Summary of Virtual Side Event at the UN Partnership Forum 2023

University College Dublin and UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Partnerships in SDG Education and Training: towards curating, assessing and dissemination of a Global SDG Knowledge Commons

31 January 2023, 8.30 to 9.30 EST

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g55xJr4Npuo

Chair Patrick Paul Walsh, University College Dublin and Vice President for Education at SDSN

Thanos Giannakopoulos, Chief, Dag Hammarskjöld UN Library

Omar Hernández, Program Manager of the United Nations Academic Impact

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Background on the event (one paragraph)

The event outlined the need for partnerships to create a Global SDG Knowledge/Science Commons. The later will enable multi-stakeholder partnerships to mobilize education and training to share SDG knowledge across sectors and nations. This in turn will enable the achievement of many of the targets of SDG 17

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

How can we create a SDG Global Knowledge Commons? Knowledge is not always free to access or oriented to the public good. Contributing to Global Knowledge Commons for the SDGs needs to be a norm.

How do we create the right 'ecosystem' of education and training for the SDGs for Academic, Corporate and Government partners? SDG Knowledge needs to be disseminated into policy and practice at speed. How can HEIs, Corporates and Governments partner to achieve this?

Key recommendations for action

Partnerships between Science and Libraries to create a Global Science Commons to host SDH Knowledge.

Partnerships around Science and Employers to disseminate knowledge into the workforce.

Partnerships with youth to ensure they have the skills to induce a sustainable and just world.