



## **IAU List of Virtual events on Higher Education's engagement with the SDGs, including responses to COVID-19 (April- June 2020)**

*This document is meant to be read online – click on the hyperlinks to find more information and to watch recordings.*

### **Why link the work of higher education and research for sustainable development to COVID-19 responses?**

Higher education has been strongly affected by COVID-19, which translated in particular in the sudden closure of campuses and a shift to emergency online teaching. Students and staff were faced with technical and pedagogical challenges to continue teaching, learning and research. The question of how to recover and (re)build after COVID-19 is discussed intensively, not only at universities. It is through enhanced cooperation that we will be able to design best possible solutions to address challenges faced and maximise opportunities.

In the face of the health, socio-cultural, ecological and economic crises, many actors continue to be mobilized to address the SDGs. Agenda 2030 and sustainable recovery should be a priority in a post-pandemic globalized world.

[The International Association of Universities \(IAU\)](#) initiated a survey in March 2020 to find out how different higher education institutions (HEIs) worldwide adapted to the rapidly evolving circumstances. The [IAU COVID-19 survey report](#) released in May 2020 shows that different institutions in all world regions have been impacted however to varying degrees. Two follow up Surveys will be undertaken in October 2020 and in 2021 to analyse the medium and longer impacts of the pandemic.

Furthermore, the IAU collected higher education and country responses and activities online on a dedicated IAU [COVID-19 resources page](#).

Many [IAU Members](#) and the [IAU Global HESD Cluster](#) stepped up their efforts to continue teaching and research, also in their work relating to the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). All the goals are interlinked, and the current crisis shows how important they are for the functioning of our global and local systems, as well as for our health and that of the planet. We must learn from this crisis and act to build the future we want, for people, the planet, and prosperity.

While most staff and students were confined at home, universities and organisations around the world kept up their work, multiplied meetings, projects, and events online. Many discussions are available as recordings, and can be viewed online.

IAU is pleased to have collected recordings as per the list below (click on the theme/title to get to the recordings).

## Webinars

The following list offers an overview of different virtual events related to the themes described above that are openly accessible online (sorted by date of original transmission). They are directed at practitioners from various fields. Please refer to the organizer's website for more information on the focus of the event. We hope you find this helpful and thank you for engaging with the SDGs.

Theme (title)	Organizer	Event date(s)	Language	Keywords, Description, SDGs (if appl.)
<a href="#">AASHE Webinars: COVID-19 &amp; Sustainability Discussion: Recap &amp; Reflection</a>	<a href="#">AASHE</a> , US	April	English	During the month of April, AASHE will be leading a discussion series for our community to engage with one another to talk through opportunities and challenges related to COVID-19 and sustainability
<a href="#">World Park Week Webinar (Web 1) "Designs on the Future Parks beyond COVID"</a> and <a href="#">World Park Week Webinar (Web 2) "What If ?"</a>	University of Salzburg, Austria	30 April	English	SDG15, Designs of parks
<a href="#">Webinar Series "The future of higher education: short, medium and long-term perspectives around the world"</a>	IAU, Boston College Centre for International Higher Education, US	05, 12, 19 May 30 June	English	Expert discussions on future perspectives for Higher Education, Internationalisation
<a href="#">Temporary Exhibition about climate feedbacks at the Climate House</a>	University of Oslo (UiO)	6 May	English	SDG11, SDG13
<a href="#">Retos para la producción de una nueva generación de refrigeradores domésticos.</a>  <a href="#">Eficiencia Energetica (part 1) – (part 2)</a>	University Antonio Nariño (UAN), Columbia	12, 14 May	Spanish	2 Webinars on Energy efficiency, Green Energy, SDG 7

<a href="#">Webinar ODS13: El desafío del cambio climático en la etapa post covid19</a>	Open University of Catalonia (UOC)	18 May	Spanish	SDG13
<a href="#">Webinar ODS3: Salud y bienestar durante y tras la pandemia ¿Cambio de perspectiva?</a>	Open University of Catalonia (UOC)	19 May	Spanish	SDG3
<a href="#">Webinar ODS8: Economía y crecimiento tras el Covid19, ¿Cuánto y cómo queremos crecer?</a>	Open University of Catalonia (UOC)	20 May	Spanish	SDG8
<a href="#">Webinar ODS17: Cómo repensar las alianzas tras el shock del Covid19</a>	Open University of Catalonia (UOC)	21 May	Spanish	SDG17
<a href="#">"Hunger Zero: A new Green Revolution"</a>	University Antonio Nariño (UAN), Columbia, University of Oslo (UiO), Norway	21 May	English	SDG2, Food Sovereignty, Capitalism, Neo-colonialism, Deep Ecology, Green Revolution and Green Economy, Critical rhetorical analysis
<a href="#">Universidad 2030: Las universidades como agentes del cambio</a>	REDS/SDSN Spain Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM), University of Salamanca, University of Murcia, Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU), Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM)	26 May	Spanish	The network (SDSN Spain) together with partners is presenting a report of how to assess the implementation of the SDGs at universities and integrating them to the institutions
<a href="#">Lançamento da Campanha Unicamp Solidária-Cestas Básicas</a>	UNICAMP, Brazil, city of Campinas	3 June	Portuguese	Webinar with launch of the Unicamp Solidarity-Basket Campaign; food solidarity, SDG1
<a href="#">Cómo se preparan las</a>	UDUAL	09 June	Spanish	How universities in Latin America prepare

<a href="#">universidades para el regreso después de la Pandemia</a>				the return to campus post-COVID
<a href="#">'Science for Sustainable Development: the GSDR in the context of COVID-19'</a>	UN DESA, UN Foundation	12 June	English	Science, Research, Entry points for Sustainable Development
<a href="#">The Future of Academic Freedom</a>	<b>IAU</b> , <a href="#">CHEA/CIQG</a>	17 June	English	Experts discussing Value-Based Higher Education and Quality Assurance, and the Future of Academic Freedom
<a href="#">Going Forward with Climate &amp; SDG Synergies for Covid-19 Recovery</a>	UNFCCC, UN DESA	25 June	English	Join experts and practitioners to identify the key actions needed to strengthen the application of climate & SDG synergies in practice. SDGs, <a href="#">SDG13 Programme</a>
<a href="#">From Global Goals to Global Learning</a>	British Council, ACU	25 June	English	The discussion explored ways in which universities from around the world are integrating the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their learning/teaching activities.
<a href="#">Perspectives on reopening strategies at universities around the world</a>	<b>IAU</b> , UDUAL	7 July (upcoming) <a href="#">Registration here</a>	English	Part of the IAU Webinar series on the Future of Higher Education

## Conferences

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<a href="#">Higher Education and the SDGs</a> (in Canada)	<a href="#">Together/Ensemble</a> Canada with IAU Cluster Lead SDG 4 University of York	20-22 May	English	SDG 4, all SDGs, ESD; Canadian experts discussing how to integrate the SDGs into Teaching and the whole institution, how to engage students actively; which role knowledge on the SDGs can play for careers of graduates

<a href="#">CANIE Summit on International Education Climate Action</a>	Climate Action Network for International Educators - <a href="#">CANIE</a>	21 May	English	A virtual event to catalyse climate action by the international education sector. SDG 4, SDG 13
<a href="#">PRME Global Forum</a>	UN Global Compact/PRME	17-18 June	English	The Global Forum explored major themes within the responsible management education community, including how to accelerate action for the role of business and management education in the Decade of Action, with a special focus on adapting to global crises, such as COVID-19. <a href="#">Programme</a>

Did we miss any events that would fit in this list? Please let us know at [contact@iau-hesd.net](mailto:contact@iau-hesd.net)

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