



# PERSONAL REPORT

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If for every dollar in minute that we invest in AI, we invest another dollar in developing our own consciousness, our own mind, we will be ok.

**Yuval Noah Harari**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

How ready do you feel you are to deal with the complexity we are living in? How do you respond to the increasing polarization, to the need to expand our attention to stakeholders impacted by our daily decisions? How comfortable are you planning and yet letting go of your plans as you consider the feedback that reality is giving you? How easy is it for you to adapt, revisit your assumptions, unleash your creativity, and innovate? **These are some of the key indicators of resilience.**

We find comfort in our plans, in the 'known and tried out' ways of doing things. Yet this may also be the obstacle that slows us down when we need to find new ways of acting that have a better impact on the world. While much is talked about the future that awaits us, it's easy to forget that it is us, each one of us, who is shaping this future with our daily decisions and actions. Yet, rushed as we all live in these demanding times, we may not take the moment to pause, observe where we are, what our most precious goals and values are, and how our day, today, is reflecting those values, leading us to those goals. And what course corrections we may want to do!

**This is the Era of Purpose.** How mindful are you of your larger purpose? Setting a purpose becomes the compass offering certainty in a world filled with uncertainty. Are you giving yourself the gift of a pause, to ask yourself what your larger, higher purpose could be?

You may recognize in these lines some aspects that were addressed in the statements offered to you in the Sustainability Mindset Indicator, as you were invited to reflect and choose which best represented you. This report constitutes a picture, a map of your personal journey towards a resilient, purposeful, creative mindset for flourishing as an individual that is making a difference in the world. Which is sustainability at its best.

# 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.**

## SUSTAINABILITY MINDSET INDICATOR

# 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.**

## SUSTAINABILITY MINDSET INDICATOR

/ YOUR OVERALL  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
MINDSET PROFILE**



**SUSTAINABILITY MINDSET INDICATOR**

**THIS PAGE IS HERE FOR YOU TO  
NOTE YOUR REFLECTIONS,  
INSIGHTS, AND QUESTIONS.**

**SUSTAINABILITY MINDSET INDICATOR**

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.

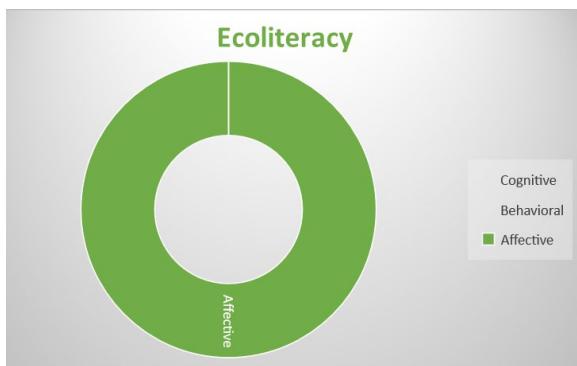




# /ECOLOGICAL WORLDVIEW

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:

This graph shows only the affective dimension, meaning that your predominant tendency is to connect emotionally with this aspect, without necessarily engaging in related behaviors or fully comprehending it. You might want to try and expand your understanding and also explore how you might make a small difference every day.

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** in terms of Ecoliteracy, you are aware of some facts, but perhaps do not see the larger picture of how different data connect or impact each other.

As a consequence, your sense of urgency is limited and your need to personally change behaviors towards achieving greater sustainability is moderate at best.

This said, you seem to be socially sensitive and have empathy for the suffering of others. This may be creating some emotional stress, perhaps feelings of being overwhelmed by a reality that you think you cannot change. But is it really so, that you cannot influence and make a difference?

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

We are definitely living in a time of information overload. It is challenging to stay on top of all that is happening, while keeping up with our own obligations and activities. Furthermore, sustainability news tends to be on the negative side, creating doomsday scenarios and scary prophecies that can trigger anxiety, and not precisely inspiring us to act. We may avoid the news because they make us feel bad, sad, or concerned.

Yet 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. Understanding the scope of the sustainability challenges, from the environmental and social perspective, allows us to start noticing linkages, relationships and connections.

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

The other powerful path is in our emotions. You are already gifted with social sensitivity, a valuable asset. When we allow ourselves to connect from the heart with the reality of the news and find small ways to change our behavior, we are more present and don't need to live with our divided selves. This can be more fulfilling.

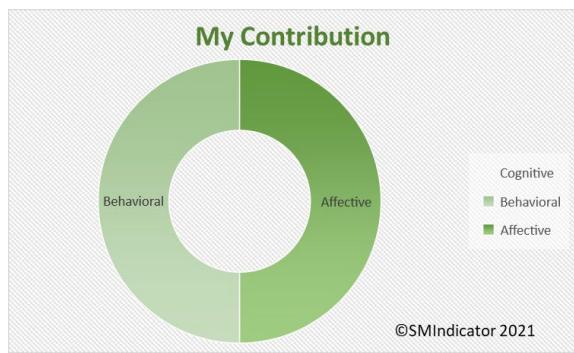


*Understanding the state of the planet allows us to be more fully aware of the challenges, the complexity of how they are linked to each other, and to explore what it means to us.*



*This page is here for you to note your reflections, insights, and questions.*

**/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 two dimensions, the behavioral and affective. This means that you connect emotionally with this aspect, and act upon it, perhaps without a full understanding of why it is important. You may find it interesting to deepen your understanding of this principle.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are a very sensitive person, with an open heart, and you have a skill to connect with your emotions, and 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.

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

Particularly, it may collide with your pragmatic approach to the world. You seek to distance

yourself from distressing information about sustainability problems to avoid getting too emotionally entangled. You are aware of the many environmental and social challenges, but you aim to keep them separated from your personal life. After all, you didn't cause them!

**/YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WHEN** you can take a proactive role. Instead of remaining "the victim," you choose to act. 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.

**/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 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 you could develop the habit of asking yourself periodically: how am I contributing to this problem? This question opens a path of inquiry, which automatically leads to expansion of your consciousness. You 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 your 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.



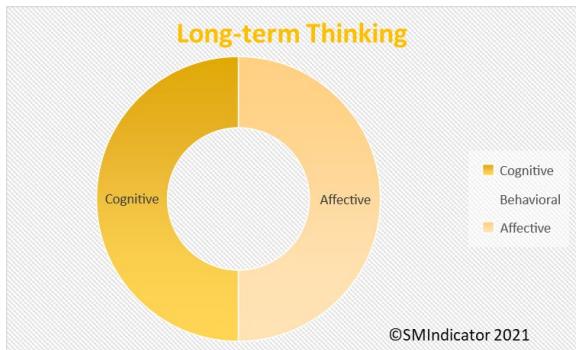
*When we identify the ways in which we are unintentionally contributing to the problems, we have a chance to do something about them. It also expands our consciousness and develops social sensitivity.*



# **/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 that your approach to the assessed topic is both cognitive and affective, but you are not necessarily translating what you know and feel into actions. You might use this information to explore new habits and daily changes for a sustainability purpose.**

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

In addition, this understanding is not indifferent to you: you are a sensitive person, who seems to get worried about the long-term impact that your personal lifestyle or decisions may be having on the planet. It is difficult to live with that feeling!

At the same time, you are pragmatic and prefer to focus on the short term when trying to solve a problem, because it seems more tangible, concrete and functional.

**/YOU ARE COMFORTABLE** solving problems: looking for quick ways to address a situation, and seeking to simplify matters. Acting promptly is important for you, and it provides you and others with a sense of control and direction. It saves time (so it seems).

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

What comes up from this combination is that there seems to be a disconnect between what you know about the long-term impacts of our behaviors, and the way you solve problems, focusing rather on the short term.

Perhaps bringing your understanding into actions is easier than it may seem. For example, what would your latest decision look like if you would have considered the potential long-term impacts? It takes practice to develop new mental habits, but they too, can have long term impacts – for the good.

It is because of people with your sensitivity that changes happen in the world. Any thoughts of what you could do?

**/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 key for a sustainability mindset, it is not a question of choosing one over the other, but a matter of balancing both views, taking both time perspectives into account.

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

Something you seem to know a lot about.

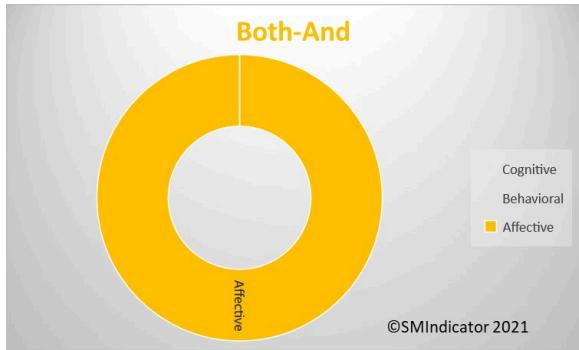
#### **/HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:**

How comfortable are you bringing the long-term perspective into the conversation? Do you sense that sometimes you hold back, because it is not so popular? Are you fully aware that your perspective, by not being culturally mainstream, is what we all need more? Is this something that may encourage you further to speak up?



*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.**



**What this tells you:**

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**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are an empathetic person, and it comes easily to put yourself in another person's shoes, trying to see life from their point of view, as puzzling at it might be.

It makes you feel good when you do so - in a way you feel closer to the other. Moreover, not being inclusive may make you feel guilty, selfish, righteous, or irresponsible. This is your internal compass.

At the same time, you are a pragmatic person that likes clarity in life. **You feel most comfortable with clear choices** - black and white options - and find a sense of stability and reassurance in holding onto your values and your worldview. When faced with a new situation, you seek to rapidly frame it within what you have learned is "right" or "wrong."

You are also aware that when one starts to be inclusive of other people's perspectives, we may lose sight of what we hold true and right, thus not fully honoring the responsibility we feel to champion these values.

**/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 natural empathy towards others, and your desire to have clear distinctions of what is right and wrong doesn't make your life easy! Simplifying complexity is helpful for avoiding gray areas, but you sense that you also miss understanding the complexities of the situation.

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 people acknowledge others' points of view?

In a way, you are already feeling empathy for others, which is a valuable asset in these polarized times. How could you convert your empathy into inclusive behaviors?

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. Your behavior could role model appreciation of diversity. Are you aware of it? You could inspire others to feel empathy.

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

You are a naturally caring person. Now, in what areas does empathy and inclusion come easier to you, and which situations are more challenging? This is your work.

You can start practicing with little day-to day opportunities to put your empathy into action, in new ways. Any thoughts?

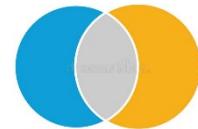
### **/THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:**

Many of our world's sustainability challenges originate in choices such as: "either the planet or the economy" and "either protect the wolves or the farmer." Yet, *either-or* choices can be misleading, and have us believe there are win-lose solutions that work.

But do they really? If the cost is high, do they still work? It is reassuring to find ourselves in a situation where we see it the right way, and others are wrong. But at the same time, you sense that we may be missing what these others are seeing, that we don't. How could we all benefit from having a fuller picture?

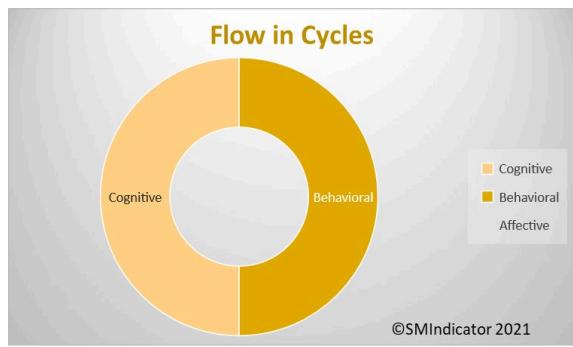
It seems that today, more than ever, we are collectively being confronted with paradoxes and ambiguity. Increased transparency and access to information from around the world makes us aware of very different ways of thinking, being and acting with which we may not agree or be comfortable. Challenging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

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.**



**What this tells you:**

This graph shows the two dimensions of cognitive and behavioral, meaning that you have an intellectual understanding of this aspect, and you also act upon it. We don't have enough data to report if or how you connect with your feelings related to this item

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you are aware of the commonly shared belief that humans are the most intelligent species, the apex of creation, with the intellectual ability to control Nature.

And you have come to realize this assumption is most frequently contradicted by reality, particularly when we think in a linear way, acting outside the cycles of Nature.

**/YOU ARE COMFORTABLE** when you can express an understanding of impermanence and act in alignment with the cyclical flow of Nature,

which means accepting that things grow, but not forever because there is also decline and death.

In our day-to-day this means accepting ageing and mortality, endings of relationships or certain phases in our life, and new beginnings as well. In another context, it means that we see ourselves as part of Nature, not as its controller-in-charge.

This is a valuable attitude, because it may make your life easier. Like swimming along with the river's current, it increases your speed, and reduces the stress of resisting obstacles.

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

We cannot comment on how you feel about this topic, since you indicated (by choosing "neither") that you did not find yourself represented by either of the available options.

So here are a few thoughts to ponder. Do you see yourself balanced in terms of making and letting go of plans? Are you perhaps in a transition, going back and forth between two ways of being in the world, deriving great pleasure in planning as a way to feel in control but also realizing that flexibility is ultimately more efficient?

**/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.

Planning in itself is not the problem but rather, excessive reliance on carefully crafted steps, and forgetting the natural cycles of growth and decline.

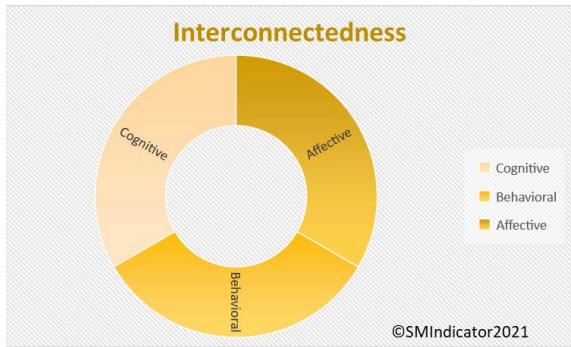
How do you balance structure and flow, organization and flexibility?

*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:

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**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you have a clear understanding that we are all interconnected, even in non-obvious ways, and that no one is really fully independent.

**You are comfortable** seeing yourself as part of a larger whole, and you pay attention to the input of stakeholders when analyzing a problem and seeking effective solutions. In addition, you are appreciative about other people's input and support. You thrive in collaborative environments,

welcome participatory solutions and feel grateful for the help of others.

This is a precious combination in the current times! While certain cultures have a collectivistic framework, most of the western-northern culture - widely exported and globalized - is individualistic and celebrates personal achievement. But you know this is neither realistic nor feasible.

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

Do you experience an unspoken expectation in your daily life - to be independent, to outperform others, to be self-reliant or perhaps to demonstrate your value in competitive settings? Have you sensed the contradiction between these two paradigms, one valuing competition and self-reliance, the other promoting collaboration and inclusion? How do you manage the tension, and are you able to share your perspective with others, perhaps helping to expand their thinking horizons?

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

The polarities of independence vs. interconnectedness and competition vs. collaboration are of particular relevance when focusing on sustainability. The environmental and social challenges are complex and multidimensional, making it impossible for any person to solve on their own. It is only through collective thinking, action and 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).

## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

With your valuable perspective, how do you handle situations when others don't see the urgency of collaboration but rather respond from the old paradigm of autonomy and competition?

Here is a tip that may come handy. Invite them to name one achievement that was purely, authentically, their own, without any other person playing a role in it.

*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.**



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**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.

**/YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WHEN** reality presents you with plenty of unknowns. You actually enjoy it and find uncertainty exciting.

It seems that you often find yourself in situations where you make great contributions by putting your "creative hat" on, being playful by not preemptively censoring your ideas. You have a good tolerance of the uncertainty of not knowing how something can work out. You are able to live with a certain degree of risk-taking. What a valuable asset for these times!

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

Are you happy with how you listen to and consider your own intuition, this non-verbal wisdom? Is your imagination and creativity nurtured and well expressed, or do you think you could do more? What do you see as your next developmental frontiers in this aspect?

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

You know 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 this complexity of our challenges, and we are skeptical of simplistic solutions.

However this also requires entry into uncharted territories. Resilience calls for flexibility in adapting to new situations, and this entails innovating and experimenting, as you indicate you sometimes do. Definitely having no clear blueprints to follow may be disturbing, yet there are no choices but to take some risks. And fortunately you can handle them.

It seems that you have a reservoir of imagination, even intuitive wisdom, available to tap into. This helps you complement your strategic thinking, and maximize your achievements. For the benefit of all.

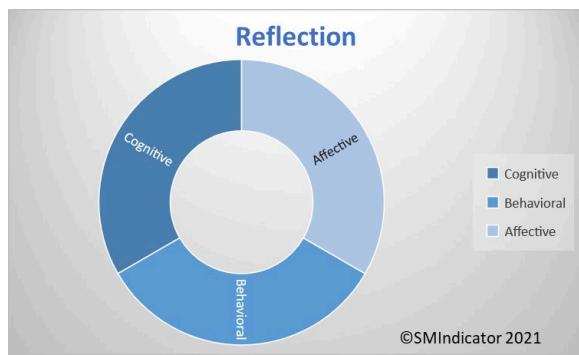
*Resilience is based on constant creativity, innovation, and experimentation. When we neglect the non-rational wisdom we have in us, our solutions are missing critical information, and may create negative impacts on the ecosystem and society.*



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

Our world is certainly giving preference to rational and logical thinking, so you have a much-needed perspective to contribute. In what new ways could you envision doing this?

**/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.**



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**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you have a sense that we are collectively trapped in an accelerated pace.

Perhaps you notice your own speed, or see it in others. The fact is that you observe and seem to think about this phenomenon, and may be asking yourself about the cost of this upon you or others. How is it possible to contemplate the future

implications of decisions taken under the pressure of speed?

**You are comfortable** seeking a slower pace of life. It makes you feel better, more relaxed or lowers your stress levels.

Furthermore, it seems that you frequently pause and explore what might be at stake in a decision, or check the assumptions at play before acting. This behavior, seemingly at odds with how the world works these days, must have given you good results in the past, which reinforced it and now keeps you decelerating in critical moments.

Congratulations if this is the case, since you are helping to avoid many problems in the future. A valuable and timely contribution!

**/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 prior 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.

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

For example, what can we learn to avoid or repeat from past experiences? Can we identify, in hindsight, something that was at stake and overlooked because we were trying to act fast? 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.

What might be new ways of combining urgently needed actions with careful exploration of their impacts? *What role could you see there for you?* Do you think you could be more vocal and perhaps find more courage to offer a perspective that certainly is not mainstream?

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



## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

According to your answers, you seem to be gifted with the understanding that something is not right. *In what areas do you see your next developmental horizon?* Perhaps it is to more confidently share a different way of being and living with others?

And at a personal level, does it happen to you that you wish you could relax more, slow down or do nothing? Does your body, your mind or perhaps your soul call for a break, less stress? What message may be there for you, waiting to be heard and acted upon?

A lot of food for thought!

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



**What this tells you:**

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**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you believe the paradigm we have long been living with is due for a revision, because values like growth and progress may be linked to an assumption of unlimited resources, which may not be realistic.

You have been noticing that many of your daily automatic behaviors are actually not very environmentally friendly, or perhaps have some kind of negative social impact.

**You are comfortable** trying to make some changes, which probably wasn't easy. That didn't stop you from seeking new alternatives, new ways of lowering your ecological footprint, or even to make this planet a better place.

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

The changes are painfully slow or seem minimal to you compared to the size of the challenge. That creates some unpleasant feelings of misalignment, between what you do and how you would like to see yourself. You experience tension, as you scrutinize your image of self.

You may have been taught certain values, like being a winner, not being a loser, always remaining rational, having more to be more. And you became these values. But then something began to shift, and these values don't feel entirely OK any longer. This may make you feel confused, perhaps a bit guilty at times. You may even feel more grateful or indebted to others for their help in your achievements than stubbornly proud of being a self-made person. These are not easy times for you.

However, you are on a journey of consciousness development. Change starts with us noticing some discomfort about something, and we want to do something to feel better (or less bad). In this case, you seem to have taken several steps. Of course it can be overwhelming to think of the complex problems, but many times we underestimate the power of small changes.

Your understanding and intuition 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 can?

## /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, as you well know, feel great at the same time. The first step is taking a fresh look at what surrounds us.

Undoubtedly, there are social and environmentally 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.

But at the same time, it's worth remembering that our habits today are still (unintentionally) contributing to more of these problems in the future. And vice versa: Small changes in a habit today can do their part to shape a better future.

## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

Have you identified some of your activities that may not live up to your personal expectations of living in a 'sustainable' way? In what new ways could you make some changes? Sometimes we do not have the power to control a situation, but we always have unlimited power to influence, with our words, attitudes, talking or writing.

How about exploring a few of your unused possibilities?

You don't know what you can do until you try. You may encounter some cynicism, but your actions will speak louder than your words, as it always happens. Worth trying, right?

*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 that your approach to the assessed topic is both cognitive and affective, but you are not necessarily translating what you know and feel into actions. You might use this information to explore new habits and daily changes for a sustainability purpose.**

**YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE THAT** you think of Nature as an experience that offers more wisdom than we can intellectually grasp. This understanding may be the result of some special moments, when you stood in awe admiring Nature, your heart perhaps filled with joy and some kind of wordless experience of beauty.

You see the limitations of pure rationality and realize that the intellectual capability is valuable for building scientific knowledge, but also frequently overstated. Our comprehension of the natural world, including

our bodies, has advanced over time, but in the history of science findings are always within the constraints of available instruments, paradigms, or assumptions. It is clear to you that over time, the development of more precise measurement techniques or revolutionary thinking has certainly revealed the myopic or biased conclusions of the past!

**However, you are also comfortable** acting with a utilitarian approach to natural resources, considering the rights granted by our belief in "human superiority".

Without doubt, many scientific discoveries and improvements of our quality of life have shown the power of the human mind. Yet you may have also noticed that some betterments have come at a cost for the environment or society, and we are collectively paying that price, for example, soil erosion or waterway contamination from chemical crop fertilizers meant to enhance soil productivity.

The human-centric paradigm that we collectively adopted and believe has begun to show some shortcomings, inviting us to revisit our place and role in the larger ecosystem.

What are some undesirable consequences of human progress that you have personally experienced? What message may be in this for you?

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

The combination of your choices in this instrument seems to show a disconnect between what you believe and value, and your actions. You have been blessed with some powerful experiences of oneness with Nature that give you an empathic disposition, yet they don't seem to manifest in how you act. It

may be a way of blending into a context that rewards rational thinking and intellectual capabilities.

But is that who you really are?

### /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?

We rely on and praise scientific progress, but history has demonstrated that scientific findings are always within the constraints of available instruments, paradigms, or assumptions and many myopic or biased conclusions have been revealed with the passage of time, the development of more precise measurement techniques and revolutionary thinking. Biomimicry, a discipline studying how Nature solves problems, has been highlighting the wisdom of billions of years of evolution, and suggesting that we may find more answers in Nature than through our human intellect.

In fact, indigenous people have demonstrated a more resilient lifestyle, based on an intuitive connection to Nature.

This disconnection from Nature leads to a utilitarian relationship: Nature is reduced to instrumental resources for human needs and wants, causing not only spiritual alienation, but is the root cause for many unsustainability behaviors. What impacts do you see from having a utilitarian relationship with Nature?

When we understand something, we start caring for it. Understanding that we are one with Nature, a species within species, is a profound experience that

can shape behaviors leading to a more harmonic relationship with the self, with each other and with all beings.

You seem to have experienced it: a sensorial, intuitive understanding. It is not something to be learned, but rather an experience that we allow to happen, and which makes us remember something 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 us.

Is there something you need to revise, to feel more authentically who you are? What part of you is still clinging to an old paradigm, and why might that be so?

*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:

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## YOUR SMI RESPONSES INDICATE

**THAT** you have a clear understanding of the world we live in and the importance of mindfulness.

You realize that consumption is rewarded, linking "who we are" with "what we do, have, or own". You see this materialistic pattern in society, with its consequences on how we have to keep busy doing things, seeking to make money to be able to belong, feel respected and valued. You realize the

unfortunate impact that this implicit message has on our health and well-being. It's like being trapped in a race to pursue an elusive and short-lived happiness.

## /YOU ARE COMFORTABLE pausing periodically to re-center, experiencing the positive impact on how you feel with yourself, and how you interact with others.

Pausing and stepping away from our task clears your mind, and you can get back with renewed energy. Is this something you remember to do when you need it? If not, how could you help yourself remember it more regularly?

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

The world you live in comes with many challenges that you need to attend. You seem to experience at times the tension and stress that comes with the daily difficulties. You may notice it in your health, sleeping patterns, or in how you relate to others as a result. When the reality is challenging and poses a high demand on your physical, emotional and psychological systems, you try to manage the best you can.

You may know that 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. As a matter of fact, you find in some of those contemplative practices a helpful path to regain inner calm.

You seem to have a good understanding of the challenges of our current paradigm - the consequences of an imbalance between doing and

being, between mundane action and the attention given to our higher self, our soul.

*So here are some questions for you to contemplate:*

Understanding the achievement race that we live in, 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?

What is mindfulness for you today: Is it a practice or does it form a part of your lifestyle?

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.

You already know that.

## /HOW ABOUT YOU TRY:

What would need to be true for you to take your practice to the next level, and what might that look like for you?

How easy is it for you to "catch yourself" in the moment when you are not fully present, not mindfully listening, or letting your emotional reactions control you, as opposed to your wiser self?

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

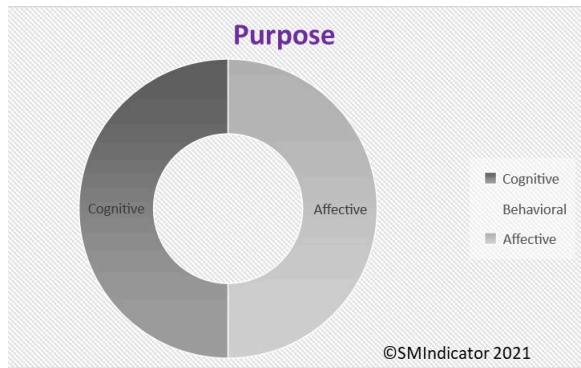
## /THOUGHTS TO PONDER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE SM:

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



**/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.**



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**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.

At the same time, you sense that you need to set priorities, and what is urgent needs attention before what sounds important, like thinking about what our purpose in life is.

Focusing is an important skill in times when there seem to be more obligations and things we are expected to take care of, than hours in a day. Work, family, relationships, career or health issues can use up all your available energy, often even leaving you with the feeling that nothing you do is enough.

When topics arise like contributing to society, you believe this may be something to do once your other obligations diminish and you free up some time, hopefully in retirement.

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

This resolution doesn't fully satisfy you, which is actually a great start. When we sense a tension between what we are doing and what we would like, something has already started to shift, and we are on a path of growth and transformation.

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.

In contrast, you may have 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 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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