The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), is a partnership of UN agencies and initiatives that have teamed up to provide a platform for Higher Education Institutions to engage and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, enabling the exchange of best practices and educating future leaders on sustainable development.

**What is HESI?**

HESI provides a unique platform to amplify the voice and outreach of higher education institutions that are taking the lead on implementing the 2030 Agenda, providing a forum for exchange of experiences and best practices on bringing this agenda to campuses worldwide. It also provides a unique opportunity for higher education institutions to provide input during the United Nations annual High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, where Member States review progress made towards the SDGs.

**Objectives of HESI**

Higher education institutions are encouraged to be creative and innovative as they take on the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**How was HESI formed?**

HESI was created through a grassroots initiative in 2012, in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), as a way of engaging higher education institutions with the new sustainable development agenda and recognizing their important role in its implementation.

**What does it mean to be a member?**

It means that your higher education institution wants to commit to promoting sustainable development and working towards achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

**Who are its members?**

There are more than 300 higher education institutions from all over the world that are members of HESI.

**Possible activities of members include:**

- Aligning campus sustainability initiatives with the SDGs;
- Supporting local sustainability efforts;
- Raising awareness on campus about the SDGs;
- Developing a coordinated strategy to integrate the SDGs into your institution’s curriculum;
- Supporting and encouraging student research related to the SDGs and sustainable development;
- Developing a fellowship program related to one or more of the SDGs;
- Engaging and sharing information with other HESI members and international networks.

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