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

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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
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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IAU Members’ profiles:
Presentation, Actions & Publications

Other examples: Vienna University of Economics and Business; Leuphana University Luneburg; University of Bern...
IAU HESD global Portal

Organizations' commitment:
Presentation, Actions & Publications

Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP)
Vila Universitària, Local F.I. Camino UAB
08193 Bellaterra (Barcelona) - Spain

Presentation
The Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP) was created in 2003 and is committed to supporting the development of higher education in Catalonia. It brings together the 18 public universities in Catalonia and promotes initiatives, programmes and joint projects with the aim of improving the university system and ensuring that it fosters social, cultural and economic development.

Mission
The preamble of the ACUP statute reads: “Autonomy, Catalan identity and democracy were the three recurring themes of the Catalan University Congresses held between 1902 and 1915. These intellectual ideals and aspirations cannot be considered exhausted, they are the driving force behind the public universities’ desire to work together. This autonomy is work and the responsibility of leading universities to come together to develop joint strategies, for the good of the region, the State and the whole of Europe.”


actions towards sustainability for this organisation
ESUU - Educatiu per al Desenvolupament de la Universitat
Interuniversitary Working Group on Education for Sustainable Development

COPERNICUS Alliance - European Network on Higher Education for Sustainable Development
Ovocity L1f 3
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Germany

Presentation
Copenicus Alliance is a European Network of Higher Education Institutions which promotes transnational learning and change for sustainable development within the higher education sector. Through partnerships 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.

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Actions towards sustainability for this organisation
Global Higher Education for Sustainability Partnership (GHESP)
Guidelines for Sustainability Education

Publications of this organisation
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 Sustainicums Collection (http://www.sustainicum.at/en/methods).

ISCN elects University of Gothenburg’s sustainability officer into advisory committee
The University of Gothenburg’s sustainability officer Edith Omrøen 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 33 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 Omrøen.

Read more about ISCN here.

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

Associated university(es):
University of Gothenburg

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 2010 Report, the first of a new 15-year series, showed that the world risks achieving its key global education commitments half a century late, having huge consequences for major development outcomes. It warned 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)
Resources:

80 documents on the portal
More than 100 references on the IAU selective bibliography on HESD 2010 – 2016 published on the portal
### COPERNICUS Alliance Conference 2016

**From:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016  
**To:** Thursday, September 15, 2016  
**Venue:** 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 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**


### Calendar of HESD events worldwide

#### 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**

- 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
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

Take the survey
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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