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Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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**What specific initiatives has
Western Sydney University
implemented to achieve its
No.1 ranking in SDGs?**



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UNI IN THE WORLD
2 YEARS IN A ROW.
AND COUNTING.

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKINGS 2022 & 2023



Times Higher Education **Impact Rankings 2023**

Top 5 ranked universities in the world for the
THE University Impact Rankings 2023:

1. Western Sydney University (Australia)
2. University of Manchester (United Kingdom)
3. Queen's University (Canada)
4. Universiti Sains Malaysia (Malaysia)
5. University of Exeter (United Kingdom)





NEW COLOMBO PLAN

Connect to Australia's future - study in the region

- New Colombo Plan (NCP) initiated by the Australian in 2014
- Approximately 10,000 students participate in the program annually
- Immersive study tours are very popular



**Abdul
Latiff Ahmad**



Overview of UMAP's Focus on Mobility and Study Awareness



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OBJECTIVES

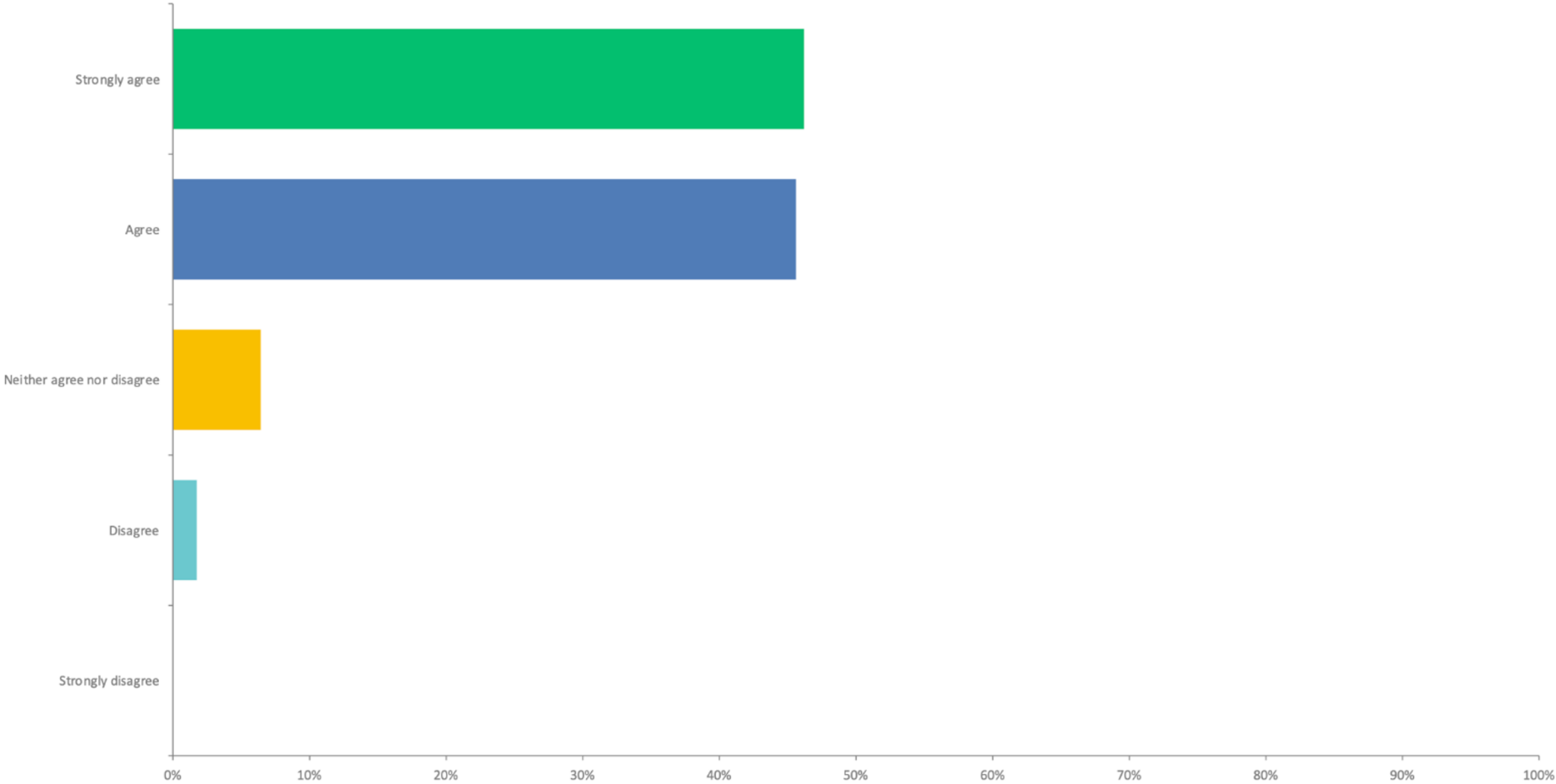
The objective of this study is:

To identify the practices and approaches of HEIs in incorporating SDG related activities in their teaching and learning, research and engagement activities



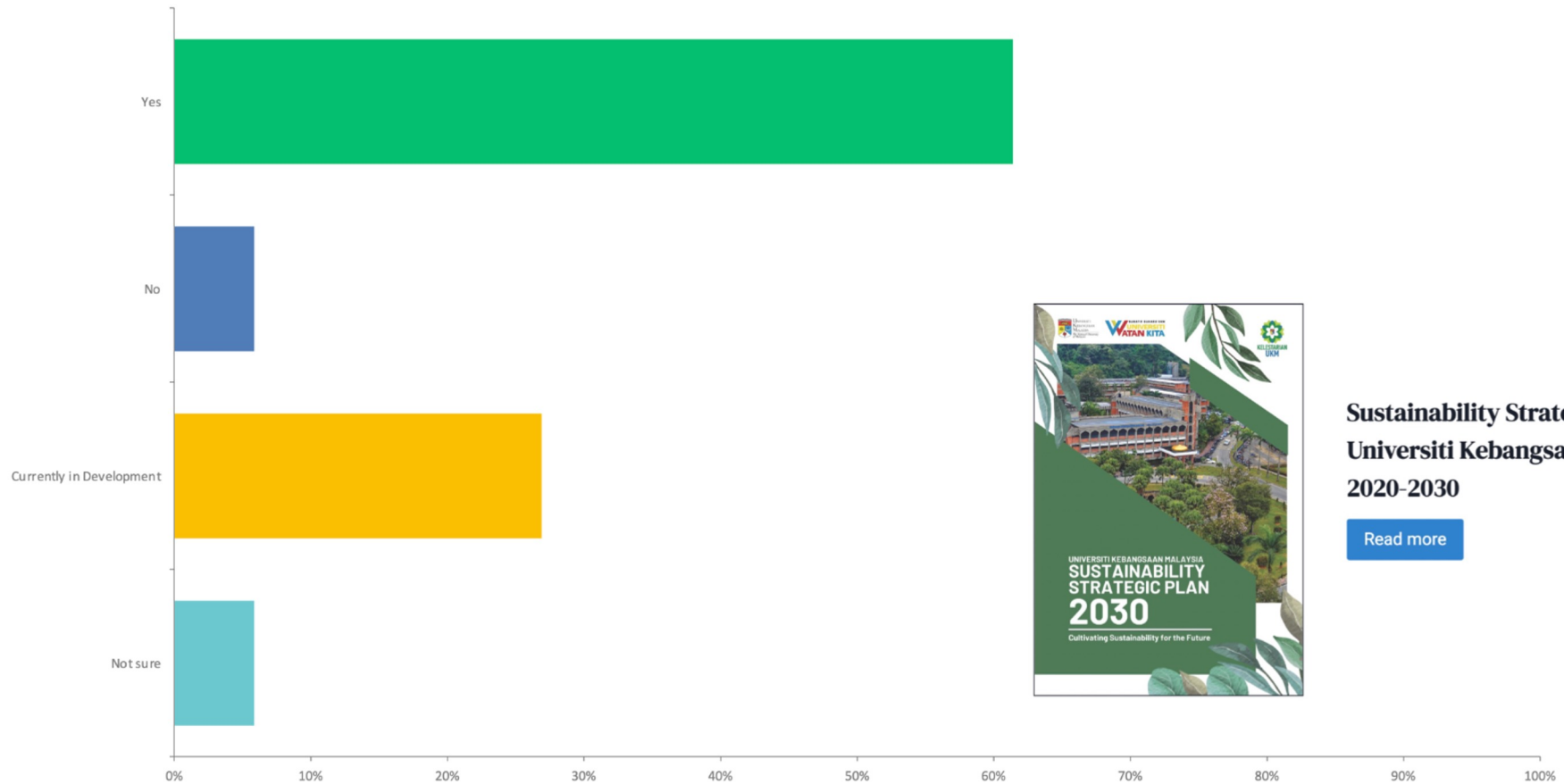
Q7: My institution has a strong overall understanding of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

• Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



Q12: There is a specific SDGs Action Plan or Strategy in my Institution.

- Answered: 171 Skipped: 0

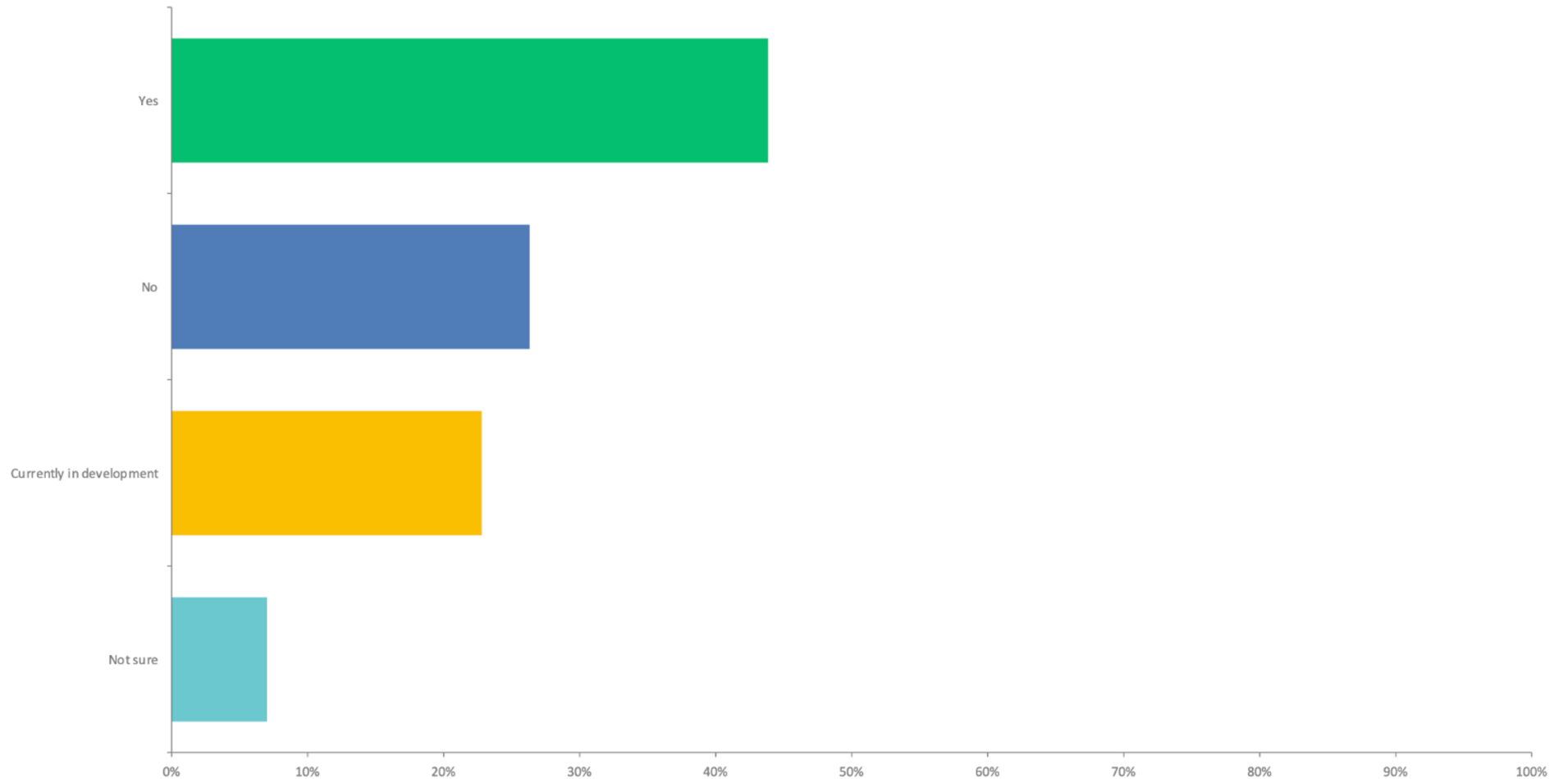


**Sustainability Strategic Plan
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2020-2030**

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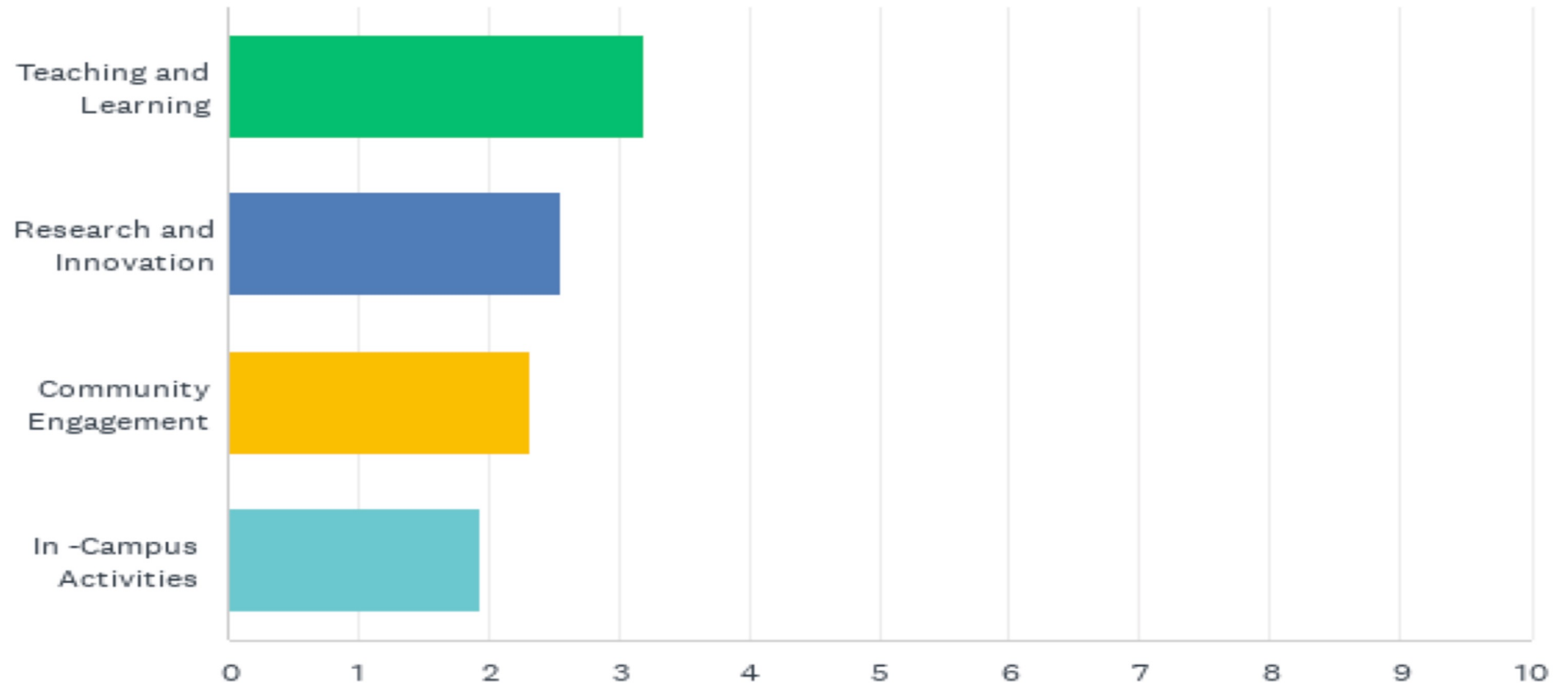
Q13: There is a specific SDGs centre in my institution that oversees all SDG activities.

- Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



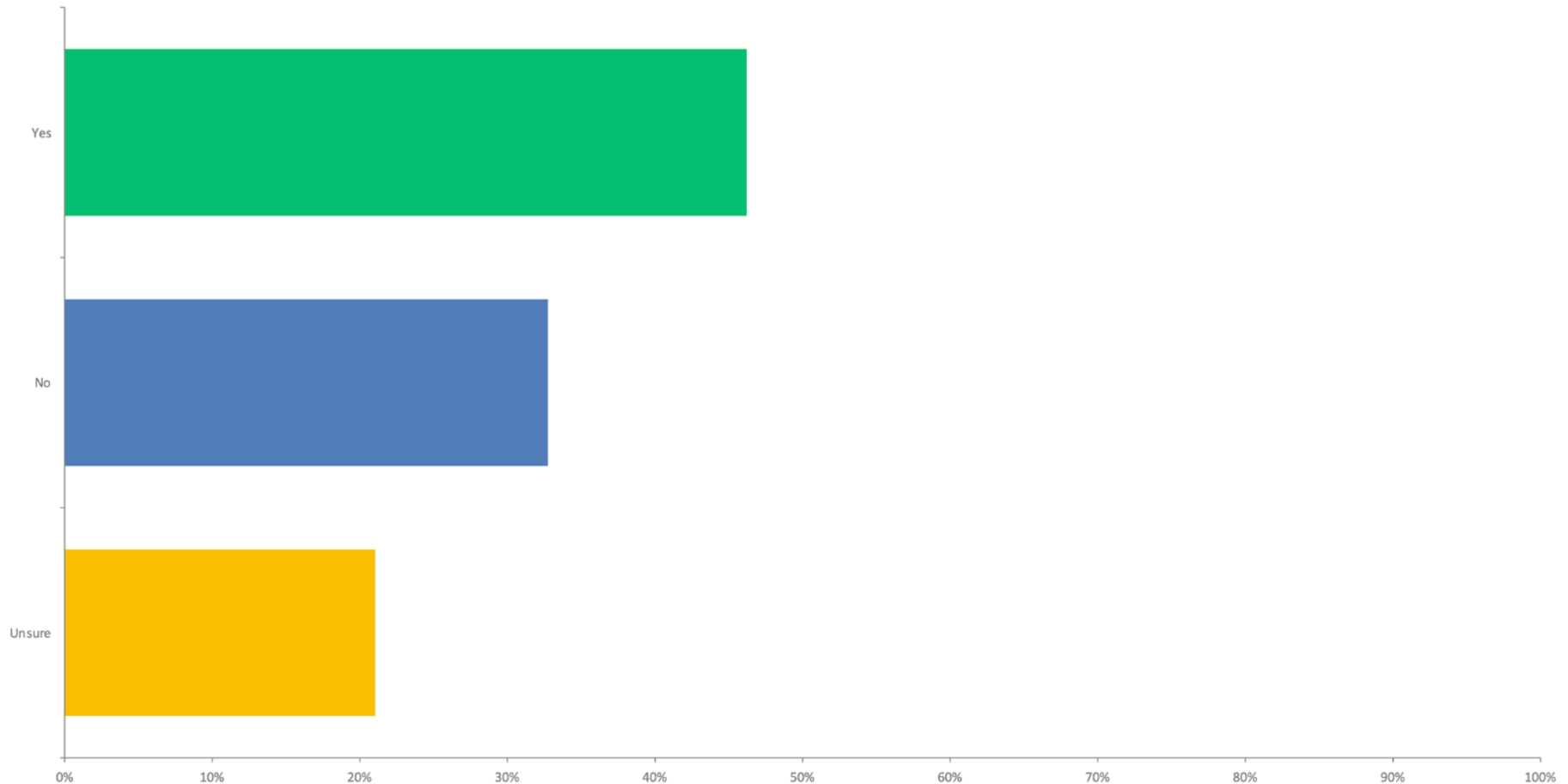
Q16: This is how I would rank the order of importance of how SDGs agenda are incorporated in my institution. The SDGs agenda are incorporate through.....(1 is the most important with 4 being the least important)

- Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



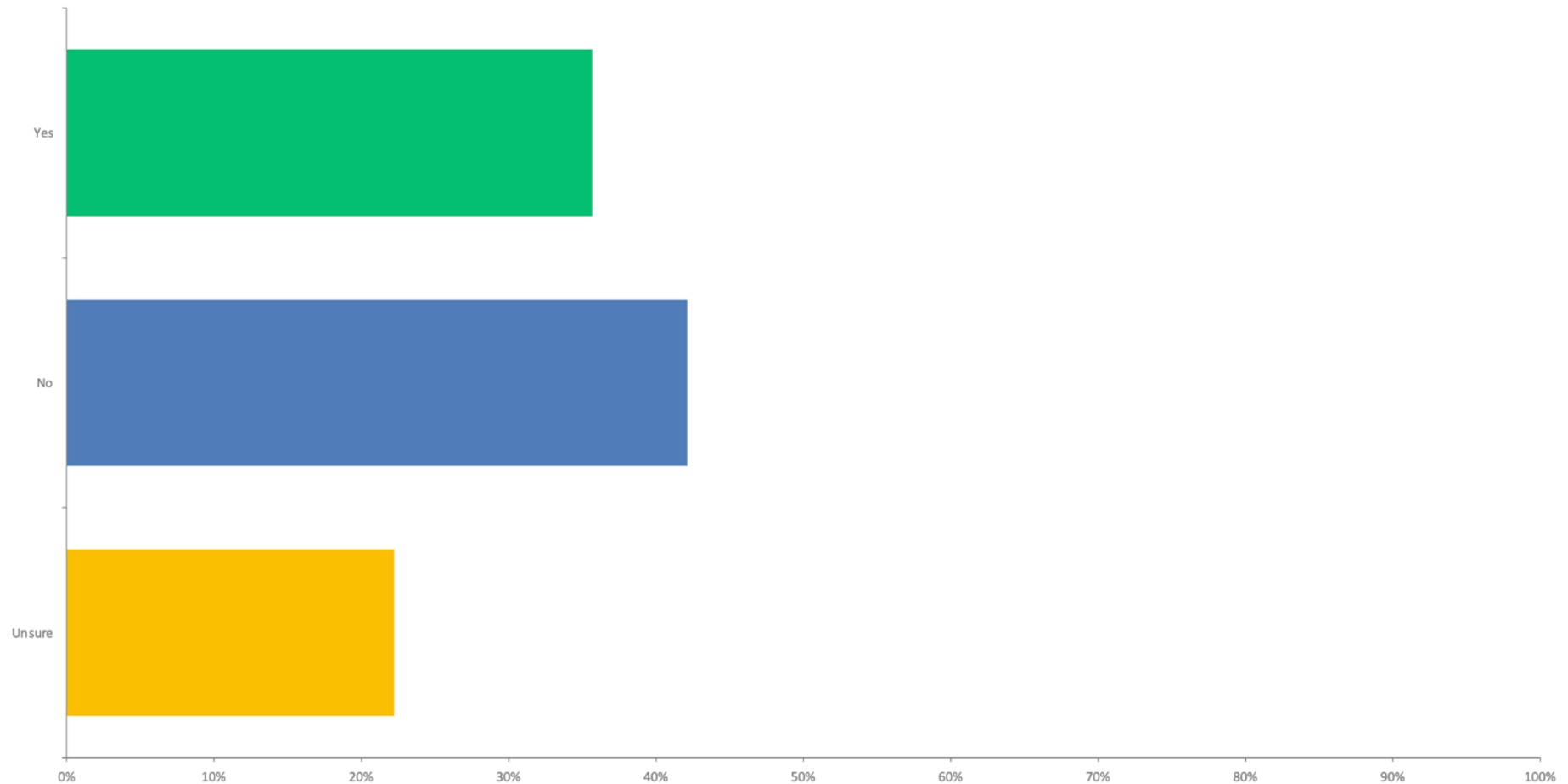
Q18: Students in my institution participating in international mobility programs are required to find programs that are SDGs related.

- Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



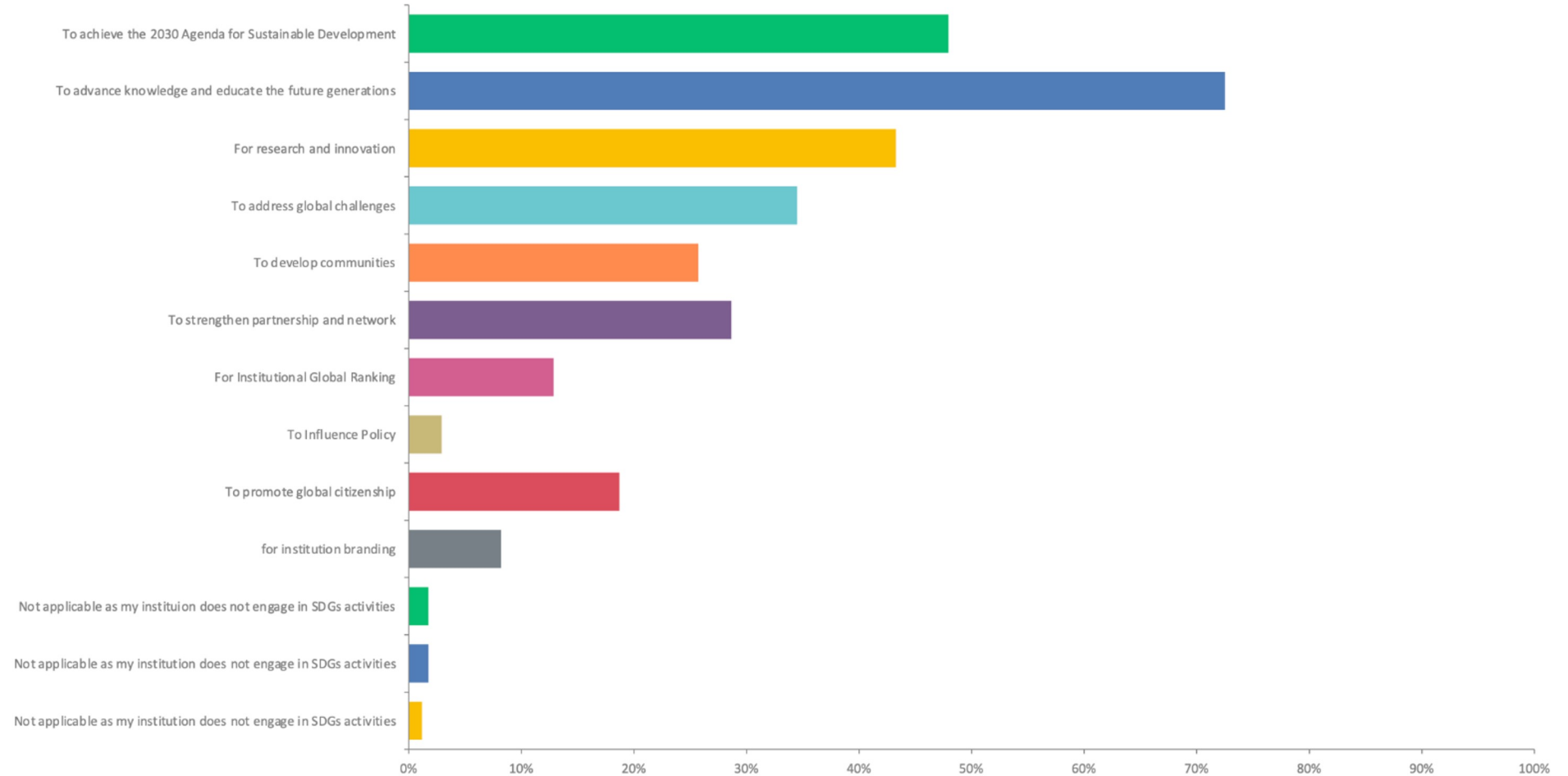
Q19: Students in my institution participating in internship programs are required to find organizations that focuses on the SDGs agenda.

- Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



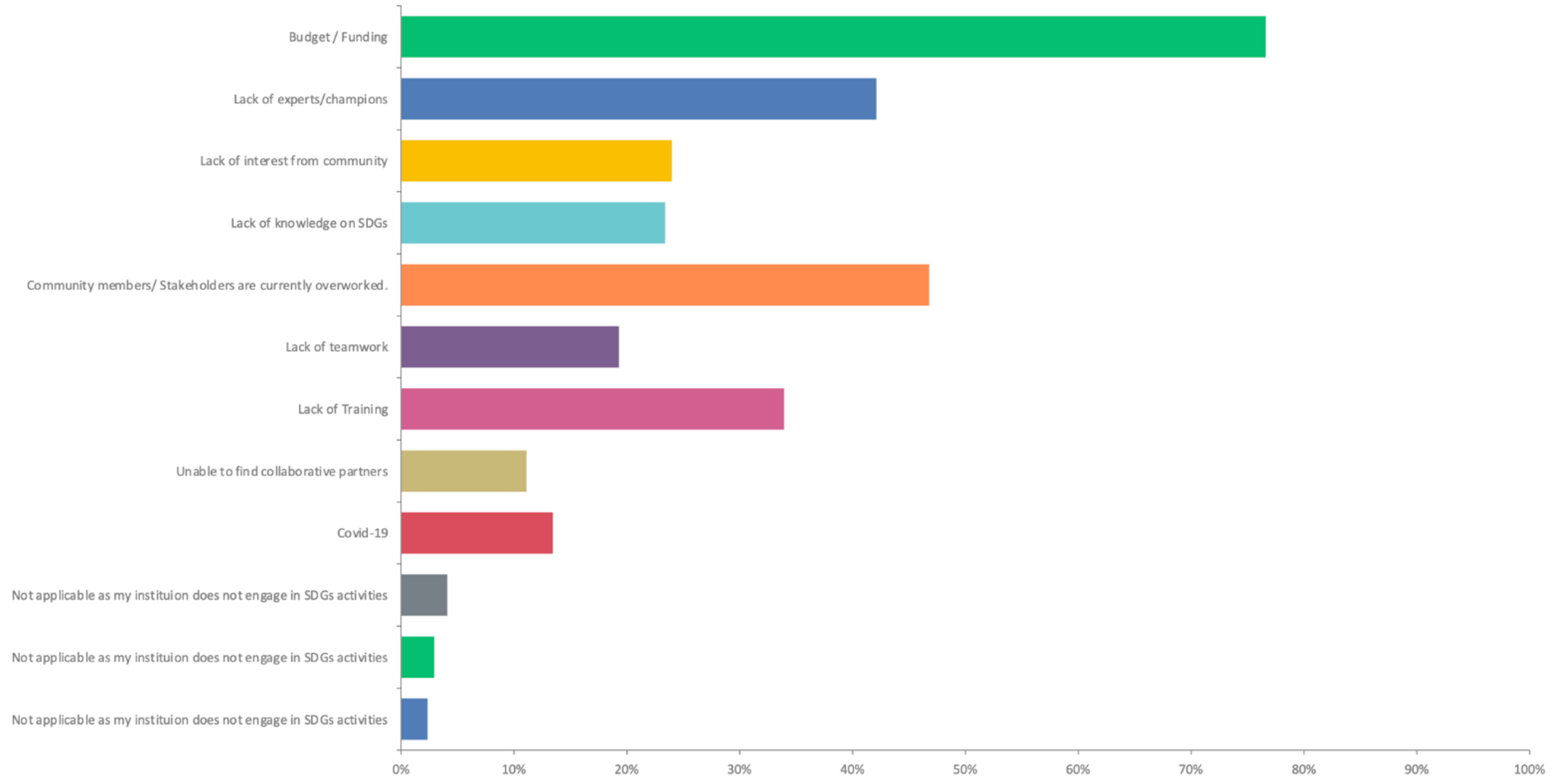
Q22: These are the THREE most important reasons why my institution engage in SDGs related activities . (Kindly select THREE boxes.)*If your institution does not engage in SDGs activities, kindly tick all THREE of the 'Not applicable as my institution does not engage in SDGs activities'

• Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



Q23: These are the THREE biggest challenges faced in implementing actions towards SDGs in my institution

- Answered: 171 Skipped: 0



**Johanna
Molina Alvarez**



The Intern Group's Approach to International Internships



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**At The Intern Group, we inspire and encourage people to believe in
and challenge themselves, discover their passion
and realize their potential.**

120+
partnering
universities from
6 different
continents

3,000+
partnering host
organizations



Bangkok - Medellin - Dublin - Hong Kong - Madrid - Melbourne - New York - Tokyo - Virtual

2,000+
talented
participants every
year

150+
nationalities
making up our
diverse pool of
alumni



How do international internships support the furtherment of sustainable development?



- Global Awareness & Empathy
- Skill Development for Sustainability
- Knowledge Exchange for Local Capacity Building
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Community Engagement for Social Impact



Q&A Session



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Thank you

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