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The following quotes were provided in support of CMU's Voluntary University Review.

"Leading research universities are instrumental in developing talent and advancing solutions to help us achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. I commend Carnegie Mellon University — our partner in the University Global Coalition — on accepting its responsibility, intentionally seeking ways to support the goals, and making an unequivocal public statement about its commitment to make a difference. This 2020 Voluntary University Review will set an example for others to follow."

— Ángel Cabrera, President, Georgia Institute of Technology

"Through this Voluntary University Review, Carnegie Mellon has taken the extraordinary step to transform the ambitious global agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals into a local call to action. This work provides an important foundation from which multiple departments and interests within the University can come together towards a common vision for a better future. May this significant accomplishment inspire a cascade of action at universities around the world for the SDGs."

— Dr. Jean Andrey, Chair, SDSN Canada and Dean, Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo

"We are grateful to represent and support a community that is focused on leading the global sustainability transformation. As an institution that has achieved Gold level under AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS), Carnegie Mellon demonstrates an enduring commitment to advancing sustainability. The 2020 Voluntary University Review is a bold opportunity to connect their campus community, not just with a specific achievements or initiatives, but to advancing all of the Global Goals through education, research and practice."

— Meghan Fay Zahniser, Executive Director of AASHE

"With the release of this VUR, Carnegie Mellon University establishes itself as a global leader in committing to accountability and action on the SDGs. The VUR has clearly served as an organizing mechanism for engaging the university community on the Goals, which is critical to building awareness and momentum for their achievement. It provides an example that is detailed enough to set objectives for the future, yet flexible enough for CMU and other institutions to build on for future reporting. It is an important addition to the growing canon of University SDG monitoring and reporting efforts.

Congratulations on this huge accomplishment! I look forward to seeing this grow in the future."

— Caroline Fox, Head of SDSN USA at Sustainable Development Solutions Network

"Congratulations to Carnegie Mellon University in producing the world's first Voluntary University Review. This work reflects the seriousness with which this institution approaches the SDGs and offers a model for its counterparts. It places the global goals at the center of what it takes to be a leading university, explicitly laying out the university's strengths and opportunities for educating the world's

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next generation of leaders, and engaging in research and practice, that contributes to solving the world's toughest problems. Kudos."

— Tony Pipa, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

"CMU has made an extraordinary contribution by pioneering the world's first-ever Voluntary University Review on the Sustainable Development Goals. The university hasn't just created the de facto template document for universities around the world to conduct their own SDG self-assessment. It has role modeled a community-level approach to consultation and peer learning that embodies the SDG spirit of no one left behind."

— John McArthur, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

"The Sustainable Development Goals present a roadmap for the future to ensure a just, equitable, inclusive, and prosperous society, for all. Institutions of higher education can be catalyst of positive social transformation through research, education, and public engagement. Through the Voluntary University Review process, the Carnegie Mellon University is demonstrating locally connected and globally engaged leadership to advance the SDGs. This is an impressive model of analysis and action, with high expectations of realizing purposeful outcomes and results."

— Anna Westerstahl Stenport, Professor of Global Studies & Chair, School of Modern Languages, Georgia Institute of Technology; Founding co-director, The Atlanta Global Studies Center