

ENGAGE CONNECT



EngageSDG Newsletter
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Mid-Year Update

Project Reflection

Strengthening Our Collective Efforts

Thank you to everyone who shared their experiences and observations in response to our recent call for input. Based on your reflections, we've compiled a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) snapshot of how the project is progressing:

Strengths

- Timely completion of key milestones, including ethical clearance and the development of the Integrated Participatory Framework prototype.
- Strong transdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge sharing across institutions.
- Pilot projects demonstrating adaptability of participatory approaches in local contexts.
- Constructive peer review processes and meaningful alignment with the SDGs.

Weaknesses

- Inconsistent participation and communication across work packages.
- Technological limitations, including challenges using shared platforms.
- Delays in document review and limited diversity in peer feedback.
- Coordination issues arising from differing institutional work rhythms, time zones, and language barriers.



Opportunities

- Potential for improved dissemination through community storytelling, local media, and journal publications.
- Clearer communication structures and regular WP updates to improve transparency and participation.
- Broader scalability of tools and methods across Africa and beyond.
- Enhanced integration between work packages and shared quantitative tools for cross-country comparison.

Threats

- Continued delays in deliverables and inconsistent engagement threaten momentum.
- Project fragmentation without clearer alignment across work packages.
- Barriers to inclusion due to technology gaps and limited cross-regional participation.

These insights will guide our strategy moving forward, helping us create more inclusive, coordinated, and impactful outputs.

Next Partner Meeting:

Spain, January 2026

We're pleased to announce that the next EngageSDG in-person partner meeting will be held in Spain in January 2026, alongside an international education congress. Additional details and logistics will be shared in the coming months for now, please begin planning for your participation.

Please note: All participants will be responsible for their own visa arrangements





Invitation to Submit: CECC2026 Call for Papers Now Open

Coinciding with our meeting, the 1st International Congress on Committed and Critical Education: Global Justice, Teaching Profession, and Transformative Curriculum (#CECC2026) will take place in Barcelona from 22–24 January 2026.

Organised by the University of Barcelona and EduAlter, with the support of the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation, this congress offers a meaningful platform for reflecting on the role of education in today's complex world.

The congress will address:

- Transformative roles of teachers and schools
- Curriculum reform and critical pedagogy
- Education for global justice in a time of crisis
- Community-academic partnerships and emancipatory practices

We warmly invite all EngageSDG partner institutions to consider submitting a paper or attending the event.

□ Call for papers deadline: 5 September 2025

🌐 More info: <https://educacioncomprometida2026.es/en/>

Comparte en redes sociales

#CECC2026

Monitoring & Evaluation for Engagement and Impact

We've made several updates to the EngageSDG website to make it easier to access key information, documents, and updates. Some improvements, check out some of the screenshots from the website:



Announcement

**Final Integrated Participatory Framework document on the use of PAs towards the achievement of the SDGs
(Deliverable 6)**



Integrated
Participatory
Framework

EngageSDG Integrated Participatory Framework (IPF)

The prototype of our framework is now available for exploration: engagesdg.softwareapp

[VIEW PROTOTYPE](#)

Deliverables:

+ D1: Detailed Work Plan	>
+ D2: Monitoring & Evaluation Framework	>
+ D3: Documented and approved operating procedures for the Project Management Committee	>
+ D4: Internal and External quality assessment – Reports	>
+ D5: Situation Analysis Report on the use of PAs in the SADC	>
+ Current Stage: D6: Completed final Integrated Participatory Framework document on the use of PAs towards the achievement of the SDGs	>
+ D7: Developed digital academic repository (on HE engagement and PAs)	>
+ D8: Developed and implemented online learning and teaching solution	>
+ D9: Integrated report on local PAs is developed, based on experiences and insights of SADC partner universities in implementing their pilot projects	>
+ D10: Final Capacity Development Programme on the use of PAs	>
+ D11: Workshop for SADC officials and non- academic institutions	>
+ D12: Final Project Conference	>

Visit the site here:

<https://engagesdg.sarua.africa/>

We encourage you to take a few minutes to explore the site and share any feedback or suggestions



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Thank you to everyone for your hard work and contributions to the project. Let's continue to collaborate effectively and achieve our goals together.

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