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Dear Colleague,

We would like to introduce you to the **Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP)**, a platform through which member universities can undertake more research and project writing to mobilise funding on matters related to sustainable development. With over 170 members worldwide ([check the members map](#)), IUSDRP is the world's largest network of universities working on sustainability research. It has published over 70 papers in high calibre journals and has organised or co-organised dozens of events. The main initiatives are:

- [World Study on the Sustainable Development Goals in Higher Education Institutions](#)
- [Universities and Climate Change Initiative \(UCCI\)](#)
- [100 papers to accelerate the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [EU-Latin American Sustainability Research Consortium \(EULA-SRC\)](#)
- [World List of Sustainability Researchers](#)
- [World PhD Students Sustainability Network](#)
- [ResearchGate Ranking List](#)

The specific aims of the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme are as follows:

- Assemble interdisciplinary, cross-faculty teams among its member universities that focus on sustainable development, with a keen interest in bidding for national and international sustainability research projects.
- Set-up and maintain a working environment that encourages international cooperation, supports institutional and inter-institutional project development, and hence increases the chances of success in project bidding and acquisition.
- Link and engage with the sustainability research community at member universities in the joint training of PhD students and the organisation of specific, strategic events.
- Catalyse and facilitate the production of high-quality joint publications in indexed journals, as well as in ground-breaking books and book chapters, in cooperation with well-established publishers.

The Programme is truly transdisciplinary and accommodates all aspects of sustainability and associated themes (e.g. climate change, energy, ethics, poverty, gender, etc), catering to a wide thematic basis. The activities focus on i) project bidding and implementation; ii) academic publications; iii) training students; iv) know-how transfer and v) institutional strengthening.



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MEMBERSHIP

IUSDRP is open to any higher education institution, foundation, or non-profit organisation interested in undertaking joint work on matters related to sustainable development. Partner universities can refer to themselves as regular/premium members of IUSDRP. They can participate in all activities, organise or co-organise events, and coordinate or partner in IUSDRP-led projects. The membership is valid for the whole institution for a period of one year. Afterwards, the partner institution can renew it if interested. There are two categories of membership:

Regular membership: free of charge, with access to the activities undertaken by the Consortium.

Premium membership: have access to all the opportunities offered to Regular Members, plus a set of benefits, such as the status of priority partners to receive news and opportunities, member-only discounts, no project preparation costs, organisation of scientific conferences, advice and support, and much more.

There are two types of Premium Membership:

- **Research Support Membership (€2,000/year):** Focused on academic collaboration and research activities, including priority participation in publications, scientific events, thematic leadership roles, and access to workshops and mentoring within the network.
- **Project Proposal Support Membership (€5,000/year):** Includes all benefits of the Research Support Membership, plus additional strategic support for research funding applications, project development, international consortia participation, and increased visibility at European and global level.

Thank you again for your attention. Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information. We look forward to hearing from you. **Most importantly, we look forward to cooperating with you and your university.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter Leal', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Dr. Walter Leal
IUSDRP-Chairperson