



Copernicus Alliance Conference 2016

*Networking innovation to foster ESD: the role of
strategic partnerships – September 14th 2016*

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IAU networks

BUILDING SYNERGIES

*through
conferences,
publications,
leadership
initiatives*

DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS

*MoUs with a
variety of
Networks and
organisations*

FOSTERING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

*Global reach
and
Online global
portal*

SHOWCASE GOOD PRACTICES

*at each event;
next at the IAU
15th General
Conference*



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IAU HESD global Portal

The only global portal showcasing:

HEI actions towards SD worldwide

News and publications (assessment tools, SD reports, declarations)

Calendar of HESD events

A tool accessible to all aiming at:

Promoting engagement in SD

Spotlighting IAU Members' and Partners' commitment to SD

Generating synergies and networking



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338 HEI - 291 actions - 80 countries

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IAU Members' profiles: Presentation, Actions & Publications

University of Zürich
Rämistrasse 71
CH-8006 Zürich
Switzerland

University of Zürich



The University of Zürich is committed to systematically expanding its contribution to local and global sustainability. As part of its work, the University implements and promotes projects in Teaching, Research, and Business operations that help raise awareness for regional and global sustainable development and that foster a sustainable use of resources at UZH.

For more information
http://www.uzh.ch/about/basics/sustainability/sustainability-at-uzh_en.html



Actions towards sustainability for this university
University of Zürich and IAU jointly pilot a professional training programme on Education for Sustainable Development

Publications of this university

-  University of Zürich - Factsheet: Media Use
-  University of Zürich - Factsheet: Business Travel


University of Siena
Università degli studi di Siena (UNISI)
Via Banchi di Sotto 55
53100 Siena SI
Italy

www.unisi.it (english)

Mission
The University of Siena commits itself to produce an annual report on sustainability, in January of each year.

Main partners

- The local governments: Province of Siena, Municipality of Siena
- The regional government: Regione Toscana
- The national government: Ministero dell'ambiente, MATTM
- Economic actors of the territory, such as the associations of enterprises: Camera di commercio, Confindustria, CNA



Actions towards sustainability for this university
The working group of Unideia
Network Siena Sustainability (Ne.S.So.)
Mediterranean Sustainable Development Solutions Network (MED-SDSN)

Other examples: [Vienna University of Economics and Business](#); [Leuphana University Luneburg](#); [University of Bern](#) ...



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Organizations' commitment: Presentation, Actions & Publications

Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP)

Vila Universitaria, Local F2.1, Campus UAB
08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès) Barcelona
Spain

Presentation

The Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP) was created in 2002 on an initiative of the Universitat de Barcelona (UB), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Universitat de Girona (UdG), Universitat de Lleida (UdL), Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV) and the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC). The ACUP's main purpose is to be the principal voice of the universities of Catalonia and combine efforts to promote initiatives, programmes and joint projects with the aim of improving the university system and ensuring that it spearheads social, cultural and economic development.

Mission

The preamble of the ACUP Statute reads: "Autonomy, Catalan identity and modernity were the three recurring themes of the Catalan University Congresses held between 1903 and 1918. These intellectual ideals and aspirations cannot be considered exhausted, they are the driving force behind the public universities' desire to work together. This autonomy to work and be responsible is leading universities to come together to develop joint strategies, for the good of Catalonia. Supplied with a deep knowledge of university history in Catalonia, and recalling the words of *Tirant lo Blanc* [one of the best known medieval works of Catalan literature, XV century] 'The who forgets the past, forgets himself', the universities are looking to work for the future. The fact that public universities created an association is an indication of their willingness to work together with one voice in all matters where unanimity is possible. Moreover, a partnership between the universities and the Administration will help to further the cultural progress of Catalonia."

Website :

Catalan Association of Public Universities

ACUP ASSOCIACIÓ CATALANA
D'UNIVERSITATS PÚBLIQUES

Actions towards sustainability for this organisation

ESDU - Educació per al Desenvolupament a la Universitat
Interuniversity Working Group on Education for Sustainable Development

COPERNICUS Alliance - European Network on Higher Education for Sustainable Development

Ovocný trh 3
116 36 Prague
Germany

Presentation

Copernicus Alliance is a European Network of Higher Education Institutions which promotes transformational learning and change for sustainable development within the higher education sector. Through partnership with society, it aims to re-orient higher education programmes and research towards sustainable development as well as promote best practice regarding the sustainable management of university campuses. It seeks to build partnerships with business, government agencies and civil society to progress sustainability at the local and global level

Contact for sustainable development activities

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Website :

www.copernicus-alliance.org/



Actions towards sustainability for this organisation

Global Higher Education for Sustainability Partnership (GHESP)
Guidelines for Sustainability Education

Publications of this organization



The People's Treaty on Sustainability for Higher Education



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News:

HESD related news focused on IAU Members and Partners



Call for Contributions for the COPERNICUS Alliance Conference 2016


Sustainability Transformation of Science Systems The 2016 COPERNICUS Alliance Conference focuses on the sustainability transformation of institutional, national and international science systems. It will reflect on policies and practices that support or hinder researchers and educators of higher education institutions to practice inter- and transdisciplinary approaches of sustainability science.

Call for contributions:

Within the framework of the given themes and questions, you are invited to propose:

- **Interactive session**

Be the host of your interactive session! Combine a topic with your favourite participative methodological approach and design your concept for either a 45 minute or a 90 minute interactive session. Shorter activities will be grouped together. We encourage you to bring your own ideas and methods, however, if necessary, we will be pleased to support you with our experience. Suggestions for methods can also be found e.g. in the Sustainicum Collection (<http://www.sustainicum.at/en/methods>).



**UNIVERSITY OF
GOTHENBURG**

ISCN elects University of Gothenburg's sustainability officer into advisory committee

The University of Gothenburg's sustainability officer Eddi Omrcen has been elected into the advisory committee of the International Sustainable Campus Network, ISCN.

Context

ISCN is a non-profit association of globally leading colleges and universities representing over 20 countries and working together, by sharing experiences and ideas, to integrate sustainability into campus operations, research and teaching.

The members of the advisory committee are elected by the ISCN member universities and tasked with supporting the board of the network for a period of two years. The advisory committee includes representatives from Harvard University, University of Hong Kong, Yale University and University of Luxembourg.

'It's an exciting assignment in an exciting forum. I look forward to exchanging experiences and contributing to the fulfilment of the network's vision together with representatives from so many different and highly ranked universities,' says Omrcen.

Read more about ISCN [here](#).

Associated organization(s) :
International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN)

Associated university(ies) :
University of Gothenburg



GEM REPORT RECOMMENDS

Equal Access to Tertiary Education and Quality Education

ESTABLISH MONITORING TOOLS THAT CAN CAPTURE THE LARGE AND GROWING DIVERSITY OF LEARNING PROGRAMMES FOR THIS TARGET

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The 2016 GEM Report is now available

The 2016 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report, Education for people and planet: Creating sustainable futures for all, UNESCO, is now available.

The GEM Report, which builds on the experience of the previous EFA Global Monitoring Report (GMR) series, received a new mandate to assess the progress of education under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2016 Report, the first of a new 15-year series, shows that the world risks achieving its key global education commitments half a century late, having huge consequences for major development outcomes. It warns that education needs to change if we are to reach the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

The youth version of the GEM Report is also available in form of a cartoon.

For more information

Find out more about the GEM Report and download the full report.

Associated organization(s) :
United Nations for Education Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO)



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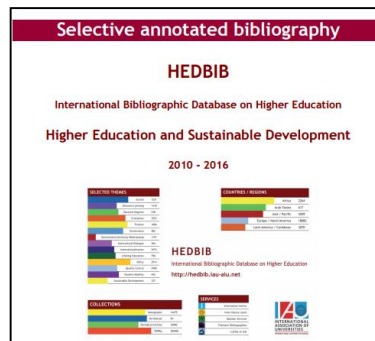
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Resources:

80 documents on the portal

More than 100 references on the IAU
selective bibliography on HESD 2010 – 2016
published on the portal



Resources

This page provides information and resources about Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development.

- Assessment Tools
- Questionnaires and Surveys
- Reports on HESD
- Declarations and charters

IAU International Bibliographic Database on Higher Education (HEDBIB)

HEDBIB offers a collection of resources focusing on all sorts of Higher Education. Access HEDBIB directly at: <http://hedbib.iau-aiu.net/> and enter your search terms using the advanced search form. You can search using author, title, country or region as well as by using key words such as *Sustainable development* and *Environmental education*.

Contact : Amanda Sudic, IAU Librarian / Documentalist, a.sudic@iau-aiu.net
(For more references on HESD please go to HEDBIB)

Bibliography on Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development 2010 - 2016

Search for a resource

Use the filters below to search on the resources.
You can also access our International Bibliographic Database on Higher Education (HEDBIB).

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Categories of resources

Select All

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Events:

Calendar of HESD events worldwide

COPERNICUS Alliance Conference 2016

From : Wednesday, September 14 2016

To : Thursday, September 15 2016

Vienna, Austria

Sustainability Transformation of Science Systems

The 2016 COPERNICUS Alliance Conference focuses on the sustainability transformation of institutional, national and international science systems. It will reflect on policies and practices that support or hinder researchers and educators of higher education institutions to practice inter- and transdisciplinary approaches of sustainability science.

Sustainability requires new approaches to knowledge and education. Universities must take on a key role in contributing to a transformation towards sustainable development. This transformation requires an interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and holistic collaboration at the interface of education, research, policy and practice. The concept of sustainability science has been recognized by UNESCO in its medium-term strategy (2014-2021) as an integrated, problem-solving approach to science and engineering for sustainable development.

In order to walk the talk, the two day conference will - in addition to a few invited keynotes - provide a variety of participative opportunities, such as a "poster walk and talk", parallel interactive sessions fully designed by participants, and a screening of short-videos of contributors who cannot attend in person. A digital conference handbook will provide a guide to the posters and interactive sessions. After the conference, participants will have the chance to submit full papers with findings from their discussions and research to partnering indexed journals.

For more information

<http://www.copernicus-alliance.org/vienna2016>



2016

September

04 - 07 : 8th Conference on 'Engineering Education for Sustainable Development'

09 - 15 : 9th WEEC (World Environmental Education Congress)

13 - 17 : 1st Biennial International Conference 2016

14 - 16 : World Symposium on Sustainable Development

14 - 15 : COPERNICUS Alliance Conference 2016

21 - 22 : International Conference on Sustainable Development

October

05 - 07 : Partnerships for knowledge generation and sustainable development

07 - 09 : Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals as communities and individuals

09 - 12 : 2016 AASHE Conference & Expo

12 - 14 : Globelics Conference 2016: Innovation, Creativity and Development: Strategies for Inclusiveness & Sustainability

17 - 20 : Habitat III Conference

19 - 21 : The Education for Sustainability Conference Germany: The International Greening Education Event (IGEE)

22 - 23 : International Conference on Social Research and Innovation 2016

November

07 - 18 : COP 22 – Marrakech, Nov. 2016

13 - 16 : IAU 15th General Conference on: Higher Education: A Catalyst for Innovative and Sustainable Societies

23 - 25 : Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development in Africa

2017

March

15 - 17 : Revitalizing education towards the 2030 Global Agenda and Africa's Agenda 2063

HESD Global Survey 2016

Purpose:

Connect with IAU Members

Research what their approaches are to sustainable development

See how, as an association, IAU can engage, exchange and enhance such initiatives



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IAU 15th General Conference

Higher education : a catalyst for innovative and sustainable societies

16 November, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

- * Is higher education a catalyst for sustainable and innovative societies?
- * How do higher education curriculum, research and leadership contribute to innovation and sustainable development?
- * How does higher education mobilize for a better future

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