World Higher Education Conference
WHEC2022
Reinventing Higher Education for a Sustainable Future
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WHEC2022 | Goals

Opening the door to new, innovative, creative and visionary models of higher education

Highlight higher education opportunities and priorities in the upcoming decade

Anticipate and prepare youth for their role in tomorrow’s society

Pave the way for a future learning community that is inclusive of all lifelong learners

Define and prepare the roadmap for a new era of higher education systems: HED 2030 Roadmap
A global conversation on higher education

Disruptive and innovative
Continuous participation process to achieve the conference milestones (pre-conference and post-conference)

Worldwide reach
Representation and participation from all regions

Inclusive
Governmental and intergovernmental organisations, international networks, universities, NGOs, private sector, etc.

Youth engagement and empowerment
A special strategy to involve, empower and inspire youth

Higher Education Ecosystem

Barcelona, 18-20 May 2022
La Fira de Barcelona
Hybrid event

2000 participants +10k streaming
Higher Education Week Barcelona 2022
Generation of data, information and knowledge

Formulation of updated policy guidelines

Identification and dissemination of good practices

Networking and strengthening of partnerships

Broad participation of diverse stakeholders (nationally, regionally, globally)

Preparation and dissemination of a HED 2030 Roadmap
WHEC2022 | 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
- The futures of higher education
WHEC2022 TOWARDS THE 2030 AGENDA AND BEYOND

Leaving no one behind

Pre-conference initiatives

Post-conference follow-up actions
WHEC2022 | Strategies

1. Knowledge production and policy dialogue
2. Youth engagement
3. Partnerships and alliances
CLEARING HOUSE
Building a digital resource collection to inform decisions and actions to enhance HED

**RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION**
- Open knowledge products
- Standard policy briefs
- Videos
- Other products

**POLICY DIALOGUE AND CONSULTATIONS**
- UNITWIN Networks/UNESCO Chairs contributions
- Worldwide consultation meeting reports (stakeholders within and outside HED organisations)
- Youth strategy, events and recommendations

**GLOBAL REPORTS AND POLICY PAPERS**
- Report of the Global Independent Expert Group on the Universities (EGU) and the 2030 Agenda
- Technical Expert Group (TEG) background documents
- Others

**SURVEY REPORTS**
- HED contribution to lifelong learning – UIL/IAU/IIEP/IESALC
- HED, SDGs and leaving no one behind – UNESCO Chairs
- Policy makers, SDGs and leaving no one behind – UNESCO National Commissions
- Others
RAISING ALL YOUTH VOICES
Working for inclusion

UNESCO Youth Interactive Platform
Collaborative efforts towards the 2030 Agenda
WHEC2022 | HED Contributions to the 2030 Agenda and Beyond

**OUTPUTS**

- WHEC2022 content produced and/or shared (knowledge, innovation, good practices)
- Guidance to Member States and capacity building of HED relevant stakeholders for strengthening political will, policy and programme development provided (nationally, regionally, globally)
- Coalition among HED international community in favour of the 2030 Agenda and Futures of Education reinvigorated

**OUTCOME**

- Capacities of HED institutions and systems to create/adapt/improve their policies, programmes, and practices reinforced (HED ecosystem transformed on the basis of quality, equity and inclusion)

**IMPACTS**

- Contributions of HED to the 2030 Agenda and beyond strengthened
- Well-being of humans and sustainability of the planet
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Thank you!

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