



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES, L'AGENCE UNIVERSITAIRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE (AUF) AND ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES (ACU)

2020 High Level Political Forum exhibitions

HLPF 2020 – Virtual Exhibition IAU, AUF & ACU

Link: <https://www.iau-aiu.net/HESD?onglet=3>

Title on page: **Higher Education mobilizes for the SDGs**



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About:

This virtual exhibition is organized by the partner associations **International Association of Universities (IAU)**, **L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)** & **Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)**. The partnership of ACU, AUF, and IAU accelerates the engagement of higher education for the Agenda 2030, as the associations together represent more than 2,000 global HEIs globally. They share their commitment to improving higher education for a more sustainable future and advocate for a Whole-Institution-Approach (WIA) to sustainability. At the HLPF 2019, the three partners released a joint statement on [Higher education's essential contribution to the SDGs](#) and are in the process of signing a formal memorandum of understanding (MOU).

This page will present the partners' work and link to other websites and resources. Furthermore, we will be offering **virtual Q&A sessions with representatives from IAU, AUF and ACU** during the HLPF 2020 (7 – 16 July 2020).

- Times and registration details to be added shortly -

Find out more about the partners here:

- [Association of Commonwealth Universities \(ACU\)](#)
- [Agence universitaire de la Francophonie \(AUF\)](#)
- [International Association of Universities \(IAU\)](#); <https://www.iau-hesd.net/en>



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Overview:

Universities and higher education institutions accelerating action for Agenda 2030 and SDGs: AUF, ACU and IAU presenting joint projects and partnerships for a more sustainable future

	IAU	AUF	ACU	All partners
About the Partner	<p>Founded in 1950, under the auspices of UNESCO, the International Association of Universities (IAU) is the leading global Association of higher education institutions and organisations from around the world. IAU brings together its Members from more than 130 countries for reflection and action on common concerns. IAU is an independent, bilingual (English and French), non-governmental organization. IAU is an official partner of</p>	<p>Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)</p> <p>(To be added)</p>	<p>The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)</p> <p>(To be added)</p>	<p>Joint statement and MOU</p> <p>HLPF 2019</p> <p>HESI group</p> <p>Advocacy and Events (To be added)</p>



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	<p>UNESCO (Associate status). It acts as The Voice of Higher Education and provides a global forum for leaders of institutions and associations to debate and learn from each other and to cooperate. Its services are available on the priority basis to Members but also to organisations, institutions and authorities concerned with higher education, as well as to individual policy and decision-makers, specialists, administrators, teachers, researchers and students</p>			
Commitment to the SDGs	<p>Sustainable development forms one of IAU's key strategic</p>			



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	<p>priorities since 2016. Before, the IAU Iquitos Statement on Education for Sustainable Development (drafted in 2014 and adopted in 2016 at the General Conference) IAU Members commit to build synergies and promote collaboration in favour of sustainable development. The IAU Kyoto Declaration on Sustainable Development (drafted and adopted in 1993) IAU Members urge all universities worldwide to undertake research and action to achieve sustainable development.</p>			
Activities	>>>Mapping HESD worldwide – IAU HESD			



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	<p>Global Portal The IAU HESD portal is a tool accessible to all, spotlighting IAU Members' and Partners' contributions to the sustainable development goals. The aim is to generate synergies and networking around the world in favour of sustainable development. The portal www.iau-hesd.net features more than 700 initiatives and counts some 1000 monthly visitors. >>> Researching HESD trends IAU HESD global survey 2019 IAU HESD global survey 2016 In 2016, the IAU launched its first global</p>			
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	<p>survey on the role of higher education in fostering sustainable development. The aim was to analyse IAU Members' approaches to sustainable development. 120 institutions from all continents took part in the survey. After launching its first survey in 2016, the IAU launched its second global survey on the role of higher education in fostering sustainable development in 2019. Next to analysing IAU Members' approaches to sustainable development, it focused on the knowledge and implementation of the SDGs and</p>			
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	<p>Agenda 2030. The 2019 survey counted 536 valid responses from 428 universities in 101 distinct countries, compared to 120 institutions in the 2016 survey.</p> <p>>>>IAU Global Cluster on HESD: The IAU Global Cluster on HESD promotes the role and potential that HEIs globally have in order to achieve the SDGs and Agenda 2030. Each SDG is led by an expert and a subcluster out of different universities all over the globe. The Cluster encourages collaboration and a holistic approach to the SDGs, focusing</p>			
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	specifically on the whole institution approach.			
Publications	<p>>>>IAU Horizons April 2019 on Universities and Agenda 2030: Engaging with the SDGs</p> <p>>>>IAU Publication Series on SDGs (Publication on SDG 13 here, soon SDG 5)</p>			
Other				



Future well-being of humanity and the planet depends on successful resolution of the interconnected challenges of economic, social, cultural, and environmental sustainability. Since 1993, IAU, ACU and AUF advocate for the key role higher education plays in achieving sustainable development. The partners' actions in support of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** provide a framework for universities to develop inter-institutional collaboration in pursuit of sustainable development. The aim is to assist higher education leaders wishing to embed sustainable development concepts and principles in strategic planning, academic and organizational work.

The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is the yearly conference of the United Nations where governments, UN Agencies and civil society come together to discuss the achievements that have been made towards Agenda 2030. The theme this year for the largely virtual event is **"Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"**. IAU has Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) which enables participation in this High-Level event.

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