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To mark the 25th anniversary of the Programme, we invited UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Cooperation Programmes to reflect on their contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and to illustrate it with brief information on their most significant recent activities and future projects.

We wish to thank the UNESCO Chair holders and the Network Coordinators who responded to our invitation. Hopefully, the following information, organized by SDG, will trigger dialogue and possibly collaborations across the world.

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Current areas of activity
• Offering high-quality education to students in the areas of entrepreneurship, culture, responsibility and sustainability
• Encouraging sustainable, social and cultural entrepreneurial activities and innovations for sustainable economic development
• Collaborating with local, national and international partners from the public, private and civil society sector to provide research and education activities related to sustainability and entrepreneurship

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Intensify UNESCO-partnership with actors from developing and emerging economies to foster sustainable small business development as means for poverty alleviation and inclusion
• Intensify local, cross-sectoral networks to strengthen sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems
• Provide cultural, social and sustainable entrepreneurship education to non-student target groups
UNESCO Chair on Communication and Sustainable Development

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Current areas of activity

- Supporting Brebes district with its sustainable development program:
  1. Poverty alleviation, Sustainable cities and governance
  2. Economic growth: research activity on economic potentiality in tourism
- Community development: capacity building on radio broadcasting practices in Tangerang Selatan District
- Information Dissemination: on Communication and culture on Muslim issue, and sustainable environment and journalism issues

Future activities to address the SDGs

- Poverty alleviation through sustainable cities and governance research support, and advocacy on marketing and promotion to support economic growth
- Sustainable environment and gender issues research and capacity building activities

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Current areas of activity:
• Moral education as a system of state activities in the context of social transformations
• Civil education as an ongoing social and cultural process
• Psychological and pedagogical problems of education, professional retraining and social adaptation of migrants

Future activities to address the SDGs:
• Dissemination of the results of research on ‘Social Adaptation of Migrants’ and ‘International Legal Status of Teachers’ through UNESCO networks and GUNI
• Quality and Innovation in the professional development of teachers and lecturers
• Higher Education as a tool for poverty reduction
• Promoting a Culture of Peace and Tolerance in Education: the Role of the Psychology and Pedagogy of higher education
UNESCO Chair on Democratic Citizenship and Cultural Freedom

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Current area of activities
• European project *Introduction de l’approche basée sur les droits dans l’enseignement supérieur au Mahgreb (ABDEM)*: 6 European universities and 6 from Maghreb
• Management of cultural and religious diversity in democratic societies: intercultural competences, educational policies and freedom of expression

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Formulation of public policies on evidence-based rights in Childhood strategy and family policy of the Rioja Government; Plan of fight against poverty of the City council of Logroño and Spanish National Plan against radicalization
• International and interdisciplinary Master’s in Governance and public policies with a human rights approach
• Creation of a micro-projects for social entrepreneurship related to ODS
UNESCO Chair in International Education and Development

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Current areas of activity
• Policy work for UNDESA, UNESCO and the Commonwealth around skills, youth, employment and migration
• Academic research on post-school education and training and poverty in South Africa
• Coordination of multi-volume International Handbook of Vocational Education and Training

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Further work on education, skills and migration in Africa
• Planned work on education and modern slavery
• Case studies of different modalities of skills for sustainable development in Africa