

Seoul Declaration

On the Role of Universities for a Sustainable World

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The participating universities at the 2009 Global University Presidents' Summit affirm the importance of the environment and recognize that sustainable development is the way to secure a safe and prosperous future. We want to share responsibility for a sustainable world. We want to take actions to strengthen sustainable development.

1. We are committed to develop an environmentally sustainable campus over time. Sustainability is a social responsibility and we will lead by example. We actively engage in promoting sustainability to our wider communities. Our investment in a sustainable future requires an increased participation in life-long learning across society.

2. As leaders in higher education, we are committed to integrate aspects of environmental, economic, social and political sustainability into our curriculum.

3. We seek to conduct world-class integrative research in order to promote sustainable development.

4. We cooperate in a spirit of a partnership, through academic and research exchange, joint initiatives and collaborations, to conserve, protect, and improve the global environment.

We cooperate in good faith in the fulfillment of the principles embodied in this Declaration.

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