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Paul's DLs are adapted to local priorities but focus around sustainable development, research ethics and socio-economic and socio-cultural implications of technology, particularly in resource constrained environments. His topics include:

1. Sustainable development,
2. Research ethics and
3. Socio-economic and socio-cultural implications of technology, particularly in resource constrained environments.