



Australia, New Zealand & Pacific virtual regional workshop

Accelerating education for the SDGs across our higher education institutions

Latest Agenda (as at 2 Feb 2021)

Details

Day 1: Tue, 9 February 2021: 3:00–5:00 pm NZDT | 1:00–3:00 pm AEDT | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm AWST | [other time zones](#)

Day 2: Wed, 10 February 2021: 3:00–5:00 pm NZDT | 1:00–3:00 pm AEDT | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm AWST | [other time zones](#)

Link: Please register to receive the Zoom Meeting links: <https://accelerating-esdgs-across-hei.eventbrite.com.au/>

Networking: We warmly invite you to join us 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time on both days to connect with other participants in a randomly assigned breakout room.

Overview

The need to greatly expand society's capacity to address complex sustainable development challenges has never been more important or more urgent, with just ten years remaining to the 2030 deadline of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the growing urgency of addressing climate change, and now the significant setbacks across the SDGs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) can have a critical role in helping build this capacity by ensuring all their students acquire the knowledge, skills and mindsets to address the SDGs through whichever profession they choose.

Through a combination of webinar-style and interactive-workshop sessions, this workshop aims to help build momentum for mainstreaming education for the SDGs across HEIs in our region, by:

- Sharing inspiring initiatives HEIs in our region are taking to accelerate education for the SDGs across the whole institution or across a whole faculty.
- Working together to identify potential approaches to further accelerating action, through discussion on priorities, gaps, barriers, and opportunities to enable action.

We invite anyone with an interest in education for the SDGs in higher education in the Australia, New Zealand & Pacific region to join us for this workshop.

Recordings of the plenary sections of the workshop will be available online after the workshop.

Agenda Day 1: Tuesday, 9 Feb 2021

Time (AEDT)	What
12:45–13:00	<p>Pre-workshop networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are warmly invited to log-in early and meet other participants in randomly assigned breakout rooms
13:00–13:30	<p>Session 1: Setting the scene</p> <p>Chair: Dr Belinda Gibbons (PRME ANZ Chapter Coordinator & Senior Lecturer, Sydney Business School, University of Wollongong)</p> <p>Workshop intro [10 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country & housekeeping</i> – Rhiannon Boyd (General Manager, ACTS) <i>Workshop background and objectives</i> – Dr Tahl Kestin (SDSN AusNZPac Network Manager & Project Manager, Monash Sustainable Development Institute) <p>Initial reflections [20 min]</p> <p><i>Why now is the right time for HEIs in our region to ramp up education for SDGs for all their students.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giselle Weybrecht (Author and Advisor, Sustainability and Management Education) – <i>A business/business school perspective</i> Prof Rod Glover (Professor of Policy and Impact, Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University) – <i>A policy-making perspective</i>
13:30–14:55	<p>Session 2: Education for the SDGs in the classroom</p> <p>Panel discussion: Integrating the SDGs into teaching – Examples from our region [55 min]</p> <p>Chair: A/Prof Jeannie Rea (Senior Project Manager, Planetary Health and Course Chair Graduate Certificate in Planetary Health, Victoria University)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Mehran Nejati (Senior Lecturer and Director of PRME and Sustainability, School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University) – <i>WA SDGs Challenge</i> Dr Sam Leonard (Senior Lecturer and Masters in SDGs Programme Coordinator, Massey University) – <i>The Massey SDG Masters</i> Priya Sharma (Lecturer/PRME Ambassador, Department of Business Law & Taxation, School of Business, Monash University Malaysia) – <i>Inspiring authentic learning for SDG integration into business curriculum in a virtual environment</i> Giselle Weybrecht (Author and Advisor, Sustainability and Management Education) <p>Interactive brainstorming activity [30 min]</p>
14:55–15:00	<p>Day 1 wrap up</p> <p>Tahl Kestin</p>

Agenda Day 2: Wednesday, 10 Feb 2021

Time (AEDT)	What
12:45–13:00	Pre-workshop networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are warmly invited to log-in early and meet other participants in randomly assigned breakout rooms
13:00–13:05	Welcome to Day 2 Belinda Gibbons (PRME & UoW)
13:05–14:05	Session 3: Institutional support for accelerating education for SDGs Chair: A/Prof Annette Bos (Deputy Director (Education), Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University) Keynote [10 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Simon Barrie (Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic), Western Sydney University) – <i>WSU's 21 Century Project</i> Panel: Institution-wide and faculty-wide approaches to supporting education for the SDGs – Examples from our region [50 min] Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Kristen MacKenzie-Shalders (Food Service Domain lead, Master of Nutrition and Dietetics Program, Bond University) – <i>The process of curriculum redesign - case study for the Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine, Bond University</i> Dr Jonathon Howard (Academic, Charles Sturt University) – <i>Mainstreaming competencies in sustainability across all graduates</i> A/Prof Harsh Suri (Learning Futures, Deakin University) – <i>Programmatic approach to integrating SDGs in Deakin Business School</i> Prof Simon Barrie (Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic), Western Sydney University)
14:05–14:50	Session 4: How can we accelerate action in our region? Interactive brainstorming activity [45 min]
14:50–15:00	Workshop wrap up Organisers

About the organisers

The workshop is being jointly hosted by the [Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability \(ACTS\)](#), the [Principles for Responsible Management Education \(PRME\) AusNZ Chapter](#), and the [Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(SDSN\) AusNZPac Regional Network](#), with the assistance of an Expert Advisory Group from our member institutions.

The workshop is part of the ACTS/SDSN AusNZPac [Accelerating SDG Practice Initiative](#), which aims to support our member organisations to strengthen their internal engagement with the SDGs, and the global SDSN Dialogue Series on the new guide on [Accelerating Education for the SDGs in Universities](#). This workshop also supports the UN PRME global movement for education to develop the responsible decision-makers of tomorrow to advance sustainable development and contributes to the AusNZ PRME Community of Practice.