# Working towards a more ethical information community: ASCE, the SDGs, and CCKC

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## The ASCE Sustainability Roadmap

Sustainability is a strategic issue confronting practicing civil engineers

Its integration into professional practice is required to address changing environmental, social, and economic conditions ethically and responsibly

ASCE has outlined a roadmap to transform the profession

# Sustainable project development

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# 02

### Standards & protocols

Do the project right

03

### **Building capacity**

Expand technical capacity

04

**Communicate & advocate** 

Making the case

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#### **Priority 4**

Communicate and advocate

Transforming the civil engineering profession and delivery of sustainable infrastructure requires communication with all stakeholders and advocacy to promote acceptance and adoption. This significant transformation of the civil engineering profession requires communicating the reasons for change with members, the public, and all stakeholders. The end goal is a membership and public that demand environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable infrastructure that meets the needs of human welfare equitably and enables healthy thriving communities.

## **ASCE Publications Strategy**



#### Sustainability • • •

ASCE Publications is a leading publisher of sustainability content in civil engineering

#### • • • Accessibility

Make technical content accessible to non-traditional audiences

## **ASCE Publications Strategy**



#### Challenges • • •

- Enormous volume of content
- Curation
- "Translation" resources
- Audience reach

## CLIMATE CHANGE KNOWLEDGE COOPERATIVE: Media campaign and public engagement showcase

"A major new collaborative initiative to help broaden the discovery and understanding of climate change research—and accelerate its application towards a sustainable future."



#### Content + campaign to maximize:

- ✤ Reach
- Readership
- Recognition





#### Welcome to our Climate Change Showcase

Explore a selection of ASCE research relating to climate change and global warming, explained in plain language by professional science writers.

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# Why participate?

- Expand reach to broader audiences in plain, accessible language
- Press/publicity beyond academia
- At an accessible price point due to economies of scale







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# **Looking Ahead**

### SDGs?

- In process of creating curated collections for 5 SDGs
  - Aim to add similar layer of accessibility

### Expand CCKC

- Currently 5 articles with summaries
- Additional 15 to come with summaries, plus some with video or infographic

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# Thank you!

#### **Questions?**

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