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sustainability goals

Arizona State University has been named the top U.S. university for advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, placing No. 6 in the world. ASU leads in key areas like clean energy, life below water and sustainable cities, showing its strong commitment to a better future for people and the planet.

[See how we ranked](#)

Other news



Meet the scientist watching Arizona's wild summer weather

While most people slow down in summer, Global Futures Scientist Erinanne Saffell gears up to track monsoon storms, heat waves and flash floods. She watches the skies and uses high-tech tools to help keep Arizonans safe and informed.

[Read more](#)

Spicy peppers, smart soil: Arizona farmer cuts water use with new tech



Arizona chile farmer Ed Curry is using a new soil technology with live microalgae to grow better crops while using less water. With help from the Arizona Water Innovation Initiative, ASU and MyLand, this method could help save water across thousands of farm acres in the state.

[See local impacts](#)



Predictive models to help tailor treatments in a fight against cancer

Kenneth Buetow, ASU principal investigator of a new \$5.25 million federal grant, along with fellow Global Futures Professor Manfred Laubichler are part of an ASU-Mayo Clinic team using powerful computer models to help doctors stay ahead of cancer by tailoring treatments to each patient.

[Read about the project](#)

New initiative

New global society aims to strengthen social-ecological



research

Global Futures scientists Michael Schoon and Nancy Grimm are part of a new group to support research that helps people and nature thrive together. It will connect scientists, educators and communities around the world to share knowledge and create solutions for a more just and sustainable future.

[Learn about the group](#)

Impactful insights

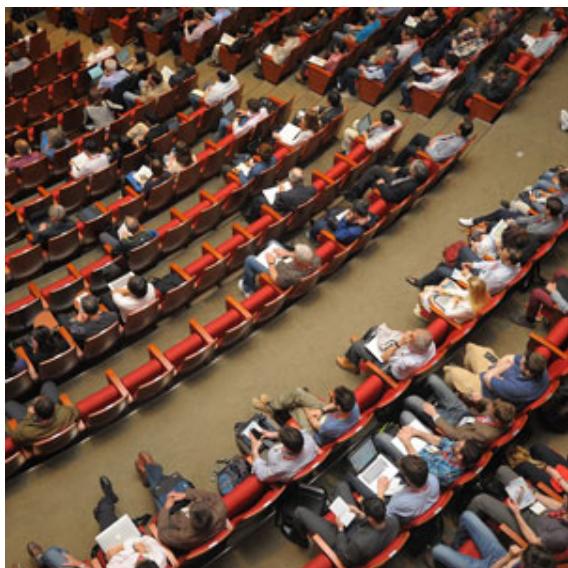


Sala leads chapter in new report on nuclear war's potential impacts

Osvaldo Sala was one of the authors of a new report requested by Congress and released by the National Academies. The report looks at how a nuclear war could affect the environment, people and the economy, using today's science and technology.

[Download the report](#)

Global talks result in recommendations for the ethics of AI



Visiting Scholar Steven Hartman of the UNESCO-BRIDGES Coalition joined global talks about the ethics of artificial intelligence. Experts from around the world worked together to create a plan for fair and responsible AI, with ideas focused on human rights, climate and global cooperation.

[Read the plan](#)

Honors and awards



Vogel joins ASU's College of Global Futures leadership team

Kathleen Vogel has been named associate dean of faculty at ASU's College of Global Futures, where she'll help support faculty and advance the college's mission for a healthier planet. She brings years of leadership experience and a passion for innovation and service.

[Read more](#)

Cavalier joins national science board



Darlene Cavalier has been picked to join a special science board for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This board gives advice on how NOAA can conduct research, teach people about science and use science to help protect the oceans and coasts. The board's goal is to help us better understand and take care of Earth's environment.

[Review the board](#)



Expert named to national marine carbon removal committee

Mahmud Farooque has been appointed to a new National Academies committee focused on ocean-based carbon removal. The group will help keep climate science up to date and guide decisions on using the ocean to fight climate change.

[See the members](#)

Spackman wins 2025 Humanities Book Award

The Humanities Institute selected Christy Spackman as the 2025 Book Award for 'The Taste of Water,' a fascinating look at why our tap water tastes the way it does. Her work



helps us understand how science, history, and culture all shape something as simple — and important — as a glass of water.

[Read about the award](#)

Upcoming events

Falling Walls Lab Arizona info sessions

July 11, 25, 3:30 p.m. | Recurring, free webinars

Aug. 22 | Falling Walls Lab, Walton Center for Planetary Health, Rm 190, 777 E. University Dr. Tempe AZ 85281

[Learn more](#)

Rethinking Water

Sept. 25 | The Forum, Columbia University, 601 West 125th St., New York, NY 10027, USA

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