**Sustainable Development Goals for Higher Education**

**GHEAR Workshop at UMass**

**Worldwide Universities Network**



While the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were almost exclusively focused on primary education, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasize lifelong learning and have a multiple emphases on the role of higher education as a key contributor to quality education at all levels. In fact, 6 of the ten targets for SDG 4 (Quality Education – Ensure Inclusive and Quality Education for All and Promote Lifelong Learning) focus on higher education in some manner. This goal aligns ideally with GHEAR’s global challenge to address the sources, mechanisms, and social structures that give rise to today's higher education challenges, and works collaboratively across the network to propose reform policies for international research and education. More specifically, the GHEAR Steering Group has endorsed an approach that focuses on improving the outcome of e**quitable access** and **mobility** to **high quality** and **contextually relevant** higher education that is supported by necessary levels of public and private **financial investment.** This approach is informed by a framework that has been adapted from the work of some of the WUN scholars working on GHEAR

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| **Sustainable Development Goals for Higher Education**  **May 1 & 2 2016** | | |
| **May 1** | | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center, 1 Campus Way**  **Room 904-08**  Arrival Coffee | |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome | |
| 9:15 – 10:30 | Opening Plenary Panel – Higher Education and the Sustainable Development Goals | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Improving Higher Education in Latin America  **CC Breakout Room 905-09** | A Critical Discourse Analysis of SDG Goal 4  **CC Breakout Room 911-15** |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch | |
| 1:30 – 3:00 | Inclusive Universities  **CC Breakout Room 905-09** | Higher Education for Refugees  **CC Breakout Room 911-15** |
| 3:15 – 4:45 | SDG Targets and GHEAR: An Aligned Research Agenda  **CC Room 904-08** | |
| 5:30 | Reception – Furcolo Hall | |
|  | **May 2** | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center, 1 Campus Way**  **Room 162-75**  Arrival Coffee | |
| 9:00-12:00 | GHEAR Planning Session | |
| 12 – 12:30 | Closing Remarks | |
| 12:30 | Lunch | |