Introducing TASK by Sulitest: Advancing sustainability literacy in our academic community

We are pleased to introduce The Assessment of Sustainability Knowledge (TASK) by Sulitest – an internationally recognised tool designed to assess and enhance sustainability literacy among students and academic staff.

What is TASK?

TASK by Sulitest is a scientifically designed online assessment that measures sustainability knowledge based on the core competencies outlined by the United Nations and the academic community. It evaluates understanding of key issues such as climate change, biodiversity, circular economy, social equity, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Watch this two-minute video to learn more.

Why participate?

- Gain insight into your sustainability knowledge
- Receive a certificate after completion (regardless of your score)
- Support the global/NWU commitment to education for sustainable development
- Benchmark your results against national and international peers
- Contribute to a global movement that promotes informed, responsible action for sustainable future.

Your privacy matter

Participation in the Sulitest TASK is completely confidential. Aggregated assessment results will be solely used for educational and research purposes of the NWU. The Sulitest TASK-complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), ensuring that your information remains secure and private.

Who should take it?

All students and support and academic staff, regardless of disciplines, are encouraged to participate. This is part of personal development and life-long learning, but the onus is on the individual to utilise this opportunity. Note this is not an NWU qualification, but it is recognised world-wide as a knowledge indicator – see their <u>website</u>. Sustainability is a shared responsibility, and this assessment will help us identify strengths and areas for growth.

Registration and assessments

Prior to accessing the Sulitest TASK, all prospective participants are required to complete a brief online registration form. The registration period is open from the **23 June 2025 to 11 July 2025**, and the process takes less than two minutes to complete. <u>Click here</u> to participate on the Sulitest TASK.

Upon successful registration, you will receive an acknowledgment email. Kindly ensure that a valid email address is provided, as it is necessary for completing the assessment and receiving your results. The Sulitest TASK access link will be distributed on **14 July 2025**, and the assessment must be completed by the **closing date of 25 July 2025**.

Participation

Only registered participants will be sent the Sulitest TASK link. It takes about 80 minutes to complete the Sulitest TASK, and results are immediate and confidential. Aggregate results will only be used to inform teaching and learning, research and curriculum development.

Registered participants will be given two weeks to complete the TASK assessment.

Sulitest TASK: Integrity requirements

To ensure the fairness and credibility of TASK, the participants are required to follow the guidelines below during the assessment, which will be monitored.

- *Camera on*: Your webcam/device camera must remain on throughout the assessment. This helps verify your presence and discourages misconduct.
- *Microphone on*: Please keep your microphone on to ensure a monitored testing environment.
- No copying or external assistance: The Sulitest TASK is an individual assessment.
 Using unauthorised resources, communicating with others or copying answers is
 strictly prohibited.

Failure to comply with these conditions will result in disqualification and defeats the purpose of this assessment. We therefore appeal to all participants to uphold the values of integrity and responsibility as we work together to build a more sustainable future.

Incentive for participants

All participants who complete the Sulitest TASK will be entered into a lucky draw to win a brand-new laptop. The draw will take place from the side of the service provider to eliminate prejudice.

For more information, visit http://www.sulitest.org or contact Bibi Bouwman, the director for sustainability and community impact at bibi.bouwman@nwu.ac.za.