Interdisciplinary research is a vital ingredient in the recipe for successful implementation of the SDGs, but an important challenge remains: translating that research into integrated policies and practice. UNRISD’s Bonn Programme works to build the knowledge and capacity needed to address the social, economic, political and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

The Bonn Programme aims to increase the uptake of evidence-based analysis and knowledge, and contribute to high-quality, relevant training and capacity development, through:

- Identifying knowledge-capacity gaps regarding the social dimensions of sustainable development and linking these to UNRISD research.
- Supporting integrated approaches to SDG implementation with interdisciplinary evidence and knowledge products.
- Creating partnerships and platforms for voices from the global South and the Bonn ecosystem of development actors.
- Building an eco-social contract network that connects policy makers, researchers and activists across the globe.
UNRISD’s independent research on the social dimensions of today’s pressing development issues provides our stakeholders with empirical evidence, objective analysis and innovative insights. Our research focuses on the intersections between the social, environmental and economic pillars of the sustainable development agenda while daring to address the politics of policy change. We put equity, justice and rights for all at the heart of development.

UNRISD has researched and analysed the social dimensions of inclusive, sustainable development for nearly six decades, building unique and powerful assets.

- Track record of raising visibility within the United Nations of neglected issues, through transdisciplinary collaboration.
- Unique position within the United Nations leveraged with research and academic networks in global North and South; an interface on social development issues.
- Substantial body of evidence and original analysis on the relationship between social, economic, environmental and political dimensions of development; innovative policy recommendations.
- Global networks of policy makers, academics, advocates and practitioners; a reputation as a powerful, respected convener.
- Reputation for strengthening the capacity of researchers in the global South through an approach of co-creation and mutual learning.
- Research credibility, thought leadership and extensive networks generating significant, long-term transformative impacts.

Our work over the next five years, centred on overcoming inequalities and building a new eco-social contract for the 21st century, will support advocacy and action for inclusive, equitable and sustainable societies.

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