



HESI Action Group webinar - SDG Publishers Compact

09.30 – 10.45 AM (EDT), 22 March 2023, virtual

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) is an open partnership between several United Nations entities and the higher education community to highlight the critical role of higher education in achieving sustainable development. The HESI Community is made up of hundreds of university networks, student organizations, and higher education institutions. Any relevant higher education institution or network may [join HESI](#).

HESI includes four Action Groups¹ that tackle specific topics related to higher education for sustainable development. Action groups draw upon the full HESI community to carry out its work and is often composed of several organizations and contributors.

Aligning academic research and education with the SDGs is crucial for a sustainable future. The HESI Action Group “[SDG Publishers Compact](#)” is a multi-stakeholder working group of sustainability experts, practitioners and academic leaders supporting the [SDG Publishers Compact](#), launched by the International Publishers Association and the United Nations in 2020.

The Group focuses on describing emerging international trends to put the SDGs into practice in academic research and education, redefining impact and providing resources to help educators, researchers, journal editors and publishers. The group is also focused on connecting practitioners and policymakers to researchers to co-create research, inform research agendas and better utilize research results. Information about these resources and upcoming events are available at the group's [website](#).

The aim of the webinar is to present the work of the Action Group on “SDG Publishers Compact”, including upcoming plans, recent results, and ways for the HESI community to engage with the group.

More information and registration available at: <https://sdgs.un.org/HESI>

Time (EDT)	Agenda Item
9:30 AM - 9:35 AM	Welcome and Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Debra Rowe, Co-Chair, HESI SDG Publishers Compact Action

¹ 1) HESI Partner Programme 2) Rankings, ratings, and assessments 3) Education for Green Jobs 4) SDG Publishers Compact

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09:35 AM - 10:15 AM	<p>Presentation of Action Group on SDG Publishers Compact (6 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The SDG Publishers Compact and HESI Fellows Program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Roger P Worthington, Co-chair, HESI SDG Publishers Compact Fellows; former faculty, Yale School of Medicine ● <i>Top recommended actions and emerging trends</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gerald Beasely, Former University Librarian ● <i>Communicating practical implications of research</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Jo Wixon, Director, Portfolio Strategy, Wiley ● <i>Assessing outcomes not outputs (for tenure, ratings and rankings)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gerald Beasely, Former University Librarian ● <i>Exploration of practitioner connections</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Maryke van Staden, Director, ICLEI’s Carbon Climate Center and Business Development, ICLEI World Secretariat ● <i>Increasing SDG coverage in textbooks and materials</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Derek Lough, Fellow, SDG Publishers Compact, HESI ● <i>Next Steps: Solutions Summits and how to contribute</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Debra Rowe, Co-Chair, HESI SDG Publishers Compact Action Group
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	Q&A
10:40 AM - 10:45 AM	Closing remarks