



ISCN SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS CHARTER 2018



ISCN
International Sustainable Campus Network



PREAMBLE AND BACKGROUND

The International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN), founded in 2007, is a non-profit association of colleges and universities in over 30 countries committed to sustainable development. The mission of the ISCN is to provide an international forum to support higher education institutions in the exchange of information, ideas, and best practices for achieving sustainable campus operations and integrating sustainability in research and teaching.

In 2009 ISCN in partnership with the Global University Leaders Forum (GULF), a group of the World Economic Forum, developed the ISCN-GULF Sustainable Campus Charter. The Charter was ratified at the 2010 GULF meeting at the World Economic Forum.

Building on the success of the last decade, the 2018 ISCN Sustainable Campus Charter will reflect recent global milestones such as the announcement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the launch of the Paris Climate Accord. The Charter will provide a framework to mobilize international, cross-sector action to cultivate the partnerships, strategies, policies, and leaders required for a more sustainable future.

UNIQUE ROLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Institutions can provide vital stability and leadership in society while remaining committed to impartial research, learning, testing new ideas and measuring change and impacts. Universities have the capacity to form and leverage new and important collaborations to develop solutions to pressing issues such as climate change, urban resilience, social justice, human health, and wellbeing.

ISCN members will use their shared capacity, passion, and intellectual capital to re-envision the future and take meaningful action to contribute to sustainable development. Our enduring commitment to sustainability leadership serves to influence the regions and communities in which we work, live, and learn.

The International Sustainable Campus Network collaborates to leverage a whole that is far greater than the sum of its parts. We will model healthy, high functioning ecological and social systems to inspire the bold action required to build resilient people and places.

CALLS TO ACTION

Signatories to the Charter commit to follow and support five calls to action:

a. Institutional Leadership

1. Embed sustainability in all aspects of the university (governance, operations, learning, research, community).
2. Create an environment that cultivates resilient, empowered, caring and engaged students, staff, and faculty who will contribute to the health of people and places.
3. Engage with external partners, industry, government and civil society to disseminate knowledge, research and best practices to benefit the communities in which we serve.

b. Network Collaboration

4. Deepen and broaden the collaboration that happens between members of the network to accelerate collective action.
5. Ensure that the network is significantly inspiring international dialogue and debate to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Signatory's organization:

Signature and Function

Date:
