



Higher Education Sustainability Initiative

“Higher Education Institutions - key drivers of the Sustainable Development Goals”

19 July 2017, 3-5 PM, Conference room 1, UNHQ, New York

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) was created in 2012 in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) by a consortium of UN entities (UNESCO, UN-DESA, UN Global Compact’s Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) initiative, UN Environment, and UNU, and in 2016, UN-HABITAT joined). With commitments from over 300 universities from around the world, HESI accounts for more than one-third of all the voluntary commitments that were launched at Rio+20. Through its strong association with the United Nations, HESI provides higher education institutions with a unique interface between education, science, and policy making.

On the occasion of the 2017 session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development - United Nations’ central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals - and in conjunction with the 2017 Global Forum for Responsible Management Education, the partners of the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), are organizing an event for higher education institutions to showcase how they are integrating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into sustainability strategies, research, teaching, pedagogy, and campus practices and to position higher education institutions as key drivers for achieving the SDGs.

Participants will include government officials, academia, university administrators, UN representatives, sustainability professionals, major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

To participate in the event, please fill out the following form by **15 June 2017**:
<https://goo.gl/Lszb6m>

Join and enjoy the benefits of the HESI network by committing to 1) Teach sustainable development across all disciplines of study, 2) Encourage research and dissemination of sustainable development knowledge, 3) Green campuses and support local sustainability

efforts, and 4) Engage and share information with international networks. Joining HESI is free and can be done online at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/hesi> (by clicking “Register initiative”).

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION
03.00 PM – 03.10 PM	Opening remarks
03.10 PM – 03.20 PM	Keynote address
03.20 PM – 4.30 PM	A moderated dialogue - integrating SDGs into sustainability strategies of Higher Education Institutions
04.30 PM – 04.50 PM	SDG SULITEST Assessment + live participation game
04.50 PM – 05.00 PM	Wrap up by moderator
