



# ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

A Coruna, Spain, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019



## BACKGROUND

It is widely known that matters related to sustainable development, albeit global in nature, are best handled at the local level. This line of thinking is particularly true to the higher education context, where the design and implementation of sustainability initiatives on campuses can demonstrate how a given university translates the principles of sustainable development into practice, at the institutional level.

Yet, despite the perceived need to discuss approaches and methods to make university campuses more sustainable, there is a paucity of specific events where a dialogue among sustainability academics and practitioners concerned with a) research, projects b) teaching and c) planning and infra-structure leading to campus greening takes place, so as to allow a transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral exchange of ideas and experiences on the issues, matters and problems at hand.

It is against this background that the Symposium **“Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Campus Activities and Programmes”** is being organised by the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme, the World Sustainable Development Research and Training Centre, the European School of Sustainability Science and Research, the University of A Coruña (UDC) and the European School of Sustainability Science and Research, in cooperation with a number of institutions of higher education active in this field. It will involve professionals in the field of sustainable development in the widest sense, from business and economics, to arts and fashion, administration, engineering, environment, languages and media studies.

The Symposium will focus on the means to integrate, promote or otherwise catalyse the implementation of sustainable development in campus activities and programmes, assisting universities in their efforts to implement the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and will contribute to the further development of this central topic.

The Symposium is part of the **“Accelerating Sustainable Development Series”**, which consists of three related events on sustainable development with a focus on research (Turin, July 2019), teaching (Stockholm, September 2019) and on campus activities (Spain, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019).

## AIMS

The aims of the Symposium **“Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Campus Activities and Programmes”** are as follows:

- i. to provide universities with an opportunity to display and present their works on campus greening and sustainable campus development;
- ii. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of research, teaching and projects on campus greening and design, especially successful initiatives and good practice;

- iii. to discuss methodological approaches and projects which aim to integrate the topic of sustainable development in campus design and operations;
- iv. to network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for cooperation.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on implementing sustainability research available today. To this purpose, papers which have been accepted, presented and discussed at the event may be submitted for a **special issue** of the **International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education**, published by Emerald Publishing (UK), which is the world's leading journal on sustainability in a higher education context: <http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/ijshe.htm>.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Delegates attending the Symposium “**Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Campus Activities and Programmes**” will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas. These are:

- i. members of university administrations;
- ii. campus facilities and operations staff;
- iii. teaching and research staff;
- iv. student groups;
- v. project officers and consultants;
- vi. other people interested in the field.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for integrated approaches towards sustainable campus development.

## STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The Symposium “**Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Campus Activities and Programmes**” will be organised in two main strands:

### **STRAND 1: Poster Sessions**

Participating universities and organisations will be able to put-up posters describing their works and projects and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The posters session will be the backbone of the event and will allow close, one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

### **STRAND 2: Presentations**

A set of presentations, divided into 3 main sessions will be organised, dealing with some of the issues of strategic value in designing the campus of the future. These are:

- Session 1:** Sustainability in Campus Activities, Facilities/Operations
- Session 2:** Research, Planning and Development in Campus Greening
- Session 3:** Student Activities and Participation in Campus Greening

A tour of the facilities at the University of A Coruña will be offered.

## TIME-TABLE

The Symposium “**Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Campus Activities and Programmes**” will be held from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 . The schedule is as follows:

### Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019: arrival of delegates

MONDAY, 2 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2019	TUESDAY, 3 <sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2019
<p><b>All day:</b> Exhibition and visit to displays</p> <p><b>Morning:</b> Session 1</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> Session 2</p> <p><b>Evening:</b> Reception</p>	<p><b>All day:</b> Exhibition and visit to displays</p> <p><b>Morning:</b> Session 3</p> <p><b>Afternoon:</b> Campus Greening: a tour of the facilities</p> <p>Round-table with key experts &amp; conclusions</p>

In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, delegates are kindly asked to organise their travel in a way that allows them to arrive in the course of Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 at the latest, and travel back on or after the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019.

## DEADLINES

- Deadline for submission of abstracts:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Deadline for submission of papers:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Deadline for full, revised papers:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Deadline for registrations:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Due to the special issue of the **International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education** planned, the deadlines need to be followed.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The events organised as part of the “**Accelerating Sustainable Development Series**” are high level events, which count on a strong participation of interested colleagues and vibrant discussions. Therefore, it is important to note that the submission of papers to the event and their subsequent consideration for the **International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education** are subject to the following condition: only papers from researchers who have registered, attended the event and presented and discussed their works will be considered for the special issue. Submissions which do not meet this criteria, will not be considered.

## THE VENUE

The Symposium “**Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in Campus Activities and Programmes**” will be held on the Campus of the University of A Coruña in Spain. The local airport has many international connections. A wide selection of hotels with various rates can be seen at the usual hotel booking sites.

## FEES AND CHARGES

A fee of Euro 250 will be charged to delegates to offset the preparation costs. The fees include **free lunches and coffee breaks on 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**.

Registrations fees may be refunded (with a 50% processing charge) in case of cancellations until 30 days before the event. After that, no refunds are possible.

Interested people and organisations are encouraged to register by completing the application form provided. **This is a self-funded event and the organisers are unable to pay any travel or accommodation costs** of any kind. They are however happy to issue letters of invitation to support delegates to request funding for their participation. Letters of invitation to enter Spain can be only be sent to *bona fide*, registered delegates, who have paid their fees and need a document to show their employers.

## REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are now open and are possible until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline may not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, **delegates are advised to submit their abstracts and register as soon as possible**. The organisers will notify any interested delegate or organisation in case there are any limitations with time for presentations, or in respect of space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the payment of the fees and updated information on the preparations for the event. The decision as to which papers will be accepted for presentation will be taken by the Chairpersons, following consultation with the organising committee.

## ORGANISERS

- University of A Coruña
- European School of Sustainability Science and Research
- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences Research and Transfer Centre “Sustainable Development and Climate Change Management”
- Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP)
- World Sustainable Development Research and Transfer Centre

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### CHAIRPERSONS

- Prof. Walter Leal (BSc, PhD, DSc, DPhil, DL, DLitt), Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, HAW Hamburg, Germany
- Prof. Pedro Vega, Faculty of Educational Sciences, UDC, Spain
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- Adina Dumitru, Coordinator of the Campus of Sustainability of UDC, Spain,
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- Prof. Luis Vargas, University of Chile, Chile

## CONTACT POINT FOR SCIENTIFIC INPUTS, STRATEGIC COOPERATION AND GUIDANCE ON PUBLICATION

**All questions related to scientific inputs and strategic partnerships, as well as the special issue, should be sent to:**

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## HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

An abstract should be up to 200 words, it should describe the rationale and aims of the paper, and some of its results. General descriptions of broad contexts should be avoided. The full contact details about the author(s) need to be provided. Abstracts should be written in the third person and not in the first or second one (e.g. I, me, or my paper). Please see below a sample abstract. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted, will receive further details about how to submit their full papers, and further logistical information.

## **SAMPLE ABSTRACT**

### **Campus Greening: Using Living Labs to Foster Education for Sustainable Development in Higher Education Institutions**

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#### **Abstract**

The use of university campuses as learning and research areas is not as widely made as it should. Part of the problem lies on the fact that facilities are often not well structured or organized, which makes it difficult to use them for teaching, learning, or for research purposes. This paper presents a the results of a study aimed at identifying the extent to which higher education institutions are using their campuses for teaching, learning and for research, and at describing the various modalities of use. A special attention is paid to the role that campuses can play as “living labs, where the integration of sustainability issues in higher education can be demonstrated. Finally, some concrete steps which may be undertaken in order to allow universities to better take advantage of university campuses as learning and research areas, are outlined. This paper will be useful to anyone interested on using university campuses as bridges between the theory and practice of sustainability in higher education institutions, across the world.



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PLEASE COMPLETE, SCAN AND E-MAIL THIS FORM TO Dr. MIHAELA SIMA:  
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## REGISTRATION FORM

1. Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

2. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title (Prof., Dr. Mr, Ms, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Telephone (please include national and local code): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Fax (please include national and local code): \_\_\_\_\_

8. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

9. You intend to participate by means of:       Presentation       Display       both

10. Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Session chosen (please tick): \_\_\_\_\_

**Session 1:** Sustainability in Campus Activities, Facilities/Operations

**Session 2:** Research, Planning and Development in Campus Greening

**Session 3:** Student Activities and Participation in Campus Greening

12. Title of display: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you need a visa to enter Spain?  Yes\*  No

(\* If you need a visa, please contact us supplying us with the following details: place and date of birth, passport number, home address, address of your employers.

13. Do you have any dietary requirements?       Yes       No

**If so, please specify:**

A fee of Euro 250 will be charged to you via invoice, upon receiving your application. The fees includes the **lunch and coffee breaks on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**. Registrations fees may be refunded (with a 50% processing charge) in case of cancellations until 30 days before the event. After that, no refunds are possible.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGISTRATION.**