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TOOLBOX FOR TEACHERS ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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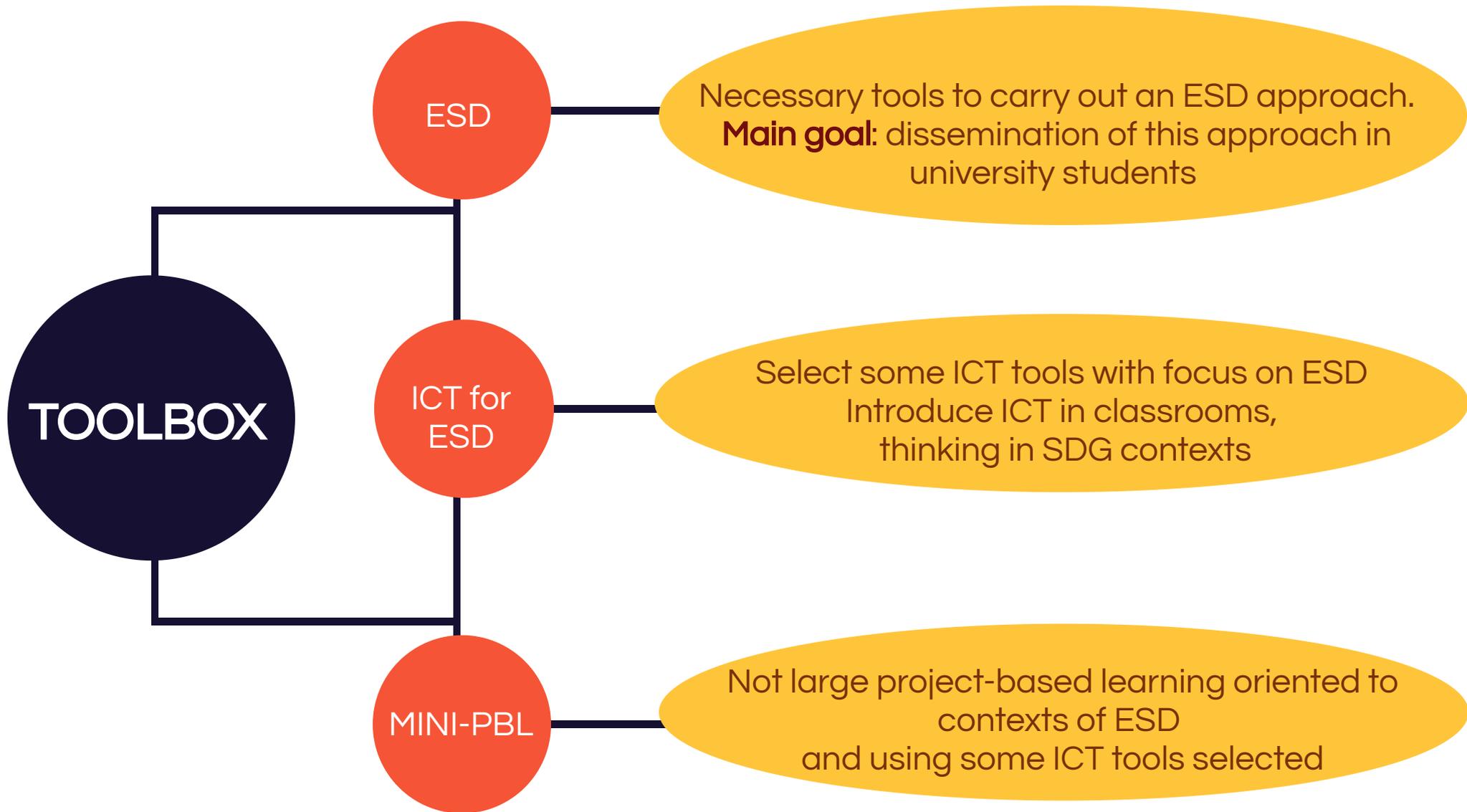
WHAT ULL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR...



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TOOL 1:

EDUCATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE
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WHY

We are living in a complex, interconnected and interdependent world.

To manage all that, learners need to be equipped with **relevant skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values.**

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

It is relevant to understand the individual and collective **decisions** impacts on the world and around the individuals

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



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Sustainable development

Development that meets the needs of the present without comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

Brundtland Report, 1987



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SDG 

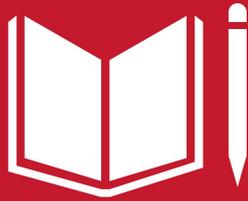


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4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Target 4.7

By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the **knowledge** and **skills** needed to **promote sustainable development**, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, **human rights**, **gender equality**, **promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence**, **global citizenship** and **appreciation of cultural diversity** and of culture's contribution to sustainable development

SDG



EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

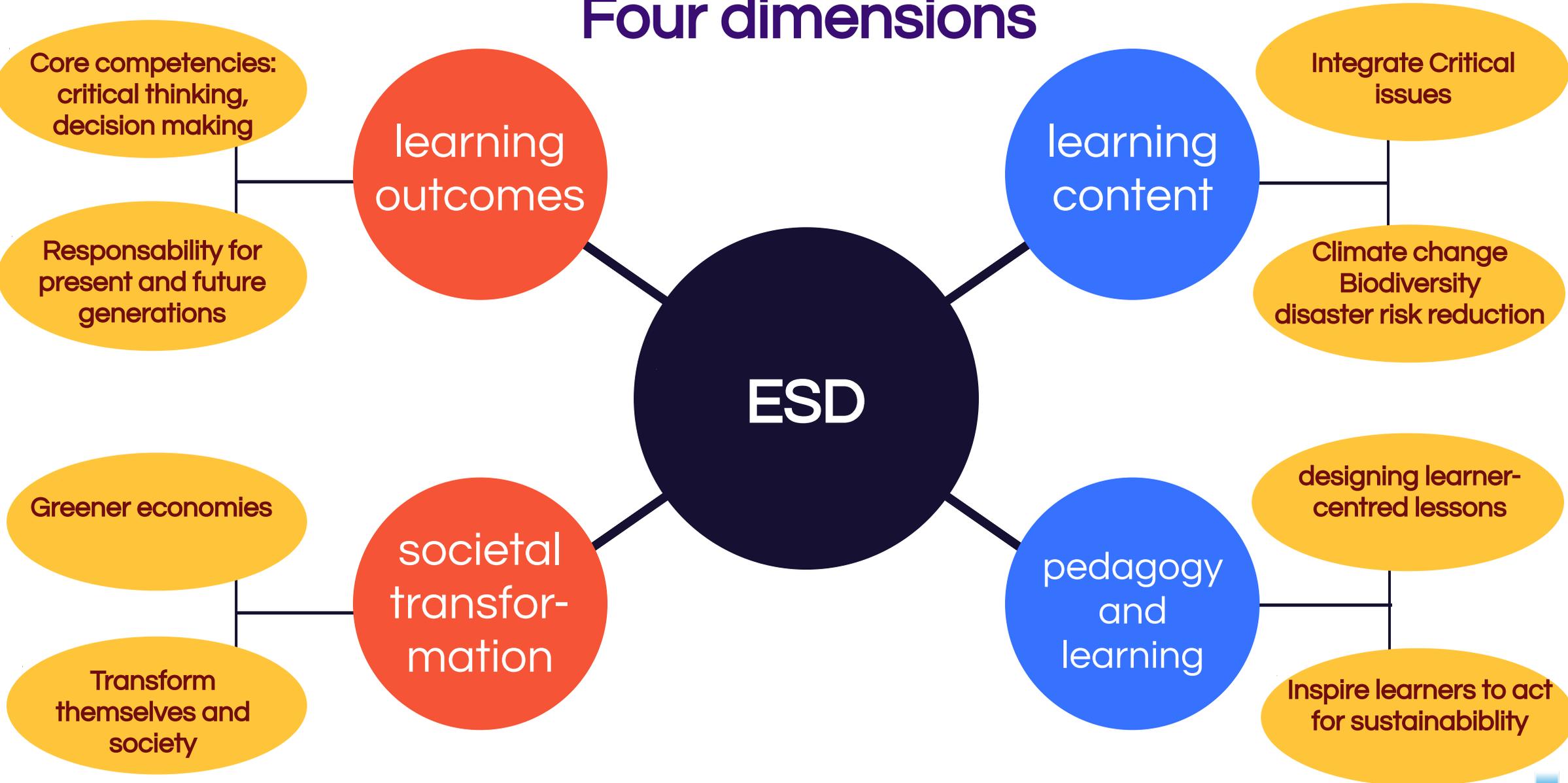
Empowering learners to know how to play
an active part in the local community in
shaping a more just and sustainable
world globally

Balance the demands of the environment,
society and economy



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Four dimensions



HOW TO DO THIS IN OUR CLASSES?



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Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) needs to be **reflected in the content** of what teachers must teach **and the pedagogy** they implement.

Embedding ESD into core subjects is one of the most **effective and efficient** ways to achieve SDG targets (as 4.7)

Embedding means to **incorporate ESD as an integral element of curricula** and other aspects of formal education, not as an "add-on".



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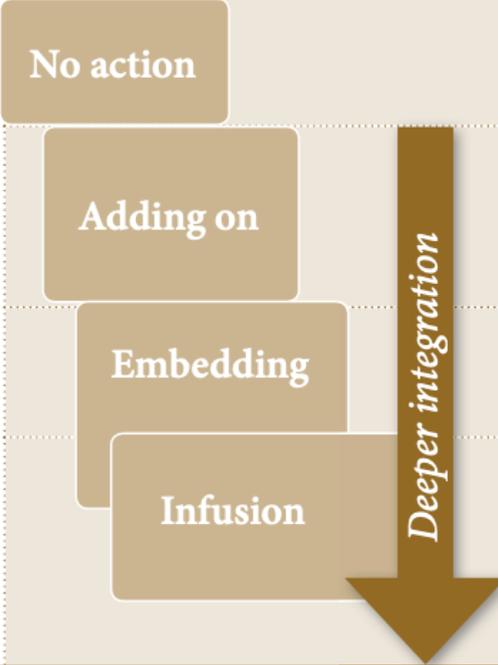
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Embedding

In the **built-in** place:
Important enough to integrate it in all we do

Responses to the challenge of sustainable development		Corresponding ESD mainstreaming strategies
(a) Denial	It's a hype that will go away	No action
(b) Bolt on	Add a 'green aspect' to a curriculum or a programme	Adding on
(c) Built in	Important enough to integrate in all we do	Embedding
(d) Whole system redesign	We need to rethink the very foundations of what we currently do	Infusion



Source: *Responses to the challenge of sustainable development*, adapted from Sterling 2004 as cited in Lotz-Sisitka et al (2015) p.73



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HOW TO EMBED **ESD** IN OUR PROGRAM?

Some initial ideas...

Mgiep, U. (2017). *Textbooks for sustainable development: A guide to embedding*.
Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development India.



1. Developing Competency-Based learning units

Develop units that make learners to show their knowledge and apply them in different situations

Teachers should be trained in pedagogies that lead them to create those interesting situations



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2. Selecting themes, topics and issues

Teachers should use some criteria for selecting ESD topics. This topics should:

- Be meaningful and significant for learners (real life)
- Explore possibilities of sustainable solutions
- Encourage to investigate and discuss interconnectivity between local, global issues
- Address fundamental challenges facing humanity
- Fostering ESD competencies



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3. Making issues matters to students

Meaningful learning in opposition to mechanistic absorption of information.

Teachers should encourage student participation by prompting learners to act on the results of their inquiries

ESD "entails more than simply knowing things about the environment, economic or equity and social justice issues, but rather involves a willingness and ability to engage intellectually and personally with the tensions that are created by the interconnectedness of these systems"

(Nolet, 2009, p. 421)



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4. Assessment aligns with the ESD

In this sense, the assessment may include:

- Tasks where learners demonstrate their ESD **competencies**
- Tasks to apply ESD competencies to **real-world situations**
- Tasks that make learners to **address the relation subject-ESD**
- **Peer review and self-assessment** to be critical on the progress and their partners'
- Use **rubrics or competence grids** known by learners in advance



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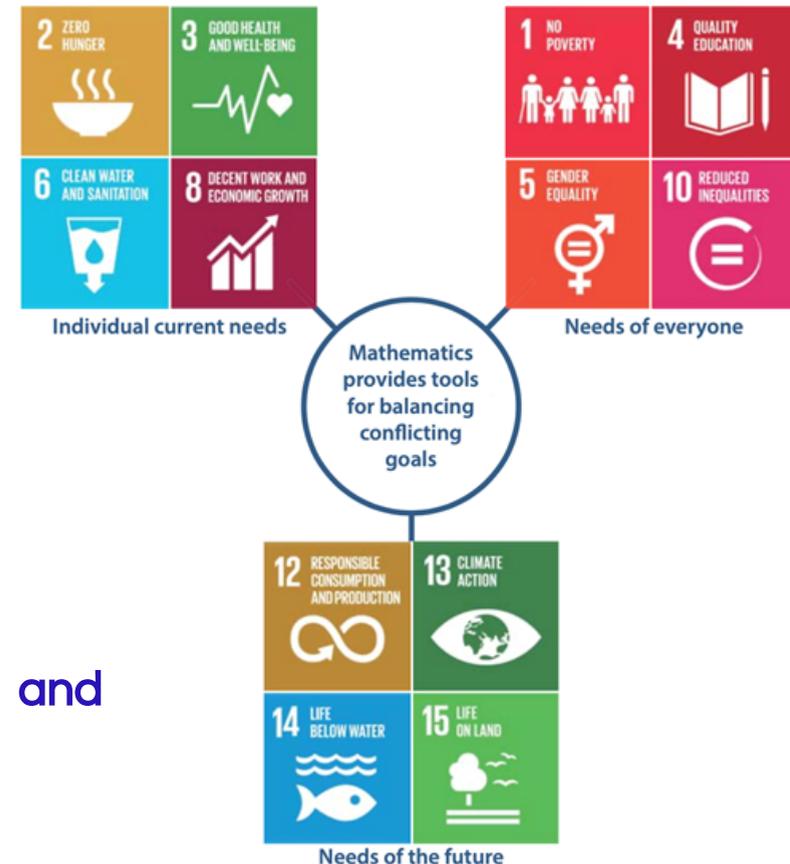
WHICH IS THE ROLE OF MATHEMATICS?

Mathematics - EDS relation

Mathematics are useful for...

Develop critical thinking, alternative thinking
Informed decision making
Solving problems

Balance current needs from future needs, and
individual needs from needs for everyone



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Collection of some ideas to develop in the Mathematical classes

Three types of topics:

- **Success stories:** solutions to everyday problems
- **Mathematics illuminated:** Math concepts to understand and describe real-world processes
- **Grand challenges and opportunities for Mathematics**



**MATHEMATICS
FOR ACTION**

Supporting Science-Based Decision-Making



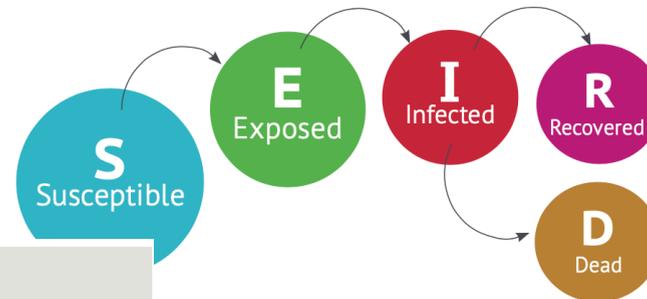
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Modeling infectious diseases

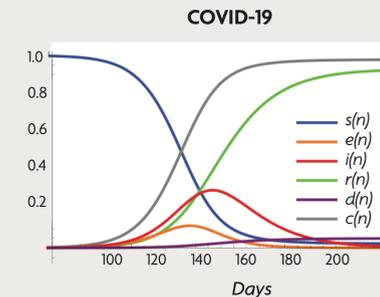
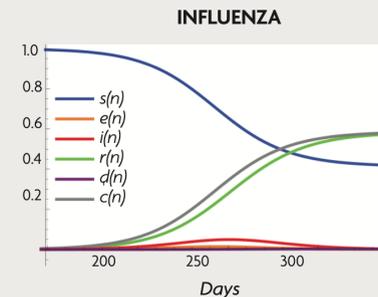
SEIRD MODEL



KEY MESSAGES

- ✓ Mathematical models provide invaluable tools for public health decision-making, both by forecasting the likely impact of an epidemic and by predicting the effectiveness of measures of disease containment and prevention.
- ✓ When a pathogen's basic reproduction number (R_0) falls below 1 in a given place, infection spread slows and the epidemic can be controlled in that area. Physical distancing measures have proven to reduce the value of R_0 .
- ✓ When most of a population is immune to an infectious disease, those who are not immune are provided indirect protection, or herd immunity. Depending on how infectious the pathogen is, 70% to 90% of the population would need to be immune to establish herd immunity.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE GROWTH SIMULATIONS



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WHAT IS NEXT?

Developing *Toolbox for teachers*



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Move forward to **university perspective** ...

Make a guide selecting topics oriented to develop ESD in mathematics at university

Motivational video about ESD and the role of the university to spread all the competencies for Sustainable Development

Start to develop tool 2: ICT for ESD. How to **improve EDS** using ICT

Prepare Mini-PBL integrating ICT and focusing on **SDG contexts**. Of course, about mathematics



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