

## **Editorial**

Faced with the global socio-environmental crisis, the challenges of sustainability and solidarity emerge as fundamental pillars for the survival and progress of humanity. Climate change, the scarcity of natural resources and environmental degradation are urgent problems that demand immediate and coordinated actions.

Sustainability, understood as the ability to satisfy present needs without compromising future generations, has become a global imperative, and goes beyond the environmental aspect and encompasses other dimensions. However, despite all the efforts made to understand and characterize the most diverse dimensions of sustainability, what has prevailed in studies on sustainable development is the tripod involving solely the environmental, social and economic aspects.

Solidarity, in turn, emerges as a guiding principle to ensure that the benefits of sustainable development are shared in a fair and equitable way. This implies strengthening social ties, promoting equal opportunities and combating inequalities that perpetuate exclusion and poverty. Solidarity was proclaimed as a fundamental value of international relations in the United Nations Millennium Declaration in 2000, however, little progress has been achieved in relating the duty of solidarity to the main sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The global COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the interdependence between the challenges of sustainability and solidarity. The profound disparities in access to health resources, the fragility of socioeconomic systems and the vulnerability of the most marginalized communities have highlighted the pressing need for an integrated and collaborative approach to addressing global crises.

Solidarity and sustainability are closely intertwined, and for many authors the former is a key element in achieving the latter. This relationship is especially important in the context of intergenerational solidarity, as it shapes our responsibility to leave a world that is at least as good as the one we currently have for future generations. The need for international cooperation and the protection of the environment further highlights the role of solidarity in sustainability. Sustainable entrepreneurship, particularly in the form of the solidarity economy, can play a

significant role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In this context, this edition of Diversitas Journal opens space for the dissemination of research and ideas that address these challenges in a comprehensive and integrated way, transcending disciplinary and geographic boundaries. By promoting interaction between different disciplines and methodological approaches, it encourages the collaboration and innovation necessary to tackle the complex problems that define our time.

It is worth considering that overcoming the challenges of sustainability and solidarity also requires a paradigm shift, which recognizes our collective responsibility towards the planet and future generations. This implies the adoption of sustainable practices in all spheres of life, the strengthening of global institutions to promote international cooperation and the empowerment of local communities to seek contextualized and inclusive solutions.