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International Sustainable Campus Network



# International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN)

*Taking Your Campus Sustainability Program to a Global Stage*

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# Sustainability Trends in Higher Ed

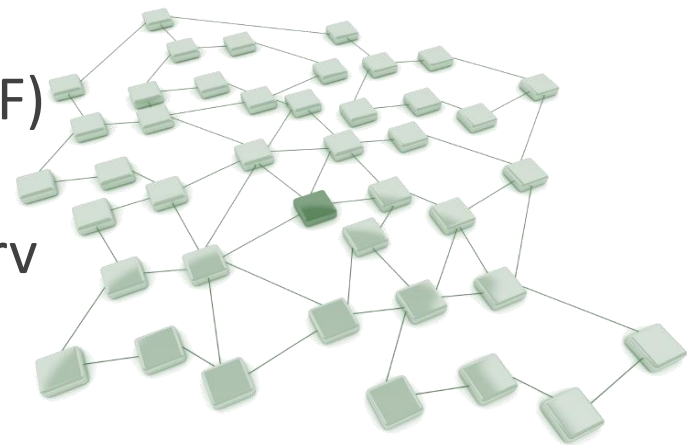
- Closer collaboration between universities, cities, companies, and civil society
- Integrating sustainability aspects of research, teaching, and campus (buildings that teach)
- Climate change adaptation, sustainable food on and off campus
- Energy efficiency (Europe), student involvement (US), massive construction (Asia)
- Sustainability and university rankings...

# The ISCN is...

- Founded in 2007

***“The ISCN is a global forum for leading universities to exchange ideas and best practices for integrating sustainability into campus operations, research and teaching.”***

- Partnering in 2009 with GULF (WEF)
- Today hosted by 5 Universities
- Secretariat managed by Sustainerv



# Our Approach



- **ISCN-GULF Sustainable Campus Charter**

based on 3 principles for campus sustainability (buildings, planning, integration); signed by over 50 university Presidents from across 6 continents

- **Conferences**

attended by 400 individuals over the last years, representing more than 200 organizations

- **Campus Sustainability Excellence Awards**

issued to 18 universities in 11 countries since 2011

- **Working Groups**

publishing first ISCN book in 2013,

“Regenerative Sustainable Development of Universities and Cities.”

# ISCN-GULF Sustainable Campus Charter

**Supports universities in target setting and in reporting**



## **Charter Reporting**

- Provides a framework for priority-setting and goals development
- Motivates follow-through and accountability
- Inspires each other and sharing ideas
- Provides a basis for benchmarking
- Allows for cross-references with other reporting frameworks (e.g. GRI)



# ISCN Conferences 2007-2014



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# Sustainable Campus Excellence Awards

**Wanted!**

**Leadership, creativity, effectiveness, outstanding performance**

- Categories: Buildings, Campus, Integration, Student Leadership
- Over 100 applications since 2009
- Recent winners include:
  - University of Gothenburg (Sweden)
  - Lappeenranta University of Technology (Finland)
  - Chatham University (United States)
  - Anglia Ruskin University (United Kingdom)
  - Zhejiang University (China)
  - ETH Zurich (Switzerland)
  - Tongji University (China)
  - University of British Columbia (Canada)
  - Ball State University (United States)
  - Maastricht University (the Netherlands)

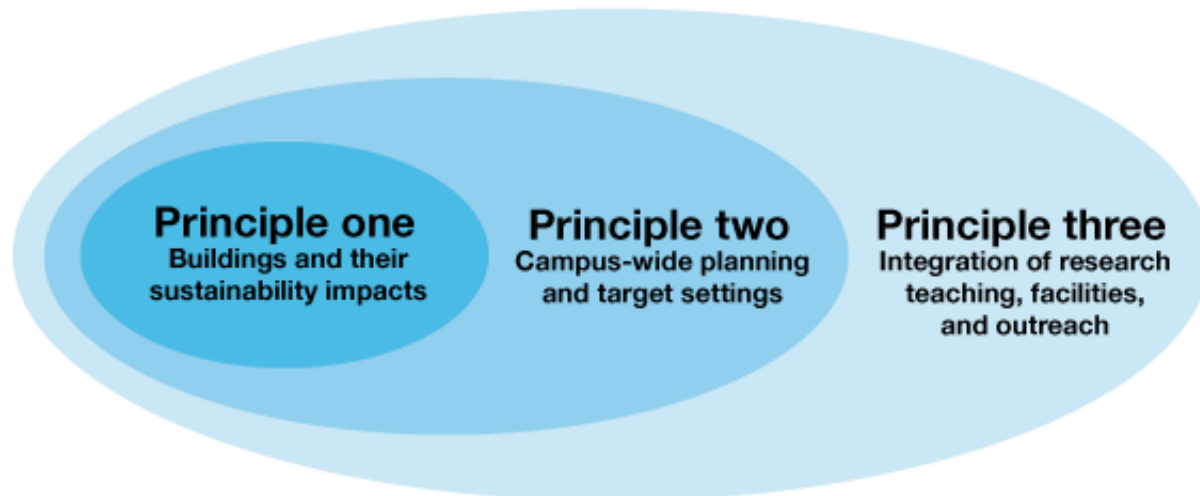




# Working Groups

...explore critical issues and...

...facilitate the development of resources related to the three  
ISCN-GULF Sustainable Campus Charter principles

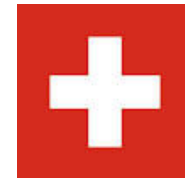


# ISCN Member Initiatives: 3 Examples

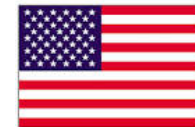
- Adapting green building standards for tropical climates (NUS Singapore)



- Massive geothermal grid for heating/cooling across *all* campus buildings (ETH Zurich)



- Cambridge Community Compact for a Sustainable Future (Harvard & MIT)



# Why ISCN?

- Be part of it! Participating in the international voice of higher education on sustainability (collective action)
- Expertise, experience, efficiency: best practice sharing
- Support: Charter report, goals, initiatives & projects, indicators, measuring outcomes
- Visibility: ISCN website, and inclusion of your Charter report in GULF materials for WEF in Davos, Switzerland
- Appreciation, credit: peer-reviewed awards program

# Why ISCN?

## Global Perspective, Global Reach

- More than 50 top-tiers colleges and universities
- 13 countries across the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia
- 7 out of 10 IARU institutions (International Alliance of Research Universities)
- Nearly all of the GULF institutions

# Get Involved

- Participate in the upcoming Conference hosted by Harvard University and MIT, June 1-4, 2014
- Apply for ISCN Award 2015
- Participate in a Working Group: Sign up on the ISCN website
- Sign ISCN-GULF Charter and become an official member!



# Join Us. Thank You!



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