Reinventing the role & place of higher learning for a sustainable future

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WHEC2021 - Goals

Reshaping ideas and practices in higher education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity

"LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND"

1. Opening the door to new, innovative, creative & visionary models of higher learning
2. Highlight higher education opportunities & priorities in the upcoming decade
3. Anticipate & prepare youth for its role in tomorrow’s society
4. Pave the way for a future learning community that is inclusive of all lifelong learners
5. Define & prepare the roadmap for a new era of higher education systems (*HED Roadmap 2030)
WHEC2021 - Key Stakeholders & Audiences

Higher Education Community

2000 participants + streaming
Higher Education Week Barcelona 2021

Disruptive & innovative
Continuous process of participation towards the achievement of the conference milestones (pre-conference and post-conference)

Worldwide reach
Representation and participation of the five regions and Member States of UNESCO

Inclusive
Intergovernmental organizations, HED international institutions, Universities, educational community, NGOs, Private Sector, Civil society, etc.

Youth engagement & empowerment
Defined strategy for the participation and engagement of Youth throughout the process
WHEC2021 - What will happen?

- Generation of data, information & knowledge
- Formulation of updated policy recommendations
- Identification & dissemination of good practices
- Networking & strengthening of partnerships
- Broad participation from diverse stakeholders (nationally, regionally, globally)
- Adoption of commitments & a Roadmap for the upcoming years
WHEC2021 – 10 Main Themes

- Impact of COVID-19 on higher education
- Higher education and the SDGs
- Inclusion in higher education
- Quality and relevance of programmes
- Academic mobility in higher education
- Higher education governance
- Financing higher education
- Data and knowledge production
- International cooperation to enhance synergies
- Preparing for the future of higher learning
WHEC2021 - Knowledge Production & Policy Dialogue

Main themes & Policy Papers

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HED 2030 ROADMAP
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Policy Dialogue & Consultations

- UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs contributions
- Worldwide focus groups reports (stakeholders within and outside HED organizations)
- Youth strategy outputs
- Others

Report of the Global Independent Expert Group on the Universities (EGU) and the 2030 Agenda (SDG Norway)

Research & Knowledge Contributions

- GUNI Report
- Report on the OCDE/UNESCO Guidelines
- Engagement (Erasmus)
- HED & rural contexts
- Others

Survey reports

- HED contribution to lifelong learning – UIL/IAU/IIPE/IESALC
- HED education, SDGs and leaving no one behind – UNESCO Chairs
- Education policy makers, SDG & leaving no one behind – UNESCO National Commission
- Others
WHEC2021 - Timeline

**Preparation phase**

**Take-off**

**Production of Main Policy Papers**

**PREPARATORY MEETINGS**
Technical Expert Group (TEG) & Key Partners

**WHEC2021** (Oct. 7-9)

**HED 2030 Roadmap**
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**HED Section Priorities**

**2025**

**World Higher Education 2030**

**2030 Development Agenda**
[Leave No One Behind]

**UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy (2022-2030)**

**2025 Development Agenda**

**The Futures of Education Initiative (towards 2050)**

**Youth Strategy & Engagement**

**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Participation**

**Policy Dialogue & Consultation**
(Stakeholders within and outside HED organizations)

**Research & Knowledge Contributions**
WHEC2021 - Strengthening HED contribution to the SDGs Agenda and beyond

**OUTPUTS**

- WHEC2021’s content produced and/or delivered [Knowledge, innovation, good practices]
- Guidance to Member States and HED relevant stakeholders for strengthening political will, policy and programme development, and capacity building provided [nationally, regionally, globally]
- Coalition among HED international community in favour of the 2030 Agenda and The Futures of Education reinvigorated

**OUTCOME**

- Capacities of HED institutions, leaders and relevant stakeholders to create/adapt/improve their policies, programmes, and practices reinforced

**IMPACT**

- Contribution of HED to the SDGs agenda (well-being of humans and sustainability of the planet) strengthened [HED ecosystem transformed on the basis of quality, equity and inclusion]
Thank you!

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