

# Status to the Climate Assembly from the Dean's Office 12 months after launch - February 2025

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At the three-month status report in May 2024, status was given on the individual recommendations. For the 12-month report, a thematic status is provided instead, focusing on the areas where the faculty has used or is using the recommendations and where there will be a basis for members of the climate assembly or other interested parties to follow up with management.

## About air tax and air travel

Following the Climate Assembly, SAMF has developed scenarios for air tax as a followup to recommendation 4.2 'Establish an inter-institutional travel fund at the faculty'. These have been discussed in FLT (Faculty Leadership Team) and subsequently shared with the university management. The possible next steps for a flight tax are decided centrally by the university management team.

It has also been decided by FLT that the recommendations regarding common faculty travel guidelines and initiatives will be reviewed when air travel data for 2024 is published.

# **Target Plans:**

In the target plan for the Faculty of Social Sciences 2025-2028, the following is written:

6. resources and infrastructures

Goal 6.1:

SAMF will follow up on recommendations from the SAMF Climate Assembly in the further work on implementing the UCPH strategy and SAMF's target plan. SAMF will explore how we as an organization, as educators of the future workforce and as knowledge producers can contribute to the green transition.

Follow-up will be done by, among other things:

- Introduce travel policy including reduction targets for air travel to reduce CO2 emissions
- Develop a model for air travel tax to change travel behavior
- Develop lecture series and courses with a focus on sustainability topics
- Work with the social sciences' contribution to sustainable development and solutions

# SAMF's participation in the national Climate Action Day

SAMF has participated in the annual National Climate Action Day since 2023. Organized by Democracy X, the Climate Action Day is about creating involvement and participation in local and concrete climate action and is held on the last Thursday of April every year. On the day, participating faculties or departments make a climate pledge that they have agreed to work towards in the coming year.

Both in 2024 and now in 2025, the climate assembly's recommendation report is the starting point for the climate pledges. Representatives from all faculties and departments have been invited to a course with Democracy X with a focus on creating participation and involvement in climate action, and in the coming period they will receive help and sparring to formulate some realizable climate pledges that follow up on selected recommendations or parts of them.

#### About sustainability in education and research

In connection with the upcoming development of education programs following the graduate reform, FLT has decided that sustainability must be included as a theme in all programs affected by the reform.

In addition, sustainability will continue to be a priority when hiring new permanent academic staff and in connection with applications for funding.

## About future sustainability work at UCPH

With UCPH's new 2030 strategy and the administrative reform, the sustainability agenda has a stronger common anchoring. Sustainability is now strongly anchored in the university management by Dean Jacob Graff and with a new initiative 'UCPH One Planet', sustainability work will have a clearer profile across UCPH. The Climate Assembly's recommendations are passed on to this new framework.

#### The Climate Assembly's method and working method:

Following the decision to move SAMF to Søndre Campus, the experiences from the Climate Assembly are included in the work to create a strong participatory culture for how the new Søndre Campus can become the framework for the four faculties and not least for a vibrant study environment. Furthermore, the experiences from the climate assembly are part of the work to promote well-being at UCPH.

The climate assembly has reinforced the focus on involvement and the importance of maintaining a strong and binding dialogue on how SAMF and UCPH can contribute to sustainability through education, research and by improving the university's sustainability footprint.

#### Hope for the future

It is our hope that in the years to come, the Climate Assembly report will be pulled out of the drawer by both managers and employees when discussing climate and sustainability at the faculty and throughout UCPH. If discussions about concrete solutions and projects at these times can begin with the recommendations instead of starting from scratch, it is a great credit to the work of the Climate Assembly.