

Shooting for the STARS: Introduction to Sustainability



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About AASHE

- An international association of **colleges & universities** working to create a sustainable future.
- About 800 members, including HEIs, businesses, and NGOs.

Key Activities:

- Annual conference
- Virtual education
- Mentorship program
- Resource center
- AASHE Bulletin
- Online community
- Awards
- STARS

OUR COMMON FUTURE

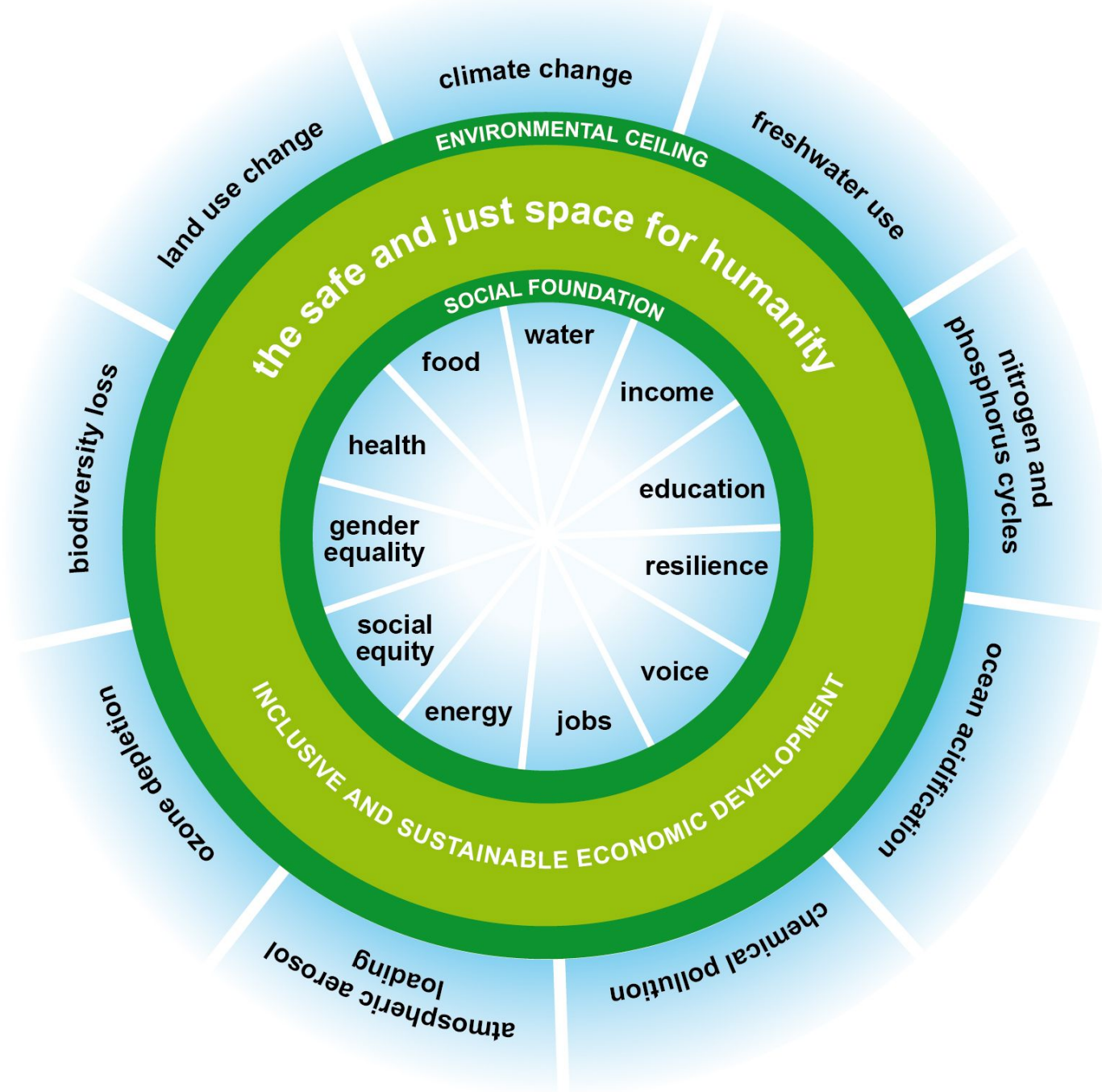
THE WORLD COMMISSION

ON ENVIRONMENT

AND DEVELOPMENT

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

Safe and Just Space for Humanity Model AKA “The Doughnut”



AASHE's Definition

“AASHE understands sustainability as a pluralistic concept encompassing human and ecological health, racial equity and social justice, secure livelihoods, and well-being for all now and in the future. Our understanding is informed by concepts of sustainability embedded in many Indigenous cultures as well as the [Earth Charter](#) and the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#).”

STARS Overview



STARS is a transparent, self-reporting framework used by hundreds of colleges and universities to measure and communicate their sustainability performance.



Topical Scope

AC

Curriculum
Research

EN

Campus Engagement
Public Engagement

OP

Buildings &
Grounds
Energy & Climate
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Waste
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PA

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