn more here](#)

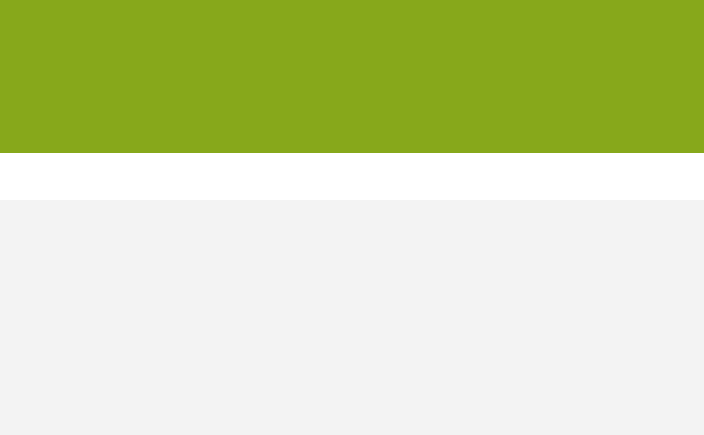
28-29 June 2023 | Marseille, France



Online Workshop Series "Decolonising research collaborations"

The Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE) is organising a series of interactive workshops bringing together professionals involved in Swiss North-South research collaborations, to promote exchange on the topic of decolonisation and discuss ideas or promising practices to tackle this demanding challenge. [Learn more here](#)

19 April - 31 May 2023 | Online



Open Panel Discussion "Activism panel with Caroline Elgin and Smilla Ubbe"

CEMUS is organising an open panel discussion with researcher Caroline Elgin who researches eco-art as a transformative tool and artist and activist Smilla Ubbe who uses art as a communication medium. [Learn more here](#)

4 April 2023 | 5:15PM - 7:00PM CEST | Hybrid



Transformation Literacy Conference 2023 "Governance and Democracy"

The 2023 Transformation Literacy Conference focuses on how varied and diverse transformative change efforts can contribute to inclusive and participatory governance. [Learn more here](#)

24, 26, 28 April 2023 | Hybrid



Viikki Sustainability Research Seminar "Advancing sustainability transition through information and knowledge co-production"

The spring seminars aim to gather researchers from different disciplines and fields to provide their research-based understanding of the changes needed to trigger and speed up transformation to sustainability. This seminar will (critically) discuss the co-production of knowledge which has rapidly increased as a means to bring together different knowledge types and stakeholders to co-create transformation. [Learn more here](#)

25 April 2023 | 3:00PM - 4:00PM GMT+3 | Hybrid

Spotlight

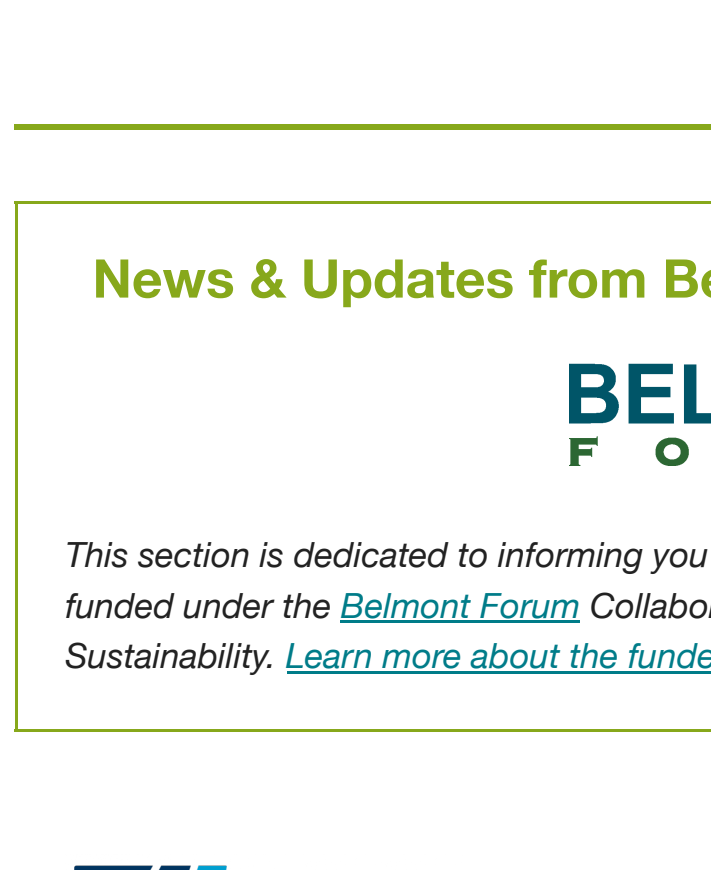
Call for Proposals Pathways Communication Grants



The call for proposals for the 2023 Pathways Communication Grants is now open. Two calls for 2023 are planned to support the dissemination of place-based pathways research outcomes to non-academic audiences through innovative formats and practices. [Learn more here](#)

Deadline: 15 June 2023

Opportunities



Summer School "Transdisciplinary methods and tools for dealing with sustainability and land use conflicts"

This summer school, which takes place from 17-22 September 2023 in Brandenburg, Germany aims to gain insight into the basics and challenges of transdisciplinary research and practice: co-designing solutions, co-producing knowledge and co-evaluating the results. To ensure the link to the 'real-world', learnings will be applied to the case of Northeast Brandenburg, Germany. [Learn more here](#)

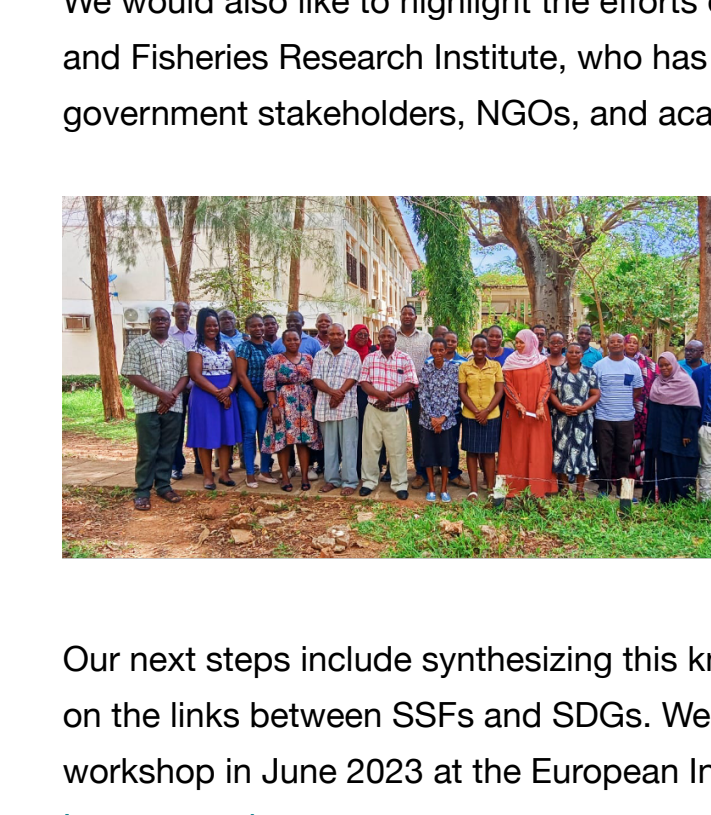
Deadline: 30 April 2023



Alternet Summer School 2023 "Biodiversity and Society: science, policy and transformative change"

The 2023 Alternet Summer School will take place from 30 August to 9 September in Peyresq, France. It will focus on the challenge of biodiversity management and conservation, and will explore the drivers of biodiversity loss and the role of ecological knowledge and social sciences. Support is available to Early Career Researchers. [Learn more here](#)

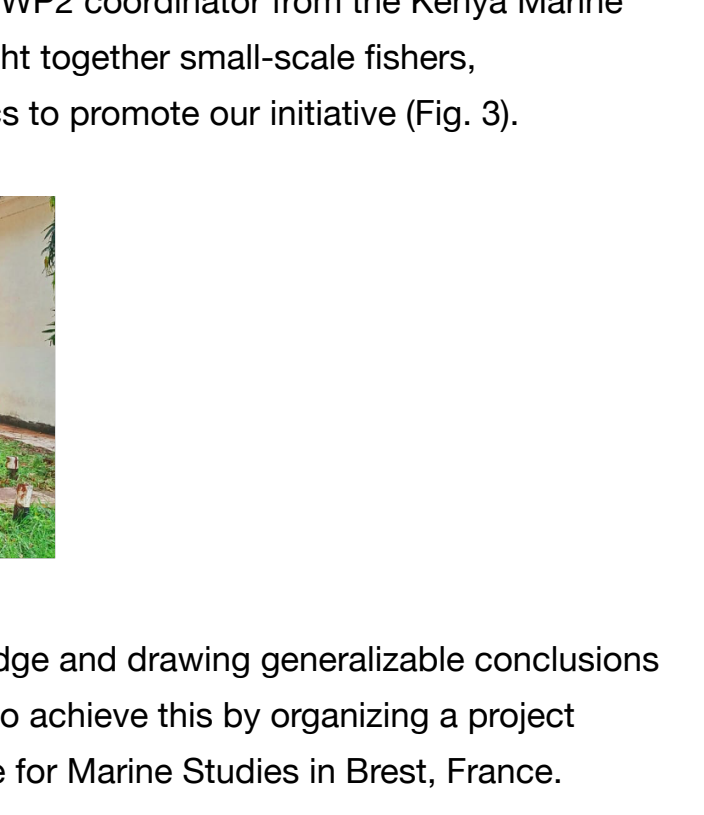
Deadline: 15 April 2023



Call for Contributions and Proposals TRED Conference 2023: "Co-creating space for collaborative research and learning to inspire, interact and integrate"

The Transdisciplinary Research, Education and Dialogue (TRED) conference will take place in Wageningen, the Netherlands from 12-14 June 2023, digging deeper into the fundamentals of inter- and transdisciplinary research. It aims to create a safe space for dialogue, make time for hands-on explorations of different approaches, and experiment with transdisciplinary processes through mini-hackathons. Participants are invited to co-create this interactive conference by organising and leading interactive discussions, hands-on workshops, and/or contribute hackathon topics. [Learn more here](#)

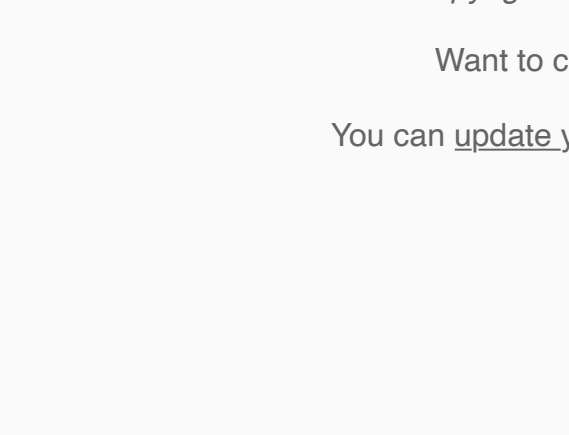
Deadline: 24 April 2023



Call for Papers "Challenging transformations: action research and social innovation"

This Action Research Journal Special Issue aims to explore in what ways action research can support innovative and prefigurative transformations. Researchers, change makers and policy actors are invited to share their experiences with the dual demand of sustaining innovative ways of working and transforming dominant institutions. [Learn more here](#)

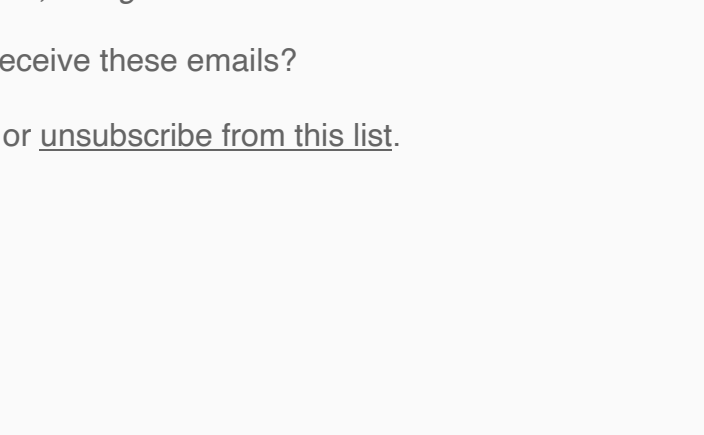
Deadline: 30 November 2023



Call for Applications Critical Pathways Fellowships 2023

Applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions (e.g., artists, academics, filmmakers, writers, journalists, activists) are invited to join the [Critical Pathways](#) interdisciplinary research community at Utrecht University for a period of two weeks to reflect on the theme 'Where voices will be heard in 2060?'. [Learn more here](#)

Deadline: 30 June 2023

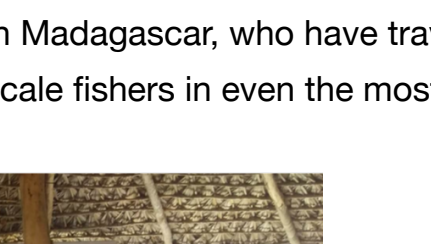


Call for Contributions Decolonizing the Solidarity Economy and Commons: Enacting the "Pluriverse"

The 2023 Social and Solidarity Economy and the Commons conference will take place in Lisbon Portugal from 8-10 November 2023, focusing on the theme of the emergence of a 'pluriverse'. Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit proposals for contributions based on formal research or on concrete activist, economic or public policy initiatives. [Learn more here](#)

Deadline: 31 May 2023

News & Updates from Belmont Forum Pathways CRA



This section is dedicated to informing you about the 13 research networks that have been funded under the [Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action \(CRA\)](#) on Pathways for Sustainability. [Learn more about the funded networks](#)



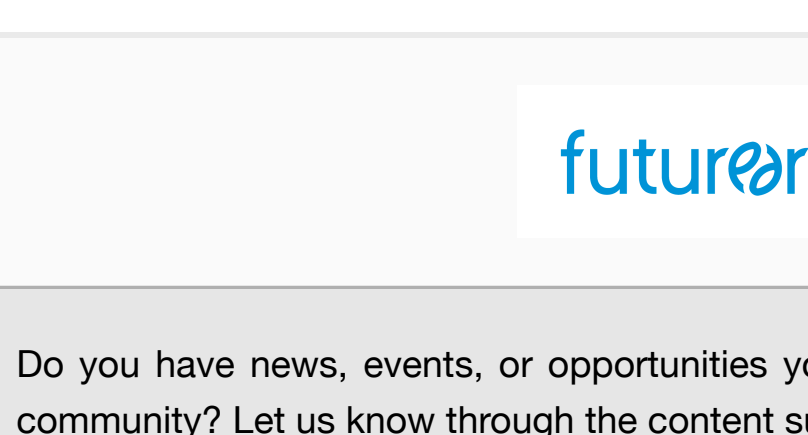
Our project's primary objective primary objective is to strengthen the communities of practice in Small-Scale Fisheries (SSFs) across six countries while evaluating their contributions towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To accomplish this, we have developed a rapid appraisal framework to assess the relationships between SSFs and the SDGs. This framework has been successfully implemented across six countries, where we have assessed the contribution of 25 SSFs towards 12 SDGs. Our ongoing efforts include workshops, one-on-one meetings, and fieldwork to gather more evidence of these relationships. We want to acknowledge the exceptional work of our team in Madagascar, who have traveled extensively throughout the country to engage with small-scale fishers in even the most remote areas (Fig. 1)



Workshops have also been held in Ecuador (Fig. 2), Colombia, Nigeria, and Mexico.



We would also like to highlight the efforts of our WP2 coordinator from the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, who has brought together small-scale fishers, government stakeholders, NGOs, and academics to promote our initiative (Fig. 3).



Our next steps include synthesizing this knowledge and drawing generalizable conclusions on the links between SSFs and SDGs. We plan to achieve this by organizing a project workshop in June 2023 at the European Institute for Marine Studies in Brest, France. [Learn more here](#)

Publications

Special Issue: Adaptation pathways to inform policy and practice in the context of development (2022, Environmental Science & Policy)
[Read the Special Issue](#)

The Roots of Neglect: Towards a Sociology of Non-Imagination (2022, Italian Journal of Science & Technology Studies)
[Read the paper](#)

Urbanising regrowth: Five steps towards a Radical Spatial Degrowth Agenda for planning in the face of climate emergency (2023, Urban Studies)
[Read the paper](#)



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