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## Open Education and the Sustainable Development Goals: Making Change Happen

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### **Abstract**

Education for All has been a concept at the heart of international development since 1990 and has found its latest instantiation within the Sustainable Development Goals as SDG 4 'Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all'. Open education, in the form of resources and practices are both seen as contributors to SDG4. The ambition is clear but the means to make it happen are not and a number of commentators have claimed that a power and systems thinking approach to making change happen is critical.

This presentation (1) sets out the scale and scope of the SDGs; (2) reviews the potential contribution of open educational resources and practices to support the SDGs and (3) uses this framing of power and systems thinking to review the way open education activities might be fostered within tertiary education in all local, national and regional contexts in order to support the SDGs, and not just SDG 4. It will also tentatively outline a theory of change that brings together power relationships, systems thinking and open education as key components.