The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector’s Collective Response to the Global Goals

This Accord calls upon we, the world’s universities and colleges to embed the Sustainable Development Goals into our education, research, leadership, operations, administration and engagement activities.

We, the SDG Accord Signatories, recognise:

- The indivisible and interconnected nature of the universal set of Goals – People, Prosperity, Planet, Partnership, Peace
- That, as educators, we have a responsibility to play a central and transformational role in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030

We thereby assert that we will:

- Align all major efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals, targets and indicators, including through our education, research, leadership, operational and engagement activities;
- Aim to involve members from all key stakeholder groups in this endeavour, including students, academics, professional staff, local communities and other external stakeholders;
- Collaborate across cities, regions, countries and continents with other signatory institutions as part of a collective international response;
- Using our own unique ways, inform, share our learning and account to both local and global communities our progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Annually report on 'how does my institution contribute to the Goals and what more can we do'.

Institution

University of Essex

EAUC Chief Executive Officer:

“Ours can be the first generation to end poverty – and the last generation to address climate change before it is too late.”
Ban-Ki Moon former UN Secretary-General