



HIGHER EDUCATION SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE:

Higher Education for Climate Change Action

14 October 2015 | Paris, UNESCO Headquarters

From Rio to Paris: Higher Education for Climate Change Action



Background

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) was created by a consortium of United Nations entities (UNESCO, UN-DESA, UNEP, Global Compact and UNU) in the lead-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (RIO+20). The network aims to provide higher education institutions with a unique interface between education, science, and policymaking. With a membership of almost 300 universities from around the world, it accounts for more than one-third of all the voluntary commitments that came out of Rio +20.

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With just a few months to COP21 and the attempt to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate change, the founding partners of HESI, in collaboration with the Kedge Business School, are organizing an event to look at the role of higher education institutions in advancing innovation around climate change action.

The HESI event will include academics, university administrators, United Nations representatives, sustainability professionals, COP21 representatives, and other relevant stakeholders. The event's programme is available on page 2 of this document.

More information: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdinaction/hesi/climatechangeaction>

Join HESI

Join and enjoy the benefits of the HESI network by committing to 1) Teach sustainable development across all disciplines of study, 2) Encourage research and dissemination of sustainable development knowledge, 3) Green campuses and support local sustainability efforts, and 4) Engage and share information with international networks.

Joining is easy. Sign up by filling out the form here (click *Register Initiative*):

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Time	Programme
6.30 PM	Registration (UNESCO Headquarter, 7th floor)
7:00 PM	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean-Christophe Carteron, Kedge Business school Svein Osttveit, Director of the Executive Office of the Education Sector, UNESCO
7.10 PM	HESI commitments and best practices for Climate Action <u>Moderator:</u> Dzul kifli Abdul Razak, President, International Association of Universities (IAU) (invited) <i>Teaching sustainable development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nikhil Chandavarkar, Chief, Outreach and Communications Branch, Division for Sustainable development, UN-DESA <i>Encouraging transformative management education and research for sustainable development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonas Haertle, Head of the Principles for Responsible Management Education, Global Compact <i>Networking and collaboration on higher education for sustainable lifestyles</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mari Nishimura, Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industries Branch, UNEP <i>Engaging with society</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zinaida Fadeeva, Associate Fellow for the Education for Sustainable Development Programme, UNU <i>Engaging and sharing results through international frameworks and network</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexander Leicht, Head of Section of Education for Sustainable Development (DEPSD), UNESCO
8:00 PM	Contribution of civil society and Higher Education to COP21 and Climate Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierre Henri Guignard, Secrétaire Général de PARIS 2015 COP21
8:20 PM	Presentation of Report "HESI and Climate Action" to the Representative of the Presidency of COP21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nikhil Chandavarkar, Chief, Outreach and Communications Branch, Division for Sustainable development, UN-DESA Presenting an Open Letter from a global alliance of the world's university and college sustainability network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iain Patton
8:30 PM	Dinner reception