



Unleashing the transformative potential of the SDGs: a panel discussion

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Beyond Traditional Methods

- Responding to the challenges of contemporary reporting will require a paradigm shift beyond traditional methods of acquiring knowledge, towards a new approach, including better use of citizen science.
- Using accessible language.
- Models that are more responsive, predictive and inclusive, with a focus on building our research, data and analytics skills and capabilities, and a shift to a more operational paradigm where environmental policy-makers, practitioners and the community have access to the information they need, when they need it.
- The SDGs provide an internationally agreed framework that goes beyond reporting on the condition of our natural assets, describes the benefits of a healthy environment to our economy and community, and leads to informed conversations and debate about multiple outcomes.

Lessons

No time for Omphaloskepsis or navel-gazing

- Draw a line in the sand and act
- Do not let the perfect get in the way of the possible and the practical
- Start in an imperfect place and change and refine over time – iterate
- Learn by doing – don't wait, improve our understanding of applying the SDGs over time

Leadership. Commitment. Action.