

Innovation for more sustainable HEIs

IAU HESD (Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development)

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Global NGO created
by UNESCO in 1950

+ 600 Members in +
120 countries around
the world

Global forum for
networking among peers

World Higher Education Database
WHED.net



Leadership



Internationalization



**Sustainable
Development/
HESD**



Digital Transformation



Higher Education and Research for Sustainable development

Integrating sustainable development fully into higher education strategies

Objectives

- ✓ Encourage peer-to-peer learning
- ✓ Monitor trends, develop and share expertise on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ✓ Foster whole institution approaches at the leadership level to integrate SD priorities
- ✓ Provide leadership training, capacity building and networking services

Activities

Mapping HESD Initiatives

IAU HESD Global Portal gathers successful initiatives from IAU members



www.iau-hesd.net

Conducting Research

IAU HESD Global survey, publication series on SDGs, articles and more



Capacity building & Evaluation

Multi-stakeholder partnerships; Projects; and monitoring of developments related to sustainable development and higher education



Developing & Sharing Knowledge

IAU HESD Cluster enhances development & sharing of expertise on SDGs.

Global events

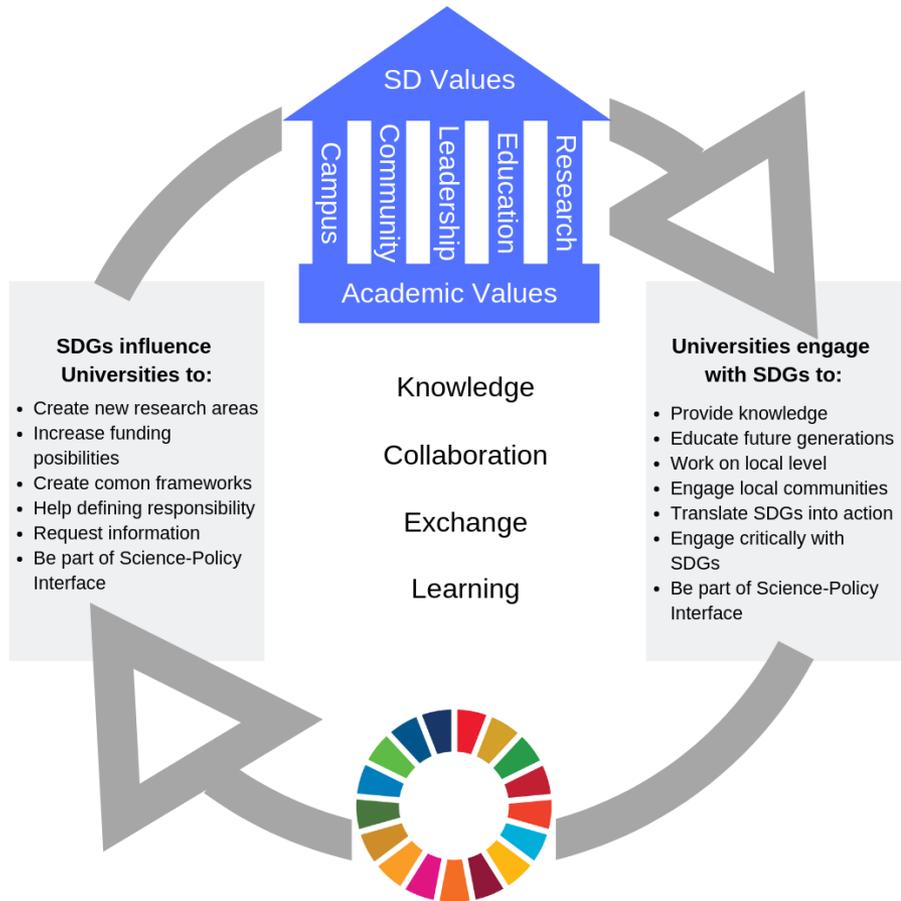
Advocacy



Why work with the 2030 Agenda and Sustainability?

- SD has been a topic for several decades, **Bruntland Report (1987)**
- The **United Nations Agenda 2030 and the associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** adopted by UN General Assembly in 2015
- 17 SDGs that can be sorted into 5 dimensions/pillars of Agenda 2030:
People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnerships
- The 2030 Agenda is universal and holistic (for all countries, societies, humans)
- ➡ Sustainability is the overarching concept, climate action and reducing emissions are one (very important) part of the whole picture
- Agenda 2030 is complimented by other multinational agreements such as the Paris Agreement 2015, regional & national agreements/policies (EU Green Deal)

Why work with the 2030 Agenda in Higher Education?



- Win-Win Situation: HE & SDGs
- Global Framework for action
- SDGs are widely used and recognized by governments, NGOs, in the private sector
- Better links to student activism groups and local communities
- Useful for institutional strategy and taking a whole-institution approach (WIA) to sustainability

Graphic adapted from:
SDSN Australia/Pacific (2017): Getting started with the SDGs in universities: A guide for universities, higher education institutions, and the academic sector. Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Edition. Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Australia/Pacific, Melbourne



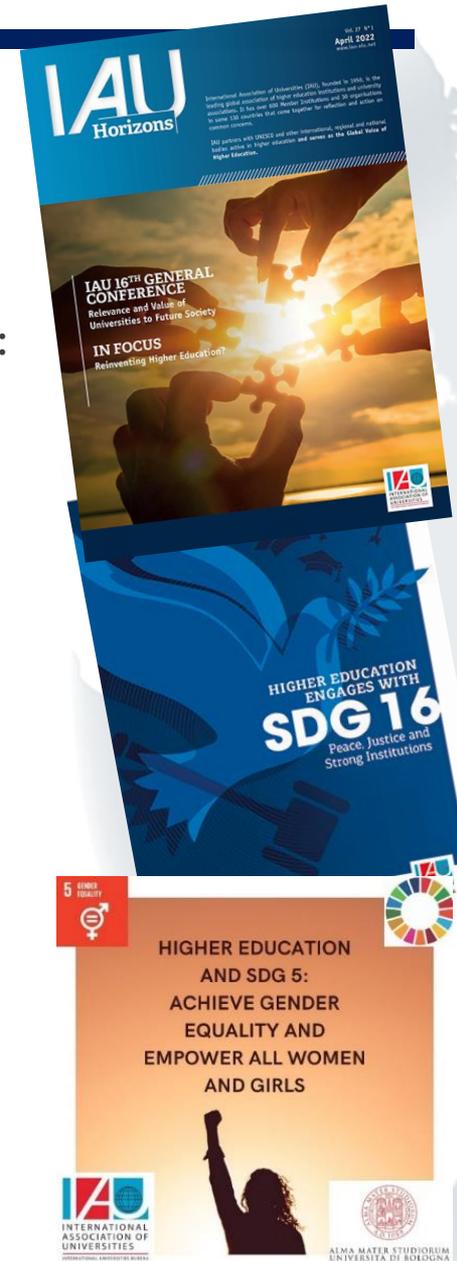
Example of an innovative network: The IAU Global Cluster on HESD

- Launched in 2018
- **16 Universities** from all world regions lead SDG 1 - 16
- 2-8 **Satellite universities** per subcluster (80 HEIs)
- **IAU leads SDG 17: Partnerships**
 - IAU Member Organisations can join SDG 17
- **1 common Goal:** to bring Sustainable Development in Higher Education and Research forward
- List of Cluster Members and Satellites:

<https://www.iau-hesd.net/contenu/4648-iau-global-cluster-hesd.html>

List of Resources/Tools

- **Specialized Portal** for SD-related Actions, News, Events and documents: IAU HESD Portal www.iau-hesd.net
 - ➡ Examples of best practice - search the portal!
- IAU Publications: <https://www.iau-aiu.net/HESD>
- [IAU Horizons on Leadership for a Sustainable Future](#)
- [IAU Global Cluster on HESD Activity Report 2020-2021 here \(pdf\)](#).
- Outcome documents from the IAU HESD Cluster Meeting (March 2022): [The statement on the Joint vision from the IAU Higher Education for Sustainable Development \(HESD\) Cluster members and Strategy and Working Plan 2022-2024](#)
- [SDG Impact Assessment Tool & Sulitest](#)
- [Global Guidance Document on Education on Green Jobs](#)
- [SDSN Guide for getting started with SDGs at Universities](#)
- [Previous and upcoming webinars](#)



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