



Higher Education Sustainability Initiative Global Event

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The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), a partnership between United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNESCO, United Nations Environment, UN Global Compact's Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) initiative, United Nations University (UNU), UN-HABITAT, UNCTAD, and UNITAR), was created in 2012 in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). With commitments from over 300 universities from around the world, HESI accounted 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 higher education, science, and policy making.

On the occasion of the 2018 session of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development – the United Nations' central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - the partners of HESI are organizing an event for higher education institutions to showcase how the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the SDGs, is being integrated into sustainability strategies, research, teaching, pedagogy, and campus practices, and to position higher education institutions as key drivers for achieving the SDGs.

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

The event is open to all HLPF participants (UN grounds pass required, or special event ticket).

How are you integrating SDGs into your teaching, research, outreach and practice?

HESI provides a unique interface for higher education institutions to share their experiences and strategies for advancing the sustainable development agenda:

- 1) Teach sustainable development across all disciplines of study, including through online based platforms,
- 2) Encourage research and dissemination of sustainable development knowledge,
- 3) Green campuses and support local sustainability efforts,
- 4) Engage and share information with international networks,
- 5) Engage universities in local government and city development projects.

Register your story at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/hesi>

PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION
SDG Learning, Training and Practice workshops – Conference Room 5	
10.00 AM – 11.45 AM	<p data-bbox="558 415 1801 444" style="text-align: center;"><i>Leveraging innovative partnerships with higher education institutions towards sustainable and resilient societies</i></p> <p data-bbox="470 480 575 509"><i>Trainers:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="516 545 1688 769" style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Wendy Purcell, Professor, Harvard University • University of Oxford • University of Sao Paulo • Kazakh National Agrarian University • Partnership for Education and Research about Responsible Living (PERL) • Mr. Edvard Hviding, Professor, Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation, University of Bergen • Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences <p data-bbox="470 802 1192 831">Facilitated by: Chantal line Carpentier, Head of Office, UNCTAD</p>
11.45 AM – 01.00 PM	<p data-bbox="705 870 1654 899" style="text-align: center;"><i>Student engagement towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i></p> <p data-bbox="470 935 575 964"><i>Trainers:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="516 1000 1759 1159" style="list-style-type: none"> • International Council for Adult Education • Mr. Iain Patton, Chief Executive Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges, The SDG Accord: Collaborations for change • The Global University System (GUS) • Aurelien Decamps, Sulitest <p data-bbox="470 1192 1747 1221">Facilitated by: Mr. Jean-Christophe Carteron, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, Kedge Business School</p>
Higher Education Sustainability Initiative Global event - plenary segment – ECOSOC Chamber	
03:00 PM – 03:10 PM	Welcoming remarks – Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

03:10 PM – 03:20 PM	Presentation- <i>How can Higher Education Institutions engage with the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI)</i> – Mr. Jonas Hartle, Head, PRME, Global Compact
03:20 PM – 04:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Highlighting innovative collaborations between Higher Education Institutions and the United Nations</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director of UNESCO New York Office and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cara Smyth, Vice-President and Founding Director of the Fair Fashion Center, Glasgow Caledonian New York College • Ms. Angel Cabrera, President, George Mason University • Mr. Bruce Stiffler, Professor, Georgia Tech School of City and Regional Planning • Ms. Amy Tu, Montclair State University • Mr. Athanasios Giannakopoulos, Dag Hammarskjöld Library <p>Followed by interactive dialogue</p>
04:45 PM – 06:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>How are Higher Education Institutions mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals into curricula, research and programmes</i></p> <p>Moderated by: Mr. Nikhil Seth, Executive Director, UNITAR</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Yang Bin, Geneva Tsinghua Initiative for the Sustainable Development Goals • Mr. Ignacio de la Vega, Dean, EGADE Business School, Tecnológico de Monterrey • Professor Chalapan Kaluwin Acting Dean of Natural and Physical Science, University of Papua New Guinea, Centre for Climate Change and Sustainable Development • Ms. Eugenie Birch, Professor, University of Pennsylvania • Mr. Alex Wright, Head of Policy, Association of Commonwealth Universities • Ms. Maria Cortes-Puch, Head, National and Regional Networks, Sustainable Development Solutions Network <p>Followed by interactive dialogue</p>