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## Polymer-Solvent Complexes and Intercalates POLYSOLVAT-10

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The tenth International IUPAC Conference on Polymer-Solvent Complexes and Intercalates (POLYSOLVAT-10) took place in Salerno (Italy) from 22-25 September 2014. It was organized by the Dipartimento di Chimica e Biologia of the University of Salerno and sponsored by the Associazione Italiana Macromolecole (AIM) and the Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale per la Scienza e Tecnologia dei Materiali (INSTM).

More than 60 scientists from 15 countries attended this conference, which is organized every two years and focuses on the formation mechanisms, morphology, molecular structure, and the properties of compounds from synthetic polymers, biopolymers, proteins, supramolecular polymers, and systems formed at surfaces/interfaces.

Since the first conference, held in 1996, the proceedings of POLYSOLVAT symposia have all been published in *Macromolecular Symposia*. As with the former issues, the selected contributions of this volume provide an overview of the various topics discussed during the POLYSOLVAT-10 conference. POLYSOLVAT-11 was held in January 2016 in India ([www.iacs.res.in/conferences/polyolvat11/](http://www.iacs.res.in/conferences/polyolvat11/)).

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## A Draft Framework for Understanding SDG Interactions

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2016 is the year when the implementation phase of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) really kicks into action. The principle obstacle to implementation at the national level is the complex web of interactions between different goals. To that end, the International Council for Science has just published a new working paper that presents a new tool to analyse and understand interactions between different SDGs.

Authored by Måns Nilsson, Dave Griggs, Martin Visbeck, and Claudia Ringler, "A draft framework for understanding SDG interactions" was developed as part of a project led by the Council to explore an integrated and strategic approach to implementation of the SDGs. It goes hand in hand with a commentary in *Nature* called, "Map the interactions between the Sustainable Development Goals." (*Nature* 534, 320-322 (16 June 2016); doi:10.1038/534320a)

"This paper presents a conceptual tool to start unpacking interlinkages across the Sustainable Development Goals and invite scientists, policymakers and practitioners to jointly explore how the SDG puzzle fits together and how it can be implemented," say the authors of the paper.

The framework is based on a seven-point scale of SDG interactions, ranging from "Indivisible" to "Cancelling" which is intended to identify and test development pathways that minimize negative interactions and enhance positive ones. The working paper is the result of a two-day workshop organized by the Council in January 2016 which brought together a range of stakeholders to discuss and refine the conceptual framework. The framework is a starting point for building an evidence base to characterize the goal interactions in specific local, national, or regional contexts. The Council is currently convening research teams to develop thematic case studies, starting with the SDGs for health, energy, and food and agriculture.

[www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/top-news/new-icsu-paper-published-draft-framework-for-understanding-sdg-interactions](http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/news/top-news/new-icsu-paper-published-draft-framework-for-understanding-sdg-interactions)