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HESI UN Partner Organizations and Agencies
UNESCO’s recent work on ESD

1. The Global Action Programme on ESD (GAP), 2014-2019
   Current framework for scaling up ESD; Five priority action areas: Policy, education institutions, educators, youth, local community; implemented with 95 Key Partners

2. Education for the SDGs: Learning objectives – publication
   Offers guidance on integrating ESD and SDGs; structured along the SDGs, providing learning content & addresses key learning objectives for each SDG

3. Future of ESD, 2020-2030
   Series of symposia and consultations led to a position paper on the Future of ESD beyond the GAP; Consultation with UNESCO Member States and key partners will lead to a post-GAP framework for ESD 2020-2030
WHAT WE DO

Open-source materials – toolkits, videos and courses - used by Universities (e.g., University of London) and students

SDG collaborations with and support to Universities on new initiatives through

• Lectures
• Advisory Groups
• Partnerships

Working with Geneva University, Tsinghua University, Graduate Institute, SDSN

WHAT WE PLAN

Expanding collaboration with Universities to support the mainstreaming of the SDGs into curricula and research

What UNITAR has to offer:

• Partnerships on executive education
• Good knowledge of professional competences in support of the SDGs
• Link with the field for research
• Can help bridge South-South cooperation among Universities
• Adaptable learning materials
Habitat UNI

GOALS

Strengthen the cooperation between UN-Habitat and Institutions of Higher Education

Close the gap between academia and urban practitioners

Outline the role of universities in New Urban Agenda (NUA) and SDG11

ACTIVITIES

Conferences organized by the Informal Urbanism and Gender Hubs

The Big Blue Book (BBB) in partnership with the Deusto University, mapping the urban knowledge and research of 69 participating partner universities

5th season of the Global Urban Lectures (GUL), the UN-Habitat’s most popular knowledge product, soon to be launched

UNI webpage continues to serve as a tool for communications and sharing of information

217 University partners

1,800 Individual members

8 Thematic Hubs
SNAPSHOT
- 700+ Signatories
- 90 Countries
- 15 Regional Chapters
- 8 Working Groups
- 23 Million Students Impacted

OUR VISION
Realising the Sustainable Development Goals through responsible management education

ACTIVITIES
- 20+ Regional Meetings and Events
- +2 New Chapters (Italy and France+Benelux)
- 38 Schools join the 2018-19 Champions
- WEF 18 Higher education event in Davos
The SDG Accord

Post-16 education contributing to the Global Goals

599 SDG Accord signatories across 63 countries

75 Endorsing Partners representing c. 6000 institutions

64 institutions representing c. 1.28 million students

Recommendations:

- The UN
- Universities and Colleges
- Students
- Endorsing Partners

www.sdgaccord.org
Sulitest: tangible implementation of HESI

As a flagship initiative for HESI, Sulitest works with signatories to raise awareness and improve Sustainability Literacy in higher education and other organizations.

- Sulitest presents its 2nd report on “Mapping and raising awareness of the Global Goals” during the 2018 HLPF
  - **Key figures:**
    - Accelerating the dynamic: 27,500 tests taken in 2017-2018 compared to 16,000 in 2016-2017
    - Average Score Worldwide: 55% of expected answers
    - Since Sulitest was launched (late 2013): almost 90,000 tests taken, more than 780 universities and organizations registered from 64 countries.

- Two new SDGs modules launched during the 2018 HLPF:
  - Module SDG7 Affordable and clean energy in partnership with UNDESA
  - Module SDG11 “Holistic Waste Management in Cities” in partnership with the UN Environment International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC) in Osaka, Japan