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Dear Prof. Yogesh Tyagi,

We are pleased to send you the latest issue of the IAU magazine *IAU Horizons*, Vol.26, No.2, May 2021. It provides for stimulating information on the life and work of the IAU and we hope that the *In Focus* section on **Democratizing knowledge: Open Science in a Closed World** will trigger further debate on the important developments pertaining to the Open Science movement. The magazine is also available in digital format from the IAU website, so you are welcome to share it in your networks as you see fit. \*

We use this opportunity to draw you attention to a selection of IAU initiatives that you may wish to engage with and use:

- Please follow the IAU's **webinar series** on the **Future of Higher Education** discussing a broad variety of topics. The series will be continued in the Fall.
- Please engage in the **IAU-UOC Series: Innovative Education for Unshaped Futures** debating the impact of the pandemic on the **Digital transformation of higher education**.
- Please learn more about the renewed **Leading Globally Engaged Universities Programme LGEU+**. Registration is open on the website.
- Please do continue to follow the **IAU resource pages in support of higher education in COVID time**, see: <https://www.iau-aiu.net/COVID-19-Higher-Education-challenges-and-responses>
- Please consider submitting a paper for the next issues of *IAU Horizons*: the In Focus Section will be on **Leadership for a Sustainable Future – Higher Education and Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals**. The **Call for Papers** is available online and attached.

We wish you very happy reading and look forward to any comments you may wish to share on *IAU Horizons* or any of the other activities and initiatives that we offer. \*\*

We look forward to our continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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\* Please share with the community.

\*\* If possible, please prepare a brief comment to share with IAU.

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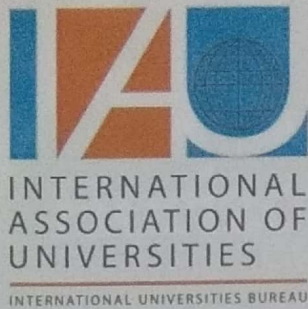
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## *IAU Horizons*

Call for papers on

### **Leadership for a Sustainable Future – Higher Education and Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals**

The *In Focus* section of the upcoming issue of *IAU Horizons* Vol 27, No.1, Autumn 2021 will be dedicated to the topic *Leadership for a Sustainable Future – Higher Education and Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals*. Drawing on the vast experience and expertise of Members of the IAU network, featured papers will demonstrate the crucial role of academic leadership in mainstreaming sustainable development.

2021 is a critical year for higher education and Agenda 2030, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Indeed, we are ten years away from the deadline set for Agenda 2030 and much remains to be done. With the world facing various crises bringing a multitude of challenges and opportunities, universities have a leading role to play in this global endeavour to implement the SDGs. Through education, research, campus initiatives, community engagement activities and campaigns-at a local, national, regional, and global level, universities are the key to healthier, greener, fairer, and more inclusive societies.

The decade of action which started this year calls for strong partnerships towards achieving the Goals. Effective engagement among higher education leadership and constructive *cooperation rather than competition* among universities and other HEIs as well as with HE stakeholders and partners will contribute towards paving a sustainable way forward.

We therefore call upon higher education leaders to share their ideas and opinions on the subject. Interested authors are invited to share their leadership initiatives, strategic practices for SD and the impact on their institutions, with a focus on whole institution approaches to SD, leadership dynamics within the institution including academic and administrative staff, researchers, project leaders, as well as student leaders, since both bottom-up and top-down processes will help inspire readers to connect and get involved more actively. The articles are short opinion pieces of maximum 800 words.

#### **Datelines:**

- Deadline for your **expression of interest** : **Friday, 6 August**. This should include a brief abstract outlining the scope and angle of the proposed article. **Contact:** Trine Jensen, *Manager Digital Transformation of HE and Co Editor, IAU Horizons*: [t.jensen@iau-aiu.net](mailto:t.jensen@iau-aiu.net)
- **Notification of acceptance of abstracts:** authors retained for publication will be informed in the week of **23 August**.
- Deadline for **submission of contributions** is Wednesday, **15 September**. To explore previous issues of *IAU Horizons*, please [click here](#).