

what is HESI?

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI), is a partnership of UN agencies and initiatives that have teamed up to provide a platform for Higher Education Institutions to engage and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, enabling the exchange of best practices and educating future leaders on sustainable development.



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HIGHER
EDUCATION
SUSTAINABILITY
INITIATIVE

objectives of HESI

HESI provides a unique platform to amplify the voice and outreach of higher education institutions that are taking the lead on implementing the 2030 Agenda, providing a forum for exchange of experiences and best practices on bringing this agenda to campuses worldwide.

It also provides a unique opportunity for higher education institutions to provide input during the United Nations annual High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, where Member States review progress made towards the SDGs.

want to join?

Join by filling in the **online application** under “Register Initiative” <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships/hesi>

how was HESI formed?

HESI was created through a grassroots initiative in 2012, in the run-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), as a way of engaging higher education institutions with the new sustainable development agenda and recognizing their important role in its implementation.

Higher education institutions are encouraged to be creative and innovative as they take on the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)!

possible activities of members include:

- Aligning campus sustainability initiatives with the SDGs;
- Supporting local sustainability efforts
- Raising awareness on campus about the SDGs;
- Developing a coordinated strategy to integrate the SDGs into your institution’s curriculum
- Supporting and encouraging student research related to the SDGs and sustainable development;
- Developing a fellowship program related to one or more of the SDGs;
- Engaging and sharing information with other HESI members and international networks

what does it mean to be a member?

It means that your higher education institution wants to commit to promoting sustainable development and working towards achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

who are its members?

There are more than 300 higher education institutions from all over the world that are members of HESI.

HESI partners

HESI is a partnership between the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNESCO, United Nations Environment, UN Global Compact’s Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) initiative, United Nations University (UNU), UN-HABITAT and UNCTAD

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