

2023 HESI GLOBAL FORUM

17 JULY 2023, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 2, UNITED
NATIONS, NEW YORK & VIRTUAL

HIGHLIGHTING THE CRITICAL
ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

Starting soon!

OPENING
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Opening segment & keynote
address

SESSION 1
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

High-level panel with university
leaders

*The role of higher education in accelerating
the recovery from COVID-19 and the full
implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all
levels*

SESSION 2
11:15 AM - 11:50 AM

Rapid presentations on levers of sector
transformation

*Featuring key higher education initiatives and
action groups that drive implementation of the
SDGs*

SESSION 3
11:50 AM - 12:55 PM

Student & youth led panel

*Harnessing the creativity, passion and innovation
of students and young people for driving
implementation of the SDGs*

CLOSING
12:55 PM - 1:00 PM



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OPENING SEGMENT AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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Opening remarks



Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano

Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs



Ms. Stefania Giannini

Assistant Director-General for Education of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Keynote address: *Transforming higher education in a disruptive digital era*



Professor Tshilidzi Marwala

Rector and Under-Secretary-General, United Nations University



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HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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SESSION 1:

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL WITH UNIVERSITY LEADERS 10:30 - 11:15 AM

THE ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ACCELERATING THE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 AND THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA AT ALL LEVELS



MODERATOR

Mr. Nikhil Seth

United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNITAR



SPEAKER

Mr. Ángel Cabrera

President
Georgia Institute of Technology



SPEAKER

Ms. Julia Christensen Hughes

President and Vice-Chancellor
Yorkville University



SPEAKER

Ms. Romeela Mohee

Commissioner of the Higher Education Commission, Mauritius



SPEAKER

Ms. Susan Rundell Singer

President
St. Olaf College



SPEAKER

Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi

Chancellor
Nelson Mandela University

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SESSION 2:

RAPID PRESENTATIONS ON LEVERS OF SECTOR TRANSFORMATION

11:15 - 11:50 AM

FEATURING KEY HIGHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND ACTION GROUPS THAT DRIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS, PARTICULARLY FOR GOALS UNDER REVIEW AT HLPF IN 2023



FACILITATOR

Mr. Jean-Christophe Carteron

President
Sulitest, HESI Co-Chair



EDUCATION FOR GREEN JOBS HESI ACTION GROUP

Ms. Debra Rowe

Co-Chair
HESI Education for Green Jobs Action Group



RATINGS, RANKINGS AND ASSESSMENTS HESI ACTION GROUP

Mr. Duncan Ross

Co-Chair
HESI Ratings, Rankings and Assessments Action Group



SULITEST

Mr. Aurélien Decamps

Managing Director and Co-Founder
Sulitest



SDG PUBLISHERS COMPACT HESI ACTION GROUP

Mr. Chirag Jay Patel

Head of Sales, Americas
Human+AI, SDGs, Science Communications
Cactus Communications



VOLUNTARY UNIVERSITY REVIEWS

Ms. Jayashri Wyatt

Chief of Education and Outreach
United Nations Department of Global Communications and United Nations Academic Impact



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Mr. Ola Göransson

Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG, UN DESA

WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU WORKING TO SOLVE?

HESI ACTION GROUP: EDUCATION FOR GREEN JOBS

- **What:** Increase the rate and quality of workforce preparation for inclusive transitions to green and sustainable human societies globally.
- **How:** Provide practical tools, key opportunities, actionable guidance and a virtual international community of practice
- **For Who:** Educators, employers, career advisors, recruiters, policymakers, program developers and other allies
- **Focus Areas for Improvement:**
 - Student recruitment and career advising
 - Employee Placements and Retention
 - Curricular upgrades and integration
 - Professional development
 - Inclusion



EDUCATION
FOR GREEN
JOBS

WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU WORKING TO SOLVE?

HESI ACTION GROUP: RATINGS, RANKINGS & ASSESSMENTS

- Higher Education has a significant role to play in addressing the SDGs.
 - With more than 35,000 HEIs globally, their potential for impact is significant – thus support and encouragement of their progress are critical to achievement of the SDGs.
- Although there is no single organization with oversight of HEIs, there are a number of ranking, rating and assessment organizations that assess HEI performance.
- By encouraging these organizations to focus on the appropriate measures of sustainability we can help to change the sector.
- This is one of the levers that can be used (although there are others).



**RATINGS,
RANKINGS &
ASSESSMENTS**

WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU WORKING TO SOLVE?

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- **No one can afford not knowing nor acting about sustainability NOW**
- How to increase the sustainability literacy of all current and future decisions makers?
- How to build the common language that enable individuals to collaborate and act for a sustainable future?
- How to equip higher education institutions and organizations with relevant tools and data to pilot and demonstrate their impact on sustainability literacy?



SULITEST

WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU WORKING TO SOLVE?

HESI ACTION GROUP: SDG PUBLISHERS COMPACT

- Drive progress towards the SDGs
- Provide practical tools and actionable guidance that publishers, editors, researchers and practitioners can use to prioritize SDGs in the research agenda and in educational materials while improving connections between practice and research



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COMPACT

WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU WORKING TO SOLVE?

THE UNITED NATIONS ACADEMIC IMPACT (UNAI)

- The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) is an initiative that engages institutions of higher education with the United Nations in supporting and contributing to the realization of the Organization's purposes and principles, including the SDGs
 - 1,600 member institutions
 - 150 countries
- **Voluntary University Reviews (VURs)** could form an important connection
- The responsibility of UNAI member institutions is to actively support at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals or the 10 UNAI principles. This support will enable a sharing of experiences and best practices as well as the infusion of scholarship to advance social, economic and sustainability objectives.



UN ACADEMIC
IMPACT

WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU WORKING TO SOLVE?



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INTEGRATING THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS INTO
HIGHER EDUCATION

- Knowledge gap on integrating SDGs into higher ed globally
- Connect higher education institutions, networks & student organizations to facilitate transfer of knowledge
- Focus on curricula; research and development; campus practices



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ACTIONS & FUTURE PLANS

HESI ACTION GROUP: EDUCATION FOR GREEN JOBS

This year:

- Expanded the virtual community: ~ 4000 participants from over 100 countries
- Created seven Solutions Summits
- Compiled and shared resources
- Developed a toolkit highlighting opportunities and good practices
- Supported the creation of cross sector stakeholder alliances
- Connecting cities, students, and experts, with a special emphasis on the global south
- Empowered youth to be change agents

For more information, see:

- sdgs.un.org/HESI/ActionGroupWebinars2023
- cleanenergyministerial.org/ipec-convenings/

Future plans:

- Increase collaboration within and across countries for better workforce development, placements, inclusion and retention
- Deepen the efforts within the virtual community to fill in the gaps in existing efforts
- Empower and support key system shifts to accelerate workforce development and meet the needs for an inclusive transition to sustainable societies



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JOBS

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HESI ACTION GROUP: RATINGS, RANKINGS AND ASSESSMENTS

This year:

- Working with the joint task force on outcomes to understand how measurement of activities across all aspects of sustainability can move from measuring inputs towards measuring differential outcomes.
- Gathering data on existing initiatives in the rankings and ratings space
- This year has also seen the review of several methodologies, and an extension of the number of HEIs providing data to sustainability measurements.

Future plans:

- Encourage accreditation agencies to adopt sustainability as part of their requirements
- Work with the bibliometrics suppliers to explore ways of evaluating the SDGs
- Continue to evaluate existing rankings and ratings by refreshing the survey



RATINGS,
RANKINGS &
ASSESSMENTS

ACTIONS & FUTURE PLANS

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This year:

- Task- The Assessment of Sustainability Knowledge
 - Online robust assessment
 - Systemic model of sustainability knowledge
 - Producing reliable & comparable data
 - A certificate to demonstrate a level of sustainability knowledge
- A community of Change Leaders
 - Higher education institutions committed to mainstream sustainability literacy
 - Learning from their peers & stakeholders

Future plans:

- TASK sets a new international standard of sustainability knowledge
- A systemic impact on curriculum redesign and education

Join the Sulitest HLPF Side Event – 18 July 18.30-20.00 – Conf Room C



ACTIONS & FUTURE PLANS

HESI ACTION GROUP: SDG PUBLISHERS COMPACT

This year:

- Published 8 Top Action Tips guides - sdgcompactfellows.org/top-action-tips
- Presented Top Action Tips at 8 targeted training and engagement events, including
 - Two Solutions Summits for Editors and Researchers
tinyurl.com/ActionTipsSummits
 - DORA@10 Workshop on Plain Language Summaries
tinyurl.com/PlainLanguageSummaries
- Developed the SDG Rubric for Textbooks: sdgcompactfellows.org/s/SDG-Textbook-Rubric.pdf
- Created cross stakeholder alliances

Learned:

- We can all make a difference, and often small changes can have a big effect (such as implementing our Top Tips!)
- There is lots of support for the SDGs but incentives structures don't always align with the SDGs - a role for academics, funders, policymakers

Future plans:

- Increase number of members of SDG Publishers Compact - un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sdg-publishers-compact/
- Grow the community connected to the SDG Compact Fellows - contact us via the website
- Host three more summits
- Motivate more stakeholders to publish and implement Top Action Tips
- Publish more SDG related content, make it easy to find, and accessible
- Publish on emphasizing research outcomes instead of citation outputs
- Leverage AI to improve SDG content useability and accessibility



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UNITED NATIONS ACADEMIC IMPACT (UNAI)

UNAI SDGs workshops & trainings

- UNAI hosts a series of workshops and trainings to build capacity for universities and colleges, emphasizing the contributions of academia in advancing the SDGs and fostering the involvement of these institutions. This year, UNAI has led 20+ trainings.

SDG Toolkit, partnerships & conferences:

- UNAI partners with aggregators of research to create informational SDGs toolkits; to provide platforms of discussion for side-events, including this year's 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women and UN Water Conference; and to engage at conferences in learning and sharing best practices.

Voluntary University Reviews:

- UNAI is guiding member institutions in the formation of a standardized method for delivering Voluntary University Reviews, intended for institutions to track their own progress as well as increase the UN's analytical capacity in implementing the 2030 Agenda.



United Nations
Academic Impact



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ACTIONS & FUTURE PLANS



HESI PARTNER PROGRAMME

INTEGRATING THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS INTO
HIGHER EDUCATION



This year:

- Mapped expertise and conducted needs analysis
- Organized first brainstorming workshop
- Workshop on Curricula group

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Future plans:

- Organize workshops for other focus groups
- Continue deepening relationships & partnerships
- Expand membership

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SESSION 3:

STUDENT & YOUTH LED PANEL 12:05 - 12:50 PM

HARNESSING THE CREATIVITY, PASSION AND INNOVATION OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE FOR DRIVING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS



MODERATOR

Mr. Brighton Kaoma

Global Director
SDSN Youth

FEATURING A STUDENT VIEWING PARTY ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY REPRESENTED BY MR. BRIGHT OSEI YEBOAH



SPEAKER

Ms. Eliane El Haber

Ambassador
Higher Education for Good Foundation



SPEAKER

Ms. Benedicta Neysa Nathania

LearningPlanet Youth Fellow
LearningPlanet Alliance



SPEAKER

Ms. Ellen Dixon

Project Lead
The SDG Student Program



SPEAKER

Ms. Iman Cumberbatch

PRELS Scholar XR Lead at
Computational Sensory Laboratory; and
Project Manager at PSEG Institute for
Sustainability Studies



SPEAKER

Ms. Anoushka Sinha

Girls Belong Here Ambassador
Plan International Canada



SPEAKER

Ms. Veronica Dzeagu

Chief Technical Officer
All-Africa Students Union



SPEAKER

Mr. Horia Onita

Vice President
European Students' Union

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Mr. Sam Barratt

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