

THE RESPONSE OF CAPITAL CITY UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE & THE ASIA-PACIFIC TO THE

 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

A webinar series organised by:

**Universities and the Climate Crisis:
A Collective Responsibility**

Join the first webinar
9 November 2021
8-9 am CET (GMT+1)



UNICA & Victoria University of Wellington Webinar Series: THE RESPONSE OF CAPITAL CITY UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE & THE ASIA-PACIFIC TO THE UN SDGs

During the sessions participants will have the opportunity to:

- Discover how institutions in each other's region are responding to the SDGs, and the actions they or their academics are prioritising;
- Discuss and exchange experiences and good practices related to the implementation of sustainability strategies at universities in Europe, the South Pacific and Southeast Asia, and foster peer learning around some of the major issues that Sustainability Offices in the regions are addressing; and
- Identify areas of potential focus for trans-regional collaboration in research, teaching and internationalisation.

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Part of a joint webinar series by UNICA and Victoria University of Wellington, looking at the response of capital city universities in Europe and the Asia-Pacific to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Addressing the climate crisis will be the key challenge facing society in the 21st century.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference, commonly known as COP 26, will be a critical moment in addressing climate change, with world leaders coming together in Glasgow to submit their long term goals and discuss the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Through sharing evidence and research, universities are playing a key role in supporting decision makers, with the aim to make COP 26 a success.

Universities are in a unique position to support society to make a just transition to a low carbon future, through their capacity to develop and share knowledge, skills and research. Universities are also key in equipping the next generation of leaders to have the knowledge, skills and values needed to address the climate crisis.

Students continue to show high levels of concern about climate change, as seen in the Global Climate Strikes, wanting their universities to take strong action to address the climate crisis¹.

This webinar will highlight how universities are taking a leading role in addressing the climate crisis, demonstrating how collaborations across regions in research, learning and teaching, and internationalisation can make a positive impact.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13 is about taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

¹ [Climate Change Tracker – Research | SOS - UK](#)

PROGRAMME

	<p>Overall Chairs</p> <p>Luciano Saso, UNICA President, Belgium Grant Guilford, Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand</p>
8:00	<p>Welcome addresses by Grant Guilford and Luciano Saso</p>
8:15 – 8:55	<p>Conversation with 4 university leaders on their institution's responses to the SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jorge Jesús Gómez Sanz, Vice-Rector for Technology and Sustainability, Universidad Complutense Madrid• Benjamin Horton, Professor, Nanyang Technological University and Director, Earth Observatory of Singapore• Hanna Snellman, Vice-Rector International, University of Helsinki• Sally Wheeler, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for International Strategy and Dean of Law, the Australian National University
8:55	<p>Concluding remarks by Grant Guilford and Luciano Saso</p>