

MSD | Introduction to Interdisciplinary Science

## Introductory Assignment: Regional Sustainability Challenges

Welcome to the Masters in Sustainable Development program at Uppsala University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and its first course, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Science! We look forward to seeing you all in Uppsala soon. Please see the enclosed introductory assignment that will serve as the starting point for our discussions during the first week of the program.

### Assignment

Identify and describe a key sustainability challenge in your country or city. Create an academic poster that communicates your results using both text and images. The poster should include the following:

- A description of the challenge, its context, its underlying drivers, as well as possible initiatives that may contribute to solve it
- Pictures and/or figures that illustrate the problem
- A map that shows the geographical location of the problem
- Make sure that your name is clearly stated on the poster

### Dimension and file formats

The size of the poster should be A2 (420 by 594 mm). You can use the computer application of your choice to create the poster. Common applications for creating posters are Microsoft PowerPoint, OpenOffice and Adobe InDesign. The final poster should be sent to the course management in the PDF file format. You can export to PDF from most common applications, and if that doesn't work there are several web-based PDF-converters available.

### Deadline and submission

Please email the poster as a PDF file to **msdintro\_a36e@sendtodropbox.com** on **Monday, August 25th** at the latest. The course management will print the poster. Be prepared to briefly present your poster on Monday, September 1st.

### Inspiration and resources

Here are some links to resources that may inspire or help you when you create your poster:

- <http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/articles/10.1038/nj7387-113a>
- <http://colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign>
- <http://www.cns.cornell.edu/documents/ScientificPosters.pdf>

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