



**HESI** **HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE**

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# HESI UN Partner Organizations and Agencies



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



UNITED NATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS



**unitar**

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

**PRME** Principles for Responsible  
Management Education

an initiative by the



United Nations  
Global Compact



**GUPES**  
Global Universities Partnership  
on Environment and Sustainability



UNITED NATIONS  
UNIVERSITY



UN-HABITAT



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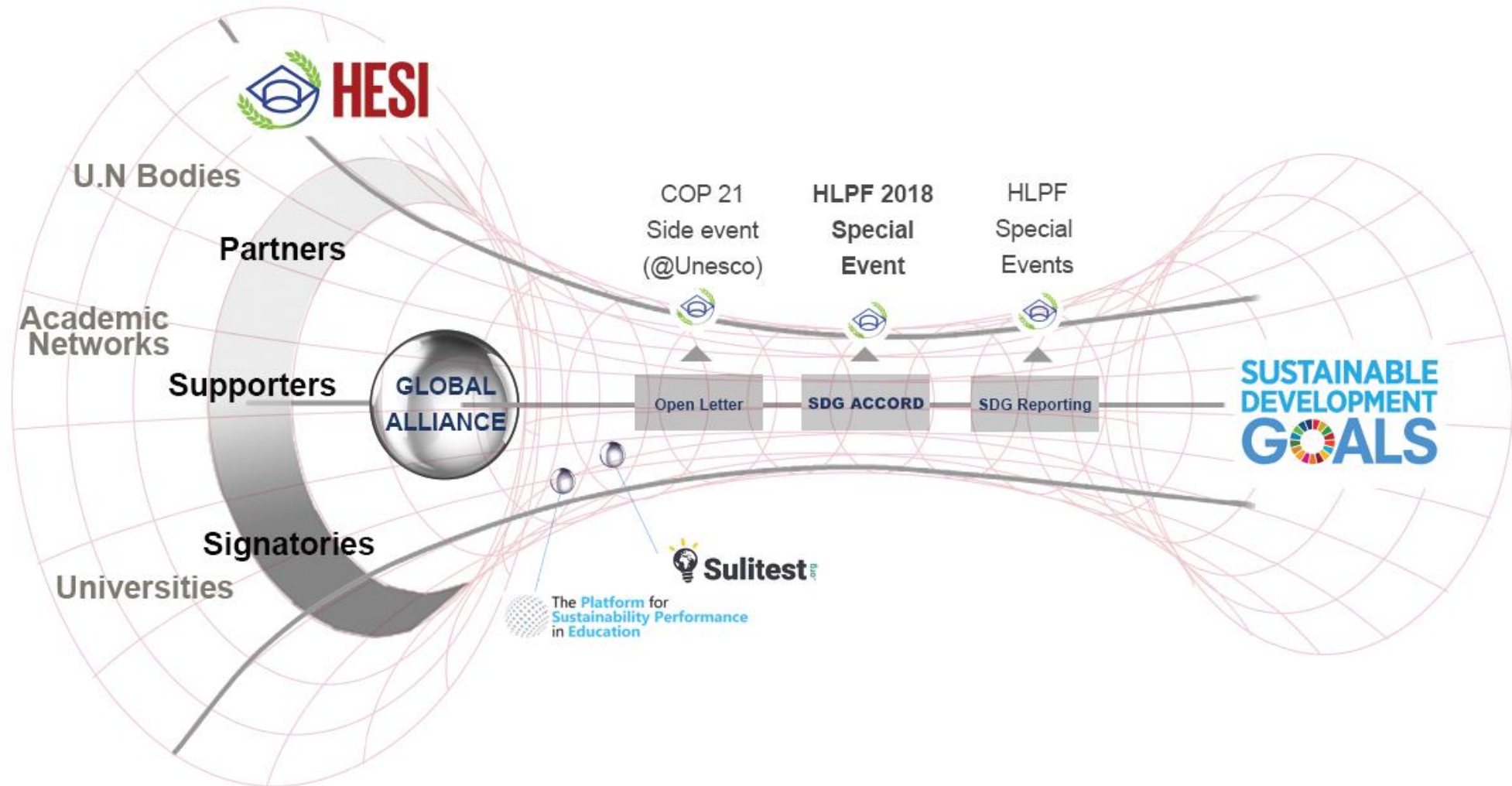
2012

2018

2030



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

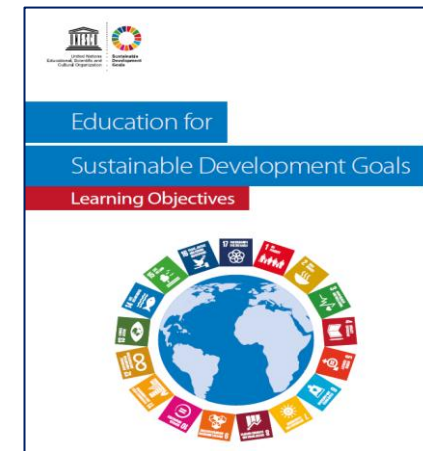


## 1. The Global Action Programme on ESD (GAP), 2014-2019

Current framework for scaling up ESD; Five priority action areas: Policy, education institutions, educators, youth, local community; implemented with 95 Key Partners

## 2. Education for the SDGs: Learning objectives – publication

Offers guidance on integrating ESD and SDGs; structured along the SDGs, providing learning content & addresses key learning objectives for each SDG



## 3. Future of ESD, 2020- 2030

Series of symposia and consultations led to a position paper on the Future of ESD beyond the GAP; Consultation with UNESCO Member States and key partners will lead to a post-GAP framework for ESD 2020-2030

## WHAT WE DO



**Open-source materials** – toolkits, videos and courses - used by Universities (e.g., *University of London*) and students

SDG collaborations with and support to Universities on **new initiatives** through

- Lectures
- Advisory Groups
- Partnerships

Working with *Geneva University, Tsinghua University, Graduate Institute, SDSN*



## WHAT WE PLAN

**Expanding collaboration with Universities** to support the mainstreaming of the SDGs into curricula and research

**What UNITAR has to offer:**

- Partnerships on **executive education**
- Good **knowledge of professional competences** in support of the SDGs
- **Link with the field** for research
- Can help **bridge South-South cooperation** among Universities
- Adaptable **learning materials**

# Habitat UNI

UN HABITAT  
FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE



## GOALS



Strengthen the cooperation between UN-Habitat and Institutions of Higher Education



Close the gap between academia and urban practitioners



Outline the role of universities in New Urban Agenda (NUA) and SDG11



217

University partners

1,800

Individual members

8

Thematic Hubs

## ACTIVITIES



Conferences organized by the Informal Urbanism and Gender Hubs



The Big Blue Book (BBB) in partnership with the Deusto University, mapping the urban knowledge and research of 69 participating partner universities



5<sup>th</sup> season of the Global Urban Lectures (GUL), the UN-Habitat's most popular knowledge product, soon to be launched



UNI webpage continues to serve as a tool for communications and sharing of information

# PRME

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## SNAPSHOT

**700+**  
Signatories

**90**  
Countries

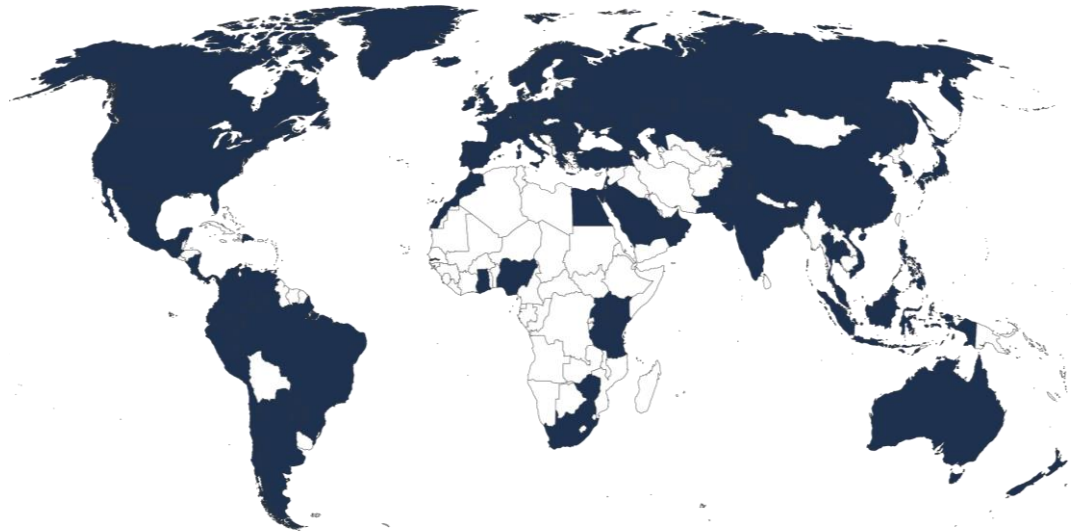
**15**  
Regional  
Chapters

**8**  
Working  
Groups

**23 Million**  
Students Impacted

## OUR VISION

Realising the Sustainable Development Goals  
through responsible management education



## ACTIVITIES

**20+**  
Regional Meetings  
and Events

**+2**  
New Chapters (Italy  
and France+Benelux)

**38**  
Schools join the  
2018-19 Champions

**WEF 18**  
Higher education  
event in Davos

# The SDG Accord



Post-16 education contributing to the Global Goals

**599**

SDG Accord signatories  
across **63** countries

**75** Endorsing Partners  
representing c. **6000**  
**institutions**

**64** institutions  
representing c. **1.28**  
**million students**

## Recommendations:

- *The UN*
- *Universities and Colleges*
- *Students*
- *Endorsing Partners*



ACTS  
AUSTRALASIAN CAMPUSES  
TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY



nus  
national union of students



[www.sdgaccord.org](http://www.sdgaccord.org)

# Sulitest: tangible implementation of HESI

As a flagship initiative for HESI, Sulitest works with signatories to raise awareness and improve Sustainability Literacy in higher education and other organizations.

- Sulitest presents its 2<sup>nd</sup> report on ***“Mapping and raising awareness of the Global Goals”*** during the 2018 HLPF
  - ✓ Key figures:
    - Accelerating the dynamic: 27,500 tests taken in 2017-2018 compared to 16,000 in 2016-2017
    - Average Score Worldwide: 55% of expected answers
    - Since Sulitest was launched (late 2013): almost 90,000 tests taken, more than 780 universities and organizations registered from 64 countries.
- Two new SDGs modules launched during the 2018 HLPF:
  - ✓ Module SDG7 Affordable and clean energy in partnership with UNDESA
  - ✓ Module SDG11 “Holistic Waste Management in Cities” in partnership with the UN Environment International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC) in Osaka, Japan

