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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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Chaire UNESCO en paysage et environnement

39e session de la Conférence Générale de l’UNESCO 2017

Université de Montréal

Canada

Domaine principal des activités en cours

• Enseignements supérieurs en architecture de paysage et design urbain, doctorat en *Environmental design* et ateliers internationaux en paysage urbain

• Recherche/action/création sur le développement et la gestion des paysages urbains à l’échelle internationale

Activités futures liées aux ODDs

• WAT_UNESCO (*Workshop_Atelier/terrain*): Exercice international annuel de visions stratégiques en design urbain pour imaginer des établissements humains ouverts à tous, sûrs, résilients et durables (réf.: ODDs objectifs 11 +)

• Développement d’une plate-forme de gestion numérique des paysages urbains (GNP): librairie virtuelle d’outils de gestion et de visions stratégiques internationales adaptées aux grands enjeux urbains (réf.: objectifs 2, 6, 9, 13, 15 & 17)

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UNESCO Chair on Community Sustainability: from local to global

Brock University

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39th session
UNESCO General Conference 2017

Current areas of activity
• Sustainable communities (rural and mid-sized cities)
• Sustainable agriculture in China, Ecuador, and Canada
• Ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change (EbA)
• Indigenous knowledge and practices in Biosphere Reserves

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Mid-sized cities initiatives
• Living Lab in the Town of Lincoln in environmental sustainability
• EbA and sustainable rural native communities in Chimborazo
• Sustainable agriculture and ecosystem services in China
• Soil health in vineyards (Canada) and tea plantations (China)
• Capacity building in EbA and environmental sustainability in Canada, Ecuador, and Nepal
• Training of graduate students and postdoctorates

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Ciudades Intermedias-Urbanización y Desarrollo

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Actuales áreas de trabajo / actividades
• Estudios en red sobre las ciudades intermedias o CIMES
• Asesoramiento a UCLG (United Cities) sobre el tema
• Investigación académica junto a la red ReCiMe (Brasil)
• Formación en planes integrales inclusivos (Base Plan)

Futuras actividades para abordar los ODS
• Ciudades inclusivas: colaboración con ICCAR de UNESCO
• Ciudades seguras: con diversas universidades del mundo
• Ciudades resilientes: talleres con el método Plan Base
• Ciudades sostenibles: junto a Cátedras de Sostenibilidad
• Colaboración estratégica con UN-HABITAT, UCLG y UIA
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Cátedra UNESCO de ciencia política y administrativa comparada

Instituto Internacional de Ciencias Políticas y Universidad CEU – San Pablo

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Actuales áreas de trabajo/actividades
• Derecho Constitucional Comparado
• Derecho Administrativo y Ciencia de la Administración
• Políticas de Educación Superior

Futuras actividades para abordar los ODSs
• Estudio de las políticas energéticas renovables
• Políticas de coordinación administrativa en la Unión Europea
• Protección de patrimonios clasificados por la UNESCO
• Promoción de la “cultura de Paz”
• Promoción de la Responsabilidad Social Empresarial
UNESCO Chair on Cultural Landscapes and Heritage

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Universidad del País Vasco

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Actuales áreas de trabajo/actividades
• Nuevas perspectivas en la gestión del paisaje y el patrimonio
• Socialización del Patrimonio
• Patrimonio, derechos humanos y género
• Paisajes históricos urbanos

Futuras actividades para abordar los ODSs
• ODS 1: el patrimonio como factor de desarrollo local, Proyecto en Puerto Gaboto, Rosario, Argentina.
• ODS 5: Promoción de la igualdad de género a través del patrimonio, seminarios e investigaciones
• ODS 11: Integración de elementos patrimoniales en el paisaje. Puesta en valor de las Galerías de Punta Begoña, Getxo, España.
• ODS 16: Promover sociedades pacíficas a través del turismo en lugares post-conflicto, proyecto internacional con UNWTO
Current areas of activity

- Cultural Heritage Management
- Creative Cities and Sustainable Regions
- Regional Development
- Networking in the region (Hungary and Central Europe)
- Organisation of international conferences, participation at conferences organized by UNESCO partners

Future activities to address the SDGs

- Development of the effective cooperation between the socio-economic stakeholders
- Development of the KRAFT Index: an integrated framework to evaluate and interpret the interests of stakeholders
- Confirmation of the intangible cultural heritage in our teaching program
- Development of networks, new partnerships
- Organisation of international conferences with UNESCO partners (sustainability, intangible cultural heritage)
UNESCO Chair for Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Local Development

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Current areas of activity
- Alternative approaches to heritage conservation
- Small settlements creativity and sustainability
- Coordination of Mediterranean UNESCO Chairs Network
- Coordination Italian UNESCO Chairs in Spatial Planning, Urban Sustainability, Tourism

Future activities to address the SDGs
- Development of inclusive and sustainable urban development through collective participation
- Development of new theoretical and methodological models and operational tools for the conservation of cultural and natural heritage
- Strengthening of national and regional development planning to support more balanced and integrated urban development
- Development of inclusion policies in urban development plans
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Current areas of activity
• Development of innovative technologies for the prevention and mitigation of geo-hydrological hazards
• Development of tools and procedures for supporting risk reduction policies and emergency management for the safety of human-life
• Promotion of the protection of cultural heritage threatened by geo-hydrological hazards
• Promotion of research at the international level through scientific networking, establishment of exchange programs and training activity

Future Activities to address the SDGs
• Implementation of ISDR Sendai partnership 2015-2025 for global promotion of understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk
• Organisation of a new international Master’s degree (English language) on Geoengineering focused on training experts on prevention, management and mitigation of geo-hydrological hazards
• Organisation of a new international transdisciplinary PhD program promoted by this Chair and the Transdisciplinary Chair on Human Development and Culture of Peace of the University of Firenze on Humanism and Science for Earth Sustainable Development
UNESCO Chair on Gender and Vulnerability in Disaster Risk Reduction Support

Kobe University

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Current areas of activity
• Preparatory seminars and workshops, Dec. 2017 – Mar. 2018
• Kobe University UNESCO Chair Kickoff Symposium, April 2018
• Summer Study Program in Gender, Vulnerability and Disaster (September 2018 at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia)

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Work with partner institutions to create a gender sensitive model for disaster risk reduction (DRR) that pays careful attention to socially vulnerable groups (with SDG5)
• Implement education and training programs for gender sensitive and socially inclusive disaster prevention at the postgraduate level (collaborative work with SDG5)
• Collaborate with partner institutions to develop gender sensitive and socially inclusive guidelines for DRR
UNESCO Chair on Geoenvironmental Disaster Reduction

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Current areas of activity
• Seismic activity and disaster risk caused by earthquake
• Landslide and flooding disaster risk
• Relations between infrastructure and geoenvironment

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Promote geoenvironmental disaster reduction for the benefit of human society and the natural environment, and capacity development, including education
• Combine international expertise and coordinate their efforts in geoenvironmental disaster reduction, thereby resulting in an effective international organization which will act as a partner in various projects
• Promote regional and global multidisciplinary activity
UNESCO Chair on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation

University of Tsukuba

Current areas of activity

• Capacity building Workshop on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation: Agricultural Landscape, September 2016 and Sacred Landscape, September 2017
• Networking of heritage practitioners from nature and culture sectors – national, regional and international levels

Future activities to address the SDGs

• Capacity Building Workshop on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation: Disaster and Resilience
• Symposia on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation in Asia and the Pacific on Disasters and Resilience
• Publication of Proceedings of Symposia and Capacity Building Workshops as special issues of the Journal of World Heritage Studies at the University of Tsukuba

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UNESCO Chair on Heritage and Urban Studies

Cracow University of Economics

Current areas of activity

- Research on heritage, cultural heritage management, economic and social contexts of heritage protection
- Education on culture, heritage, cultural economics and culture management

Future activities to address the SDGs

- Research on sustainable development and spatial planning
- Urban regeneration and regeneration of cultural landscapes
- Social participation and urban development
- Education – a new Urban Studies major at CUE
- Research including the issues of sustainability and community participation in educational activity

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UNESCO Chair on Fine Arts and Architecture

Russian Academy of Art

Current areas of activity

• Fine arts in the context of modern humanitarian education
• Art, Science, Religion: ways of knowledge and forms of integration in the space of culture
• Innovations in art: ideas and technologies for the future
• Human fundamentals and social functions of art in the context of modern education
• Art – Science - Medicine: the phenomenon of art therapy

Future activities to address the SDGs

• World culture as a source of sustainable development
• Fostering creativity and the diversity of culture expressions
• Fostering intercultural dialogue for the rapprochement of cultures and promoting ethical principles
• Problems and methods of art education and training in modern multicultural space

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Current areas of activity

• Integration of SD into the processes of the World Heritage Convention: Role of Academia and UNESCO Chairs’, 14 July 2016, 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee, Istanbul – Turkey

• “Adapting World Heritage Sites to the 2030 SD Goals: Prospective Research”, Thematic Expert Consultation meeting on sustainable management of World Heritage properties of religious interest, UNESCO, 16-18 February 2016.

Future activities to address the SDGs

• Research on implementing SDG 11 using UNESCO
• Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape (2011)
UNESCO Chair on Cultural Property Protection & Peace

Current areas of activity

• Strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage in the event of armed conflict
• Working to encourage countries to ratify and implement the 1954 Hague Convention and its two Protocols

Future activities to address the SDGs

• Working to establish an effective Blue Shield organisation
• Working with armed forces to better prepare them to protect cultural property during armed conflict and following natural disasters
• Working to encourage countries to ratify and implement the 1954 Hague Convention and its two Protocols

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UNESCO EDUCATION SECTOR
UNESCO Chair on Archaeological Ethics and Practice in Cultural Heritage

Durham University
United Kingdom

Current areas of activity
- Piloting and disseminating toolkits to evaluate the positive and negative social and economic impacts of heritage
- Designing and implementing field laboratories to strengthen the capacity of heritage protection professionals

Future activities to address the SDGs
- Protecting heritage in post-earthquake Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Protecting heritage in post-conflict Jaffna, Sri Lanka
- Training disaster/conflict responders in heritage protection.
- Protecting heritage through sustainable pilgrimage in Nepal
- Protecting heritage through sustainable pilgrimage in India
- Modelling the seismic safety of Kathmandu’s monuments
- Co-designing and co-delivering field laboratories to strengthen the capacity of heritage protection professionals

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UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Urbanism

The University of Chicago

Current areas of activity
• Research on urbanisation, slum clearance and resettlement in India
• Research on social exclusion in cross-national perspective
• Research on civic/political engagement of urban youth
• Training and scholarly exchange

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Research on urbanisation and migration in China
• Policy recommendations and dissemination:
  • Urban restructuring, housing policy, community development
  • Youth engagement
• Training and intervention: Responding to urbanisation and migration

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Kyoto University (KU) and the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL)

Current areas of activity
• Edition and publication of International Journal “Landslides” (2016 Impact Factor: 3.657) promoting landslide Science and Technology
• Capacity development through Landslide Interactive Teaching Tools
• Implementing ongoing 45 IPL (International Programme on Landslides) projects including research, investigation and summer school around the world
• Triannual organization of World Landslide Forum to provide a platform for the global landslide community

Future activities to address the SDGs
• Implementation of the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 for global promotion of understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk
• Hazard and vulnerability mapping and zonation
• Monitoring and early warning
• Testing, modeling and risk assessment
• Risk management and country practices
• Studying catastrophic landslides: causes and consequences
• Promoting frontiers of landslide science and innovative practices
• Capacity development for students, practitioners and the general public through 20 ICL World Centres of Excellence on Landslide Risk Reduction

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Current areas of activity

- Capacity development through Landslide Interactive Teaching Tools
- Implementing ongoing 45 IPL (International Programme on Landslides) projects including research, investigation and summer schools around the world
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Future Activities to address SDG No. 11

- Implementation of the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025 for global promotion of understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk
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- Risk management and country practices
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