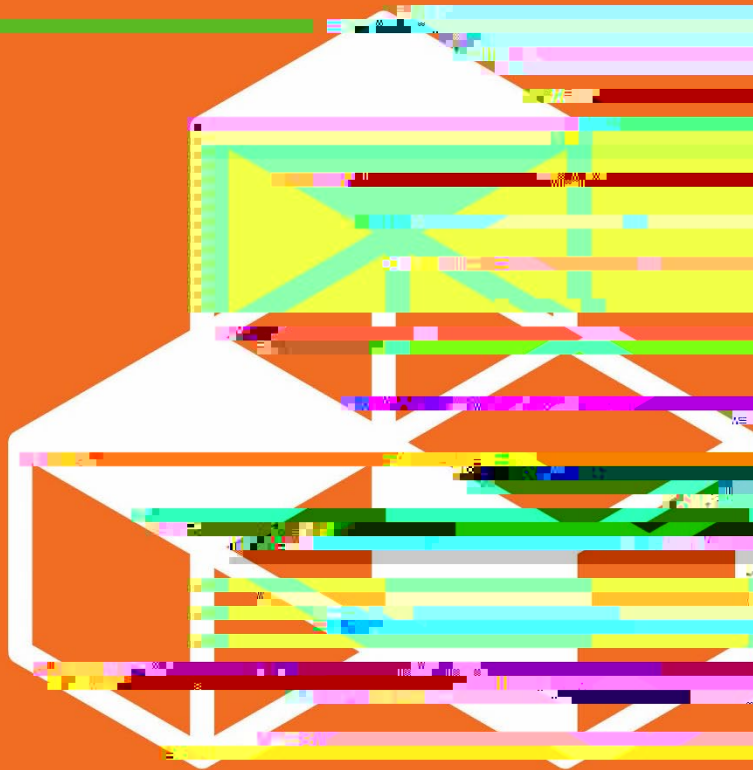




9 INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION



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Event Description

On **June 21, 2021**, Queen's University hosted its first [17 Rooms](#) event, which brought together Queen's faculty, students, and staff to identify next steps for advancing the [UN Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) at the university.

Participants were divided into 17 virtual rooms, one per SDG, and asked to identify actions **that Queen's University could take in the following 12 to 18 months to advance their specific goal.**

Rooms participants were also asked to identify:

- The most important issues related to their SDG that Queen's should address,
- Connections and common themes amongst these issues,
- How their SDG connects with reconciliation/conciliation, decolonization, and Indigenization,
- How their SDG connects with other SDGs.

Each room had two hours to brainstorm ideas before presenting their recommended

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Section 1: Discussion

Our group agreed that “enhancement of quality of life” should be the key metric to evaluate progress towards SDG 9.

To advance this SDG, there needs to be a **culture shift** at Queen’s – everyone at the

Section 3: Additional Recommendations

Additional recommendations discussed included:

- **Ask departments to reframe initiatives** to include a sustainability focus.
- **Integrate SDG indicators** into all pre-existing operations and programs.
- **Assess research infrastructure** and broadband access. Advancements are made when facilities are built to meet research needs.
- **Focus on personnel skills development** and enable talent with reliable funding, especially amongst those who experience barriers.