



## GLOBAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK FOR INNOVATION

### 5th International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education *Higher Education's Commitment to Sustainability: from Understanding to Action*

Barcelona, 23-26 November, 2010  
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

**Tuesday**

**23 November**

12.00-16.00

Registration

16.30-17.15

**Welcome Address**

Chair: Antoni Giro Roca, Rector UPC and GUNI President

- Georges Haddad, Director Higher Education Division, UNESCO
- Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice Rector UNU (TBC)
- Ángel Gabilondo Ministry of Education, Spain (TBC)
- Representative from the Government of Catalonia (TBC)

17.15-17.30

**Presentation of the GUNI Conference**

- Cristina Escrigas, GUNI Executive Director

17.30-19.00

**Opening Session**

- Claudio Naranjo
- Aline Bory Adams (TBC)

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09.00-10.00 **Plenary session on actual trends on higher education and sustainability**

**Chair:**

**Keynote Speaker**

- Walter Leal, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

10.30-13.00 **Parallel Sessions on Advancing Higher Education and Sustainability in the Regions**

- **Higher Education and Sustainability in Africa Sub-Saharan**

**Chair:**

- **Regional Speaker: Heila Lotz-Sisitka**
- Regional Network: RCEs in Africa

- **Higher Education and Sustainability in Arab States**

**Chair:**

- **Regional Speaker: Tayseer Al Noaimi**
- Regional Network

- **Higher Education and Sustainability in Asia and the Pacific**

**Chair**

- **Regional Speaker: Osamu Abe and Ko Nomura**
- Regional Network: Abdul Razak DZULKIFLI Vice-Chancellor University Sains Malaysia and PROSPER.net (TBC)
- Regional Network: Zinaida Fadeeva, RCEs in Asia and the Pacific

- **Higher Education and Sustainability in Europe**

**Chair:**

- **Regional Speaker: Jos Rikers**
- Regional Network: Gerd Michelsen, UNESCO Chair Higher Education for Sustainable Development (TBC)

- **Higher Education and Sustainability in United States and Canada**

**Chair**

- **Regional Speaker: Tarah Wright**

- Regional Network: Paul Roland, AASHE Executive Director (TBC)
- Regional Network: Pamela Schwartzberg, LSF Executive Director (TBC)

- **Higher Education and Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Chair:

- **Regional Speaker: Miguel Ángel Chacón Veliz**
- Regional Network

13.15-14.45 *Lunch*

14.30-15.30 **Poster Session and Audiovisual Meeting point**

16.00-18.00 **Parallel sessions on innovative practices in higher education and sustainability**

- Alternative University Appraisal
- Universities Community Engagement for SD and Poverty Alleviation
- **The contribution of UNESCO Chairs to sustainability**
- HE, cities and sustainable development
- **Research**
- **Teaching**
- **Institutional operations**

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20.00-21.30 *Dinner*

**Thursday**

**25 November**

09.00-10.15

**Emerging issues and challenges to move forward: Remarks for the workshops.**

- Arjen Wals
- Chris Mass

10.30-13.00

**Parallel Workshops: from Understanding to Action**

- Learning Processes
- Research
- Institutional Management and Operations
- Curricula Innovation
- Social and Community Engagement
- Gestalt methodology for working together

13.15-14.45

*Lunch*

14.30-15.30

**Poster Session and Audiovisual Meeting point**

15.30-17.30

**Closing Session**

- Presentation of the Workshops' Conclusions
- Presentation on GUNI-Knowledge Community
- **Paul Raskins, Tellus Institute (TBC)**