



Sustainability  
Mindset  
Indicator®

**/REPORT  
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Welcome to your Personalized Report. This Report is based on your selections on the SMI. It is meant to be a personal development tool, to highlight aspects of your understanding, behaviors and feelings related to your Sustainability Mindset (SM).

You will find observations that you may identify with, others that you vaguely recognize, and others that perhaps don't resonate with you. Keep what you need and what makes sense to you.

You will also find questions to consider, suggestions for things you can try, and information related to the aspects covered in this report, and how these are related to the Sustainability Mindset.

Take your time reading your Report. Pause, take notes, and reflect. It is all about you, and for you. There were no wrong answers in the survey. Only good options and perhaps some that you hadn't thought of.

# /WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES

This Personalized Report is organized into several sections. The first section contains a graph, displaying how the different aspects assessed compare to each other, according to your choices in the survey. Those that occupy a larger area are your stronger ones and the narrower or missing ones are aspects of the Sustainability Mindset that are less developed or absent for you, as inferred from the combination of your answers.

The next section presents personalized descriptions of where you find yourself on your journey towards a Sustainability Mindset, in four clusters: Ecological Worldview, Systems Perspective, Emotional Intelligence, and Spiritual Intelligence.

Within each of these clusters you will find what aspects were assessed, and a graph for each aspect displaying how you connect to this topic, whether intellectually, through your actions and behaviors and/or by engaging your emotions.

If you see some areas missing within the graph, it means that either you selected "neither" for that question and therefore we don't have information to report on, or your answers suggest you don't engage in one or more particular areas (cognitive, behavioral or affective). Similarly, if you selected "neither" for all the questions within one aspect, we don't include a graph, since we don't have information to report on.

Each graph is accompanied by a box with a brief explanation, and you will find much more information in the text to include what your choices suggest, why this particular aspect is key for a sustainability mindset, and questions to ponder and suggestions to try.

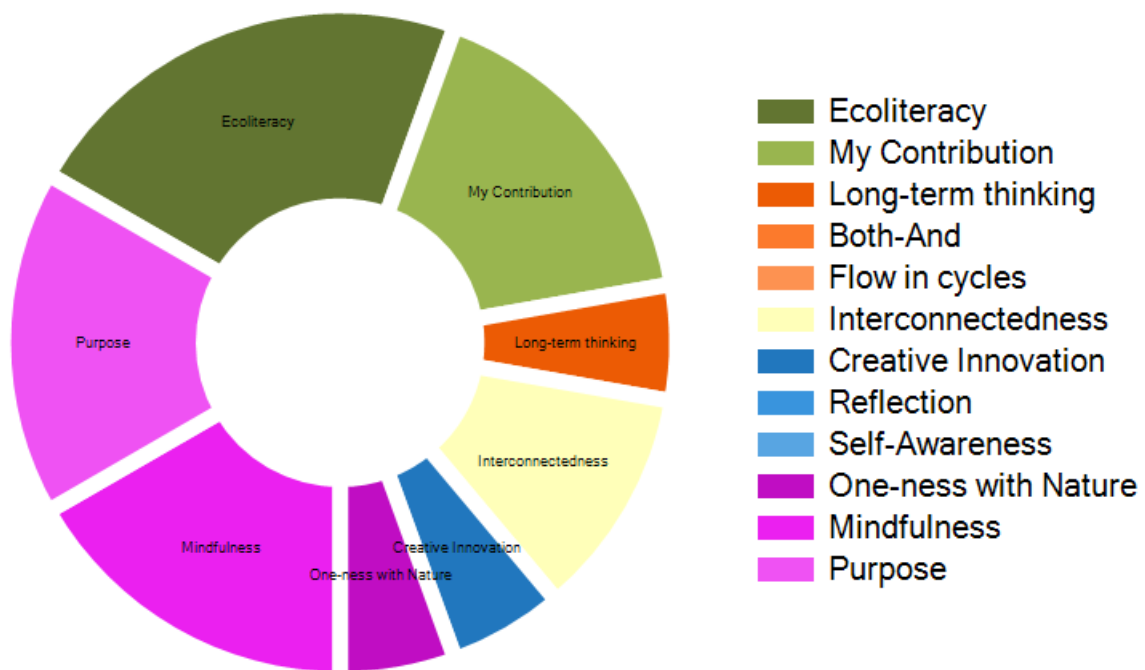
***Enjoy your journey into the realm of the Sustainability Mindset  
- a place where you can be your best, for yourself and for the  
World.***

*The SMI Team*

*/ Your overall*  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
MINDSET PROFILE**

The graph below shows your personal profile, indicating how – relatively to each other – you have developed your Sustainability Mindset. The wider sections indicate your stronger areas, and vice versa.

If you see some aspects listed in the side box that are not included in the graph, it means that these are areas to be considered more closely. It may be that you didn't feel represented by any of the statements to choose from, or it might be that your reality, context, and/or habits prompt you to think, act or feel differently. You will find further comments in this report about these aspects, exploring their up- and downsides.





# /ECOLOGICAL WORLDVIEW

An ECOLOGICAL WORLDVIEW is the result of having an intellectual and affective broad understanding of the planetary challenges, how they are interrelated, and how we are contributing to them.

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL  
CHALLENGES, AND HOW YOU FEEL  
ABOUT IT, AND THE IMPACT ON  
YOUR BEHAVIORS.**



**What this tells you:**

**When the graph is well balanced, it means that you have a good understanding of the aspect of the Sustainability Mindset being assessed, that you are able to connect with your feelings about it, and that you tend to act upon what you know and feel. This is a good start, and you might want to think about circumstances or contexts in which you would like to act more, understand better or further explore your feelings.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you have a good understanding of the complexity of the planetary challenges we are facing, and how they are interrelated. In addition, you seem to be socially sensitive and have empathy for the suffering of others.

This may be an important motivation for you to act in your daily decisions in ways that can minimize your ecological or social footprint, and/or help the sustainability of our planet.

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN FURTHER  
LEVERAGE THOSE STRENGTHS AND  
MANAGE SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS  
WHICH MAY BE HOLDING YOU BACK:**

This is a great foundation so, where do you think your next challenge is? Maybe to understand more about what is happening, and connect more through your heart and your feelings? Perhaps you can imagine ways in which you can use your skills and unique gifts to contribute and make personal changes for the greater good.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU  
CONSIDER THE SM:**

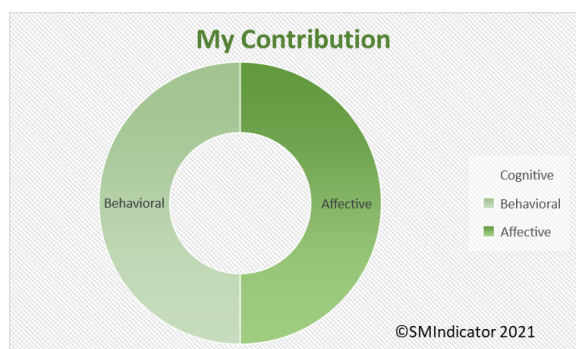
We tend to underestimate our own power and influence in shaping a better world. As a matter of fact, if the challenges we are currently experiencing are a product of past problematic behaviors, then we are also positively shaping the future of the planet with our current mindful decisions and restorative actions. That opens an interesting path.

Here are some suggestions to consider: What are things you are good at that you aren't incorporating into your sustainability contributions? Who could benefit and where from your gifts and talents and possibly your passion?



*Understanding the state of the planet allows us to be more fully aware of the challenges, the complexity of how they are linked to each other, and to explore what it means to us.*

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:**  
**HOW YOU SEE THE RELATION**  
**BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS**  
**AND PLANETARY CHALLENGES, HOW**  
**YOU FEEL ABOUT IT AND THE**  
**IMPACT ON YOUR PERSONAL**  
**BEHAVIORS.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows the two dimensions of affective and behavioral, meaning that you have an emotional connection with this aspect, and you also act upon it. We don't have enough data to report whether or how your knowledge and understanding is related to or might support this aspect.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are a very sensitive person, with an open heart.

You have a skill to connect with your emotions, and also feel for others, with empathy and compassion for their suffering. This is a precious quality, although at times it can be difficult to live with it.

**/YOU ARE COMFORTABLE** when you can convert the emotional energy into actions, taking a proactive role. Instead of remaining "the victim," you act. We cannot comment how this impacts your thinking, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not feel represented by either of the available options.

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN**  
**FURTHER LEVERAGE YOUR**  
**STRENGTHS AND MANAGE SOME OF**  
**THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY BE**  
**HOLDING YOU BACK:**

You find small ways in which you are contributing to the problems and seek out those changes you could make to be less a "part of the problem" and become part of the solution. This is a wonderful start.

The more you observe, the more opportunities you will find to make a real difference with a few simple changes to your behavior and habits.

You can practice asking the question: How may I be contributing to this? A simple, yet empowering question.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU**  
**CONSIDER THE SM:**

Thinking of how we are personally contributing to the planetary challenges may not be something we do daily. Our demanding lives have many obligations and don't leave much time for reflecting on this. We are busy getting things done!

Yet when analyzing the current un-sustainability of our planet, science has clearly established a link between human behaviors in past decisions and the current problems we face. Much attention is now focused on how to repair the damage done, and how to restore damaged, depleted or endangered resources. Scientists and entrepreneurs study how to minimize current or future problems at the environmental or social level, and how to innovate to avoid negative impacts into the future.

If we collectively influenced the place we find ourselves in now (with all of its problems), that means we also hold the key to influence where we will collectively be in the future – we meaning humankind at large, or, from a closer perspective, our families, children and grandchildren.

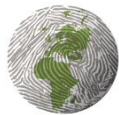


## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

What if we could develop the habit of asking ourselves periodically: *how am I contributing to this problem?* This question opens a path of inquiry, which automatically leads to expansion of our consciousness. We become more alert to take notice, and thus more open to try out new behaviors.

This same question, by the way, is also a powerful tool that can improve our relationships and interactions with others! So often we focus on what others are doing unto us, which leaves us powerless. When we learn to pay attention to what is our role in the problems we endure, we regain control and can actually do something.

Actively thinking about your contribution is definitely an important milestone in your personal development, with planetary implications.



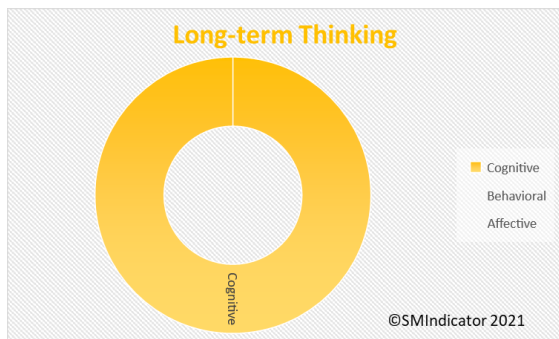
*When we identify the ways in which we are unintentionally contributing to the problems, we have a chance to do something about them. It also expands our consciousness, and develops social sensitivity.*



# /SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE

When analyzing information and making decisions a SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE has a major impact on the sustainability of our actions.

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU THINK ABOUT THE LONG-TERM IMPACT WHEN ANALYZING AND MAKING DECISIONS, COMPLEMENTING SHORT-TERM THINKING; HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, AND THE IMPACT ON YOUR BEHAVIORS.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows only one dimension – cognitive - meaning that you have an intellectual understanding about this aspect. We don't have enough data to report on your behaviors or feelings about this topic.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you have a good understanding of the long-term sustainability impacts that our decisions may have, even the simple and daily ones, not to mention behaviors commonly accepted in our society.

We cannot comment on your behaviors or feelings related to this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not feel represented by any of the available options.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:**

There is a tacit pressure to act promptly and focus on that which needs immediate attention. This is very important, and there are many circumstances where this way of responding is the optimal, or even the only one that matters. A fire in the house, for example. We can sense the urgency and it is not a good idea to pause and reflect on the long-term implications of the fire. But for many daily decisions, the context is different, and yet we still prioritize short term thinking, often without even pondering any medium- or long-term impacts of what we are doing. The stream of life, our colleagues, perhaps everyone with whom we interact takes for granted that we "all" act this way.

On the other hand, with greater understanding of the social and environmental problems we are facing, it has become clear that the law of cause-and-effect is always at play, even if not immediately obvious. In other words, the consequences of our daily actions do have impacts - some over time, some just in a different geography, and many on both.

As with other aspects which are key for a sustainability mindset, it is not a question of choosing one over the other, but a matter of balancing both views and taking both time horizons into account.

**/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

This mental habit expands our consciousness, as we become more aware of the way we are impacting others and the world. Not thinking about this doesn't stop it from happening. Stretching our imagination to consider potential impacts across time helps us make better decisions, and play a more active role in shaping a better world.

For example, what might be some long-term consequences for sustainability of a purchasing

decision you recently made? What would your latest decision look like if you had considered these potential long-term impacts? It takes practice to develop new mental habits, but they too, can have long term impacts - for the better.



*Every action has consequences that are not immediately visible. Considering the long-term when analyzing situations and making decisions has a positive impact on global sustainability.*

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU THINK ABOUT AND DEAL  
WITH AMBIGUITY AND PARADOXES,  
HOW YOU RECOGNIZE DIVERSITY,  
FEEL ABOUT IT AND ACT TOWARDS  
IT.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you may feel a certain amount of tension, as you realize that you may be perceived as not being very inclusive. We cannot comment on your thinking or behaviors related to this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

**/YOU ARE COMFORTABLE** when your heart remains true to values you were taught and respect.

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN  
FURTHER LEVERAGE YOUR  
STRENGTHS AND MANAGE SOME  
OF THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY  
BE HOLDING YOU BACK:**

Because much of the world is changing, you may feel compelled to be more understanding with others' perspectives, but this doesn't come easy to you and you may feel frustrated or impatient. Of course you wish there would be a solution that might make everyone happy, one that accommodates diverse ways of seeing the economy, ecosystems, the human race and the planet, but you don't think this may be realistic.

**/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

Here is a question to consider: Can you think of an event or situation, however minor, where someone with a different opinion was able to step into your shoes? How did it make you feel? How did it impact your attitude and your behavior?

What if we could shape a world that makes room for different perspectives? Where you acknowledge others' points of view, and yours are also included by others?

Since we cannot control what others think or do, but do have control over our own way of thinking, there may be an interesting path worth exploring here.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU  
CONSIDER THE SM:**

It seems that today, more than ever, we are collectively being confronted with paradoxes and ambiguity. Increased transparency and access to information from around the world makes us aware of very different ways of thinking, being and acting with which we may not agree or be comfortable.

Challenging as this may be, there is a benefit to it: We are becoming aware of our own worldviews just by realizing that there are other ways of seeing and feeling. This is an evolutionary insight of great value, the foundation for more peaceful societies. In a way, life is prompting us to expand our understanding and our scope of caring, which go hand in hand.

When we understand something, we can begin caring. This is the start of a better world for all.



*Both+and thinking allows us to understand paradoxes, and calls for creative solutions that are inclusive of all stakeholders.*

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU BALANCE YOUR CAPACITY  
TO ANALYZE AND PLAN WITH THE  
UNDERSTANDING OF NATURAL  
CYCLES, AND MAKE THEM PART OF  
YOUR MINDSET.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** planning makes you feel empowered and in control.

This is a nice feeling, particularly as it avoids the stress of uncertainty. You seem to enjoy making plans and implementing them, and derive a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction when you achieve the goals you set for yourself.

We cannot comment on how you think or act in relation to this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

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OF THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY  
BE HOLDING YOU BACK:**

While planning is a way to feel in control of situations, you also may have noticed that it is frequently challenged, since life - with its countless variables - is too complex to be managed.

Do you experience frustration at times when things don't work out as you planned, or expected? How do you react? Do you let go of your plans and observe what the events are telling you,

or do you use persistence and incremental efforts to stay on top of your planned course?

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU  
CONSIDER THE SM:**

You may be wondering why planning is related to several key aspects for a sustainability mindset. The connection is not in the planning as an activity per se, but in the way we think and process information when we plan. Planning is about organizing and structuring in order to control outcomes. Planning is linear by definition -one step after the other - and it assumes cause-effect relationships. But what about multi-effects, multi-causes, and feedback loops?

Contrast this with the sustainability problems we are facing. To begin with, they are complex and multidimensional by their very nature. Many are the result of our linear thinking, for example we believe that we can pursue unlimited growth, yet depletion of natural resources shows us this is not possible.

Our reliance on the human mind can create a collective assumption that we are in control, but a "small" manifestation like Covid-19 arrives as a surprise to debunk the myth of our own superiority.

**/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

Planning in itself is not the problem but rather, the excessive reliance on carefully crafted steps is. How do you incorporate the cycles of nature into your planning? As an example, do you accept phases of growth and decline - aging and impermanence, along with endings and mortality followed by new beginnings and birth? How do you incorporate humanity as part of Nature, rather than its controller?

Many implications to think about, indeed.

*Here a few thoughts to ponder.* Do you see yourself balanced in terms of making and letting go of plans? How do you balance structure and flow, organization and flexibility?

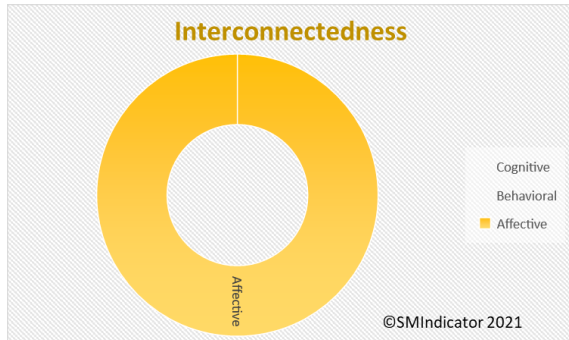
Relaxing your grip on plans may cause uncertainty, yet like swimming along with the river's current, it can also increase your speed, and reduce the stress of resisting obstacles. Worth a try.

*There are no linear processes in Nature: Everything flows in cycles of birth, growth, death, and rebirth.*

*Many aspects of man-made unsustainability of the planet are a result of the misconception that we are not governed by this law of Nature.*



**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU UNDERSTAND AND  
EXPERIENCE INTERCONNECTEDNESS,  
VERSUS VALUES LIKE AUTONOMY  
AND INDEPENDENCE.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows the affective dimension, meaning that you connect emotionally with this aspect. We don't have data to report if or how these feelings relate to your understanding and behaviors.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are very appreciative about other people's input, feeling gratitude in your heart for their support to your personal accomplishments.

We cannot comment on how your feelings connect with your behaviors or thinking about this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

How realistic do you think is the widely accepted concept of autonomy and independence? Do you think there are achievements that are purely and authentically individual, without another person playing any role in them?

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU  
CONSIDER THE SM:**

You may not have given it much thought, but the polarities of independence vs. interconnectedness and competition vs. collaboration are of particular relevance when focusing on sustainability. To begin with, the environmental and social challenges are complex and multidimensional, making it impossible for any one person to solve on their own. It is only through collective thinking, action and the collaboration of multiple stakeholders that we will be able to develop alternatives. (This, by the way, makes sustainability a great opportunity for contributing personal skills to a larger cause).

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN  
FURTHER LEVERAGE YOUR  
STRENGTHS AND MANAGE SOME  
OF THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY  
BE HOLDING YOU BACK:**

The combination of your answers seem to indicate that your perspectives are evolving and changing. This is very appropriate since there is an increasing need for collaborative teamwork, and you will have an advantage adapting to those settings that already feel better for you now.

While certain cultures have a collectivistic framework, most of the western-northern culture - widely exported and globalized - is individualistic and celebrates personal achievement. Do you experience this tacit expectation in your daily life, to be independent, to outperform others, perhaps to demonstrate your value in competitive settings, or to be self-reliant? Have you sensed the contradiction between this paradigm and your personal tendency to feel gratitude and a preference for collaboration?



## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

As you further develop your empathy and social sensitivity, you may become more conscious of the many ways in which we are interconnected, and the positive impact of paying attention to this in our everyday decisions. You will be able to share your new perspectives with others, and it may expand their thinking horizon.

We invite you to explore what autonomy means for you. What are the roots of this value for you, perhaps in your upbringing or in your current context? Is this authentically a priority for you, or is it something automatically inherited, or perhaps adopted without giving it much thought? How can you bring your collaborative spirit to new contexts, where it might be much needed?

*When we see interconnectedness,  
we understand the importance of  
diversity, and our decisions and  
actions become more inclusive,  
which contributes to the  
sustainability of the whole.*

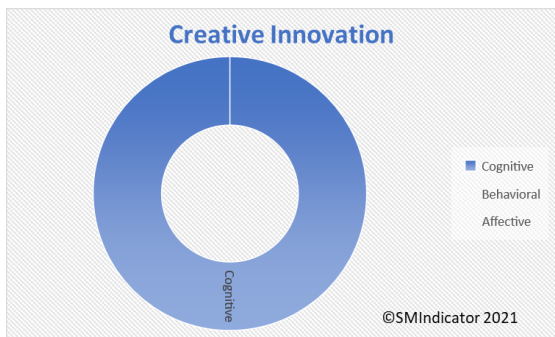




# /EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Understanding ourselves through the anchors of our identity, the pace of our life, and how we consider our intuitive wisdom are key for a sustainability mindset.

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU INCORPORATE NON-  
RATIONAL INFORMATION, INTUITIVE  
KNOWING, CREATIVITY AND  
IMAGINATION IN ORDER TO  
BALANCE RATIONAL THINKING, AND  
HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows only one dimension – cognitive - meaning that you have an intellectual understanding about this aspect. We don't have enough data to report on your behaviors or feelings about this topic.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you have a clear understanding of the value of combining your logical and analytical thinking abilities with creative imagination.

You know that the human mind is capable of great accomplishments, as history has shown, when intuition and creative ideas are coupled with rational thinking and good strategies. You may even trust that our sustainability problems could be addressed with a good balance of these abilities.

We cannot comment on how this understanding is reflected in your behaviors or feelings, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN  
LEVERAGE YOUR STRENGTHS AND  
MANAGE SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS  
WHICH MAY BE HOLDING YOU  
BACK:**

Your intuition and actions are not mainstream, and thus very important to drive much needed change. How happy are you with how you are sharing your valuable perspectives with others? Do you feel you are doing it as much as you could?

Let's pause for a moment.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU  
CONSIDER THE SM:**

How well do you balance your strategic thinking with some creative imagination? The reason for this question is that the sustainability challenges we are facing are largely new, and as COVID-19 taught us, increasingly situations arise for which we don't have previous experience or science on which to rely. We have become more aware of the complexity of our challenges, and we are skeptical of simplistic solutions.

This requires entry into uncharted territories. Resilience calls for flexibility in adapting to new situations, and this entails innovating and experimenting. Having no plans or blueprints to follow may be unsettling, and the only choice is to take some risks.

How do you feel when experimenting without knowing?

## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

Here is a thought to consider: What are some situations in which you are creative, relaxed and playful? Perhaps cooking or gardening? Playing some team sports? Or around small children? Maybe planning a party?

If you can identify some of these creative and playful moments, in them you have a reservoir of imagination available to tap into. This can help you complement your strategic thinking and maximize your achievements for the benefit of all.

*Resilience is based on constant creativity, innovation, and experimentation. When we neglect the non-rational wisdom we have in us, our solutions are missing critical information, and may create negative impacts on the ecosystem and society.*



## **/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE: HOW YOU NOTICE YOUR OWN PACE, AND HOW YOU BALANCE RAPID RESPONSE WITH MAKING TIME TO PONDER AND REFLECT BEFORE ACTING. AND HOW THIS MAKES YOU FEEL.**

*We cannot comment on your thinking, behaviors or feelings about this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.*

## **/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:**

Since we are looking at these aspects from the perspective of a sustainability mindset, let's pause and think about what behaviors might be most effective as well as much needed. While there is a call for urgent action about climate change and the related social and environmental problems, many modern sustainability challenges are actually the result of overlooked potential impacts.

For decades, well-intended decisions were largely made by quickly identifying the best option. But today we are understanding better that problems are complex, that solutions impact a multiplicity of future stakeholders, and that there are always consequences.

Of course, it is not possible to anticipate all scenarios, but pausing and checking assumptions can be very useful to avoid future problems.

## **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

For example, what can you learn to avoid or repeat from past experiences? Can you identify in

hindsight, what was at stake? When we have more information we can better weigh alternatives. All of this, however, is at odds with speed. We cannot both act fast and ponder carefully. The question becomes: Is decisiveness and fast action coming at an expensive price for you and others, us, the next generations, and the ecosystem?

Food for thought.

*Reflective practices help to pause,  
and to ponder the situation and its  
implications before jumping into  
action.*



## **/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE: HOW AWARE YOU ARE ABOUT THE ANCHORS OF YOUR IDENTITY AND YOUR VALUES; HOW YOU FEEL AND ACT IN CONSEQUENCE.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are focused on addressing your many personal obligations and challenges.

You don't have the bandwidth to entertain seemingly 'philosophical' concerns about the future of humanity, our personal or modern values, or the planet. Besides, you don't see any pragmatic alternatives at hand for the large social or environmental problems. You are aware that your views may not be "politically correct," but this is how you see things today.

We cannot comment further on your thinking and feelings related to this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

## **/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:**

Let's pause for a moment.

This survey was designed around the Sustainability Mindset, which is a way of thinking and being, to optimally adapt to the moment in which we are living. This Mindset focuses on using our natural gifts to shape a better future, for ourselves and for all, the ecosystem included.

Research has proven that what may sound overwhelming, actually can be broken down into small, realistic ways to contribute to the greater good, and feel great at the same time. The first step is taking a fresh look at what surrounds us.

Undoubtedly, there are social and environment related challenges everywhere. Some happen locally, others across borders. Science has been linking many of these issues to human behaviors, such as consumption of unhealthy foods, depletion of natural resources, pollution or contamination of air, soil and water. And we are left to deal with the consequences today, trapped in a paradigm that prioritizes values that have a negative impact, such as thoughtless consumption.

## **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

But what if we would realize that some our habits today are (unintentionally) contributing to more of these problems in the future? And vice versa: What if a change in a small habit today could do its part to shape a better future?

Can you think of a habit of yours that might qualify? We don't know what we can until we try. And when we put aside cynicism for a moment, we actually may feel a deep sense of joy. Sometimes we shift our values as a result of a new experience. Worth trying?

*When we explore our personal values, beliefs, assumptions and motivations, we gain greater control over our actions and we can see new alternative behaviors.*

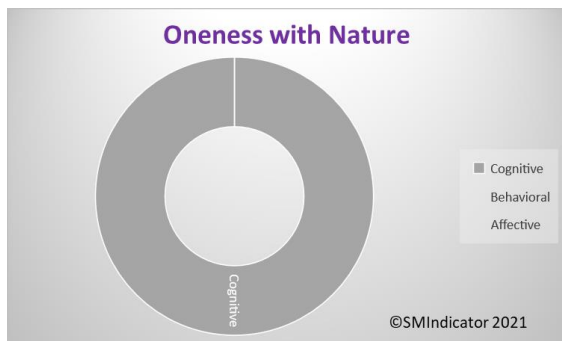




# /SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE

The spiritual orientation to Nature, to ourselves and to others are key factors for a Sustainability Mindset, as they impact the quality of our actions.

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU EXPERIENCE NATURE,  
HOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE  
HUMAN RELATIONSHIP WITH  
NATURE, AND YOUR RELATED  
FEELINGS AND BEHAVIORS.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows only one dimension – cognitive - meaning that you have an intellectual understanding about this aspect. We don't have enough data to report on your behaviors or feelings about this topic.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you think of Nature as an experience that offers more wisdom than we can intellectually grasp.

We cannot comment on how this understanding impacts your behaviors or feelings, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by any of the available options.

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:**

According to a 2018 United Nations study, over 55% of the world's population lives in urban areas, a proportion that is expected to increase to 68% by 2050. As a result, for many of us, the disconnection from Nature is rather "natural." Hectic life in large cities makes it difficult for us to remember that we are more than individuals moving through traffic and buildings. The common associations with the word "Nature" may be vacation time, a park or a documentary. What about our food? Our body? The materials of every object we use? This disconnection from Nature leads to a utilitarian relationship: Nature is reduced to instrumental resources for human needs and wants.

What consequences do you see from having a utilitarian relationship with Nature?

You know it well: We need to re-connect with Nature and re-establish the experience of oneness that has been lost, causing not only spiritual alienation but also the artificial separation from the ecosystem. It has been found related not only to spiritual alienation, but is the root cause for many unsustainability behaviors.

When we understand something we start caring for it. Understanding that we are one with Nature is a sensorial, intuitive experience. It is not something to be learned, but rather something that we allow to occur, and which makes us remember the sense of oneness we have always known, but had forgotten.

**/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

Sometimes we realize that our thinking, feeling and acting are not aligned. When we notice it, we may feel discomfort and tension- something out of sync. A sustainability mindset is not just harmony with the ecosystem, but it starts within ourselves.

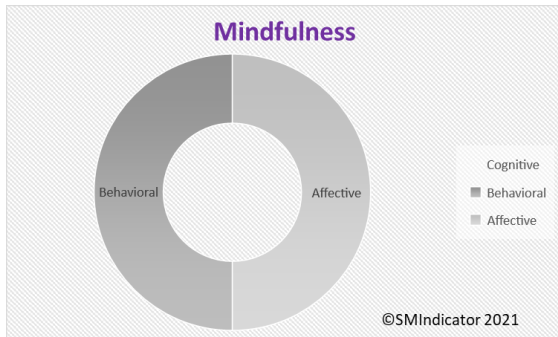


It is impossible to guess your particular context, and your current priorities. But we invite you to give yourself an unusual gift: Spend an hour in Nature, on your own, without looking at your phone, and with no books, pets or other people. If you have never experienced this, you are up for a very special treat!

*Understanding that we are one with Nature, a species within species, is a powerful spiritual experience that can shape behaviors leading to a more harmonious relationship with each other and all beings*



**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
HOW YOU THINK ABOUT THE  
MEANING, ROLE AND VALUE OF  
MINDFULNESS AND ITS PRACTICE,  
AND HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows the two dimensions of affective and behavioral, meaning that you have an emotional connection with this aspect, and you also act upon it. We don't have enough data to report whether or how your knowledge and understanding is related to or might support this aspect.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you have discovered activities that quiet your mind, and help you gain some inner peace. You may not make these a regular practice, but when you engage in them, you can recognize the positive effect they have on your wellbeing.

At the same time, it seems quite challenging for you to make the time and space for these moments.

We cannot comment on how you think about this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither")

that you did not feel represented by either of the available options.

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN FURTHER  
LEVERAGE YOUR STRENGTHS AND  
MANAGE SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS  
WHICH MAY BE HOLDING YOU BACK:**

Studies show the physical and emotional consequences of a constant focus on doing while overlooking the more profound dimensions of 'being,' such as reflection, spiritual or religious practices, time to recharge and find ourselves, and time to connect with our deeper self.

You have experienced it firsthand: When you allow some time to nurture this neglected part of yourself, you experience a positive impact on how you feel about yourself, and how you interact with others.

So here are some questions for you to contemplate:

Has it ever occurred to you that the fact that "everyone lives like this" may not necessarily make it ideal? Have you ever reflected on the high value our world gives to consumption, linking "who we are" with "what we have or own"? How do these thoughts align with your experience, and with your values? Does your reality reflect the priorities that are important for you?

If not, what are some small changes you can make?

**/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU  
CONSIDER THE SM:**

From the perspective of a sustainability mindset, mindfulness is both a key practice and an amazing result. Research has shown a direct link between individuals that have some contemplative

practices not just with their physical and psychological health, but also with the emergence of feelings of empathy and compassion.

This creates a disposition towards positive social and environmental actions, and the resulting satisfaction feeds a positive reinforcing loop. In other words, the better we feel about something we've done, the more we seek to repeat the experience.

When we access and display a more balanced version of ourselves, we convey an unspoken message to the people with whom we interact, not just by what we say or how we behave, but through our attitude and energy. This has a proven positive influence on others, as science has identified with the phenomenon of "emotional contagion."

In other words, when we develop a sense of peace for ourselves, we are also radiating a gift of peace to the world.

*Mindfulness is being fully present, experiencing connectedness with all that is. Mindfulness enhances awareness and compassion, and predisposes to social and environmental actions.*

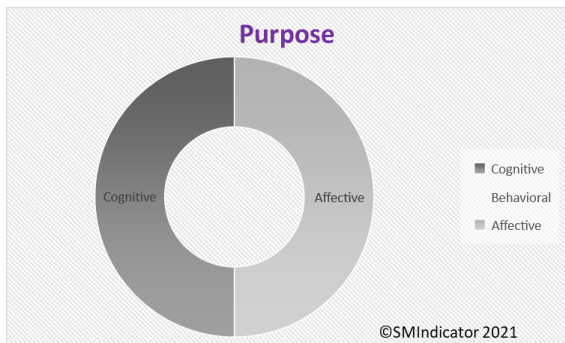


### **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

There are certain words that, just by thinking of them, create an expansion in our heart, bringing positive feelings. From a biological perspective, they cause our system to release dopamine, the so-called happiness hormone.

Can you think of some of these words? How do they make you feel? A small but powerful gift that you well deserve!

**/WHAT IS ASSESSED HERE:  
WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT HAVING A  
PURPOSE IN LIFE, PARTICULARLY  
SOMETHING THAT IS IN SERVICE TO  
OTHERS; HOW THIS FITS YOUR  
REALITY AND HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT  
IT.**



**What this tells you:**

**This graph shows that your approach to the assessed topic is both cognitive and affective. We don't enough have data to report about your behaviors and whether or how your understanding and feelings are converted into actions.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you think it is important to find a purpose in life, to identify something that, by making a difference, makes our life meaningful. It is not a good feeling for you not to have a meaningful life. And you wonder if you are on journey of seeking and finding answers to the question of "Why am I here?" This is a great question!

Indeed, for some the answer is clear and endures over time. For others, it changes and makes us seek renewed answers. When what you are doing no longer satisfies you, it is actually a great signal.

The tension we feel indicates that something has already begun to shift and we are on a path of further growth and transformation.

We cannot comment on how your thinking impacts your behaviors, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not feel represented by either of the available options.

However research has shown that individuals who engage in activities of service to the community, volunteering or some kind of initiative for the greater good have a higher sense of wellbeing than those who do not. This includes benefits to health, feelings of joy, increased self-esteem, and personal satisfaction. Is this something familiar to you?

**/THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN  
FURTHER LEVERAGE YOUR  
STRENGTHS AND MANAGE SOME  
OF THE LIMITATIONS WHICH MAY  
BE HOLDING YOU BACK:**

You may have also personally experienced that focusing on the extreme demands of your life sometimes takes a toll on your health, your mood, creating tension or anxiety, disrupts your sleep or impacts how you interact with others. Perhaps at times, you don't feel happy with yourself or with others.

Have you asked yourself what you could do to feel better, to lower your stress? Perhaps you have, but the answer you found may have been that as long as your demands remain high, there is not much you can do.

**So here, again, are some questions to evaluate:**

Which of the activities that you engage in are a necessity, a "must-do," and which ones represent a choice? Who would do these activities if it were

not you? What would it take to let go of some activities, or perhaps of “how” you do them?

These questions have an agenda: to help you free up some time and space to try out a different experience, one that consists of something you do for others outside your inner circle.

### **/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:**

The research regarding core aspects for a sustainability mindset identified the role of activities intentionally done for the “greater good.” The state of our planet is such that it requires each of us to step up and play an active role in shaping a better world.

The actions needed, whether large or small, share a similar result: they provide us with a feeling of joy, which then we want to replicate in order to feel good again, thus creating a reinforcing loop. Interestingly, we tend to think that we need to take care of ourselves first, before helping others, but the facts show that when we do small acts of kindness for others, we feel much better ourselves.

### **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

With this in mind, what are some new experiments you can try? What are some different things for the greater good that you already did, and perhaps could repeat, do regularly, or improve? Which of your natural gifts and skills could you put into service for the greater good, in a cause for which you have a passion?

Don’t get intimidated by grandiose words like ‘changing the world’ or having a life mission or purpose. In fact, each small action of kindness has already an impact that we may never be able to

imagine. That is also changing the world, one interaction at a time.

*Defining our purpose provides an unconscious compass, and when it is grounded in values of our higher self, we actively shape a better world.*



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