2016–2020: Pathways to Impact

UNRISD’s position as an independent research institute within the UN system gives it a unique ability to bring empirical evidence and objective insights to policy debates and decision making.

**Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals**

*Policy Innovations for Transformative Change: Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

Drawing on numerous policy innovations in the global South, the UNRISD 2016 Flagship Report identifies pathways to the transformation envisaged in the 2030 Agenda, analysing which policies and practices will lead to social, economic and ecological justice in six areas—social policy, care policy, social and solidarity economy, eco-social policy, domestic resource mobilization, and politics and governance.

[www.unrisd.org/flagship2016](http://www.unrisd.org/flagship2016)

33,000 downloads of the UNRISD 2016 Flagship Report by October 2019

**Research uptake**

*Social and Solidarity Economy for the SDGs*

Is the social and solidarity economy (SSE) the transformative, innovative and inclusive approach to development needed to achieve the SDGs? How should its performance and results be measured? What public policies enable SSE to develop and thrive? These questions guide current UNRISD analysis of SSE and collaboration with the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on SSE, of which UNRISD is a founding member.

[www.unrisd.org/untfsse-sse-knowledge-hub-for-sdgs](http://www.unrisd.org/untfsse-sse-knowledge-hub-for-sdgs)

*Climate Justice*

Eco-social approaches will be required to confront the climate crisis, which is both an environmental emergency and a social justice deficit. This cross-cutting work, ever a hallmark of UNRISD’s research, joins up analysis across the environmental and social pillars of sustainable development, thereby realizing the integrated approach needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

[www.unrisd.org/ittc](http://www.unrisd.org/ittc)

**Bridging Research and Policy Communities**

Thanks to its position at the heart of the UN system, UNRISD has channels to bring empirical evidence from its global research networks to member states, such as via side events at intergovernmental meetings. In the past 4 years, UNRISD has shared its evidence-based insights with policy makers at the High-Level Political Forum, Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Climate Change Conference, Human Rights Council and the Commission for Social Development.

31 side events featuring UNRISD research over the last 4 years

**A Unique Interdisciplinary and Holistic Approach for UN Partners**

UNRISD is a valuable partner for other UN agencies seeking to improve their knowledge base and inform their work with rigorous, reliable evidence. In the last 4 years, research was commissioned to UNRISD by UNICEF, UNECE and UNDP. UNRISD researchers’ expertise was sought by DESA, ECA, ESCAP, ESCWA, GAIN, ILO, ISSA, UNCTAD, UNFCCC, UNSSC, the World Bank and others.

[www.unrisd.org/impact](http://www.unrisd.org/impact)
Overcoming Multidimensional Inequalities

UNRISD research, in particular the 2010 Flagship Report Combating Poverty and Inequality: Structural Change, Social Policy and Politics, was instrumental in putting inequalities at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With its current inquiry on Elites, Inequalities and Social Mobilization, UNRISD is again undertaking research on topics that are not yet receiving attention in the UN system.

Gendered Dimensions of Development

Volume II of UNRISD Classics brings together the best of the Institute’s rich legacy of research and original thinking on gender and development. With pioneering work from the 1970s to the present, UNRISD research has been at the forefront of innovations influencing development work on gender equality.

www.unrisd.org/classics-volume2

Social Protection and Human Rights

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UNRISD has a reputation for joining up the dots between development silos. By creating a platform for exchange and mutual learning across the human rights and social protection communities, it has provided a meeting place for practitioners from both fields, a conceptual basis for collaboration, as well as a unique combination of tools and resources.

700 open access resources on the platform

www.socialprotection-humanrights.org/

World Social Work Day

UNRISD collaborates every year with Swiss and international partners from the field of social work, uniting researchers and practitioners to their mutual benefit. The Day serves to showcase the achievements of social work and increase its visibility, and also to highlight its synergies with social development: shared commitments to social justice, inclusive development and human rights.

www.unrisd.org/eb6

Sustainable Development Performance Indicators

Are corporations and SSE organizations meeting the SDG challenge? This UNRISD research brings together, for the first time, a highly diverse set of stakeholders involved in sustainability measurement and reporting, uniting key standard-setting organizations with users of sustainability data such as UN agencies, companies, SSE organizations, NGOs and academia. UNRISD’s convening role allows them to identify common ground and chart a way forward.

www.unrisd.org/sdpi