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 multiple emphases on the role of higher education as a key contributor to quality education at all levels. In fact, six 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 equitable 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.

Sustainable Development Goals for Higher Education May 1 & 2 2017			
Monday, May 1			
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival & Coffee Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center, 1 Campus Way Amherst Room 10 th Floor		
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome Joseph B. Berger, UMass Amherst Campus Center Amherst Room 10th Floor		

9:15 – 10:30	Sustainable Development through Strategic Planning for Higher Education Fred M. Hayward Campus Center Breakout Room 905-09	Equity in Latin American Higher Education Pilar Mendoza, University of Missouri Ryan Wells, UMass Amherst	
		Campus Center Breakout Room 911-915	
	Coffee Break		
10:30 – 11:00	Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor		
	Global Perspectives On Faculty Development Around Teaching	A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Sustainable Development Goals	
11:00 – 12:30	Cristine Smith and Katherine E. Hudson, UMass Amherst	Nigel Brissett Clark University	
	Campus Center Breakout Room 905-09	Paradoxes in international higher education research: A critical discourse analysis of higher education journals	
		Hanni Thoma, Suzan Kommers, and Sadaf Latafat, UMass Amherst	
		Campus Center Breakout Room 911-915	
	Lunch to	be provided	
12:30 – 1:30	Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor		
	Inclusive Universities: Linking Diversity, Equity and Excellence for the 21st Century		
1:30 – 3:00	Sangeeta Kamat and Ximena Zuniga, UMass Amherst		
		er Amherst Room th Floor	

3:15 – 4:45	SDG Targets and GHEAR: An Aligned Research Agenda Joseph B. Berger, UMass Amherst Gerardo Blanco Ramirez, UMass Boston Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor
5:30	Reception Furcolo Hall, UMass The HUB 813 North Pleasant Street
Tuesday, May 2	
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival & Coffee
	Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor
9:00-11:30	GHEAR Planning Session – Steering Group
	Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor
11:30 – 12:00	Closing Remarks
	Joseph B. Berger
	Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor
12:30	Boxed Lunch
	Campus Center Amherst Room 10 th Floor