

2ND UNITAR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

UN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM — 3-4 DECEMBER 2024

UN 2.0: OUR COMMON AGENDA AND THE ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CONFLICT, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Concept Note & Call for Papers

The 2nd UNITAR International Research Conference, themed "UN 2.0: Our Common Agenda and the Role of Higher Education in Conflict, Peace, and Development", is scheduled to take place on 3rd and 4th December 2024 at the UN Offices in Brussels, Belgium. This event aims to explore the evolving role of higher education in addressing global challenges, particularly in the context of conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and sustainable development.

We invite researchers, academics, practitioners, NGOs, students, and members of the business and international community to submit abstracts covering any of the below fields.

Streams:

- UN 2030: SDG Leadership, Literacy and Higher Education
- The Peace Habitus, Post-Structural Violence, and Second-Order Reflexivity
- Climate Action, Climate Justice
- Health in Conflict Zones
- Economic, Political, and Business Models for the delivery of UN 2.0

Research Papers:

A selection of papers and essays presented during the conference will be submitted for a publication by UNITAR and will appear in the Conference Proceedings. The length of the submitted papers should not exceed 7,500 words (including tables, figures, and references).

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The 2nd Conference will be held in the UN Offices in Brussels, Belgium from 3rd – 4th December 2024. Pre-conference workshops will be held on Technological University Dublin, ÇAG University, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Technical University Sofia, and the University of Derby. The event will be held as both an in-person and hybrid event, offering participants the flexibility to attend either in-person or online.

Important Dates:

- Face-to-Face Attendance:
 - Registration Deadline: [25 October 2024](#)
 - Fee Payment Deadline: [31 October 2024](#)
- Online Attendance:
 - Registration Deadline: [10 November 2024](#)
 - Fee Payment Deadline: [16 November 2024](#)
- Abstract Submission and Author Information:
 - Abstract Submission Deadline: [17 September 2024](#)
 - Abstract Decision Notification: [10 October 2024](#)
 - Author Registration Deadline: [20 October 2024](#)

Registration and Fees:

- In-person Registration: <https://event.unitar.org/full-catalog/person-2nd-unitar-international-research-conference-un-20-our-common-agenda-and-role>
- Online Registration: <https://event.unitar.org/full-catalog/online-2nd-unitar-international-research-conference-un-20-our-common-agenda-and-role>

The registration fee is of EURO 250.00 / USD 270.00 for in-person attendance, and of EURO 170.00 / USD 190.00 for online only attendance for each participant. After registration please share your proof of payment to the email: elearning.ptp@unitar.org.

Submissions and Inquiries:

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The UN 2030 Conference is the flagship conference of UNITAR, UoC and TU Dublin focussing on education for sustainable development supported by alternative and innovative pedagogies. This conference is part of a series of conferences that will rotate among the EU+ members and interested Universities at the global level through different locations during 2024 – 2028.

Held annually, since 2023, the UNITAR International Research Conference provides a space for open dialogue and discussions to inform Policy making, being a conference open to academics, practitioners, NGOs, students, and members of the business and international community to present their work, publish their results, exchange ideas, and network for accelerating the delivery of the SDGs and establishing and enhancing collaborations.

The conference will continue to serve as a catalyst for connecting local and international stakeholders, around the theme of UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, hence adding value to the global dialogue on how to contribute to the advancement of education for sustainable development that will contribute to policy making and to enable open research and collaborative opportunities for researchers, academics, learners, and relevant stakeholders around the world.



1st UNITAR International Research Conference, "Climate Security: Peace and Security Consequences of Climate Change".

UN Campus Bonn, 23-24 November 2023

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For this edition we look forward to contributions focusing on cross-disciplinary, multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary approaches in higher education and on current issues in instructional design, learning, teaching, assessment, UN 2.0, digital skills, smart development, SDG leadership and literacy. The research event seeks to bring together Education and High-Quality Research to contribute to the development of A New Educational Model (ANEM) that is research-informed and in alignment with the needs of our continuously evolving society. Papers in all areas of education for sustainable development are welcome.

- STEM & STEAM Education Initiatives
- Student-centred Learning Environments
- Engaging Students in UN 2030 Research
- Engaging Researchers and Academics in UN Research and Case Studies
- Integrating Research and ESD
- Digital Transformation & Innovation
- Ethical Challenges
- Future-oriented and Personalised Education Concepts
- Higher Education and UN 2030
- Universities, Pedagogy, and a New Peace Agenda
- Innovative and Alternative Pedagogies for ESD
- Learning, Teaching and Assessment for the SDGs and ESD
- Best Practice in SD – A practitioner’s view
- SD in Action – real life examples
- SDG competency requirements
- Game-based Learning and Gamification
- Non-traditional Lab concepts
- Cross-Disciplinary, Multidisciplinary, Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Education
- Virtual, Virtual Reality, Extended Reality (XR), Metaverse and Remote Labs and Classrooms
- Immersive Learning Environments, Global Collaboration
- Generative AI in learning and educational settings
- Education 1.0 to 5.0 in the Industry 4.0 to 5.0 era
- A New Educational Model (ANEM) for the SDGs
- Mental Health and Wellbeing to support ESD
- Community and Industry Engagement
- Cultural Integration, Plurilingualism
- Digital Literacy and Skills
- SDG leadership and literacy
- Personalised Learning Journeys
- UN 2.0 Quintet of Change for Education

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- Polytechnic University of Cartagena (Universitat Politècnica de Cartagena)
- Technical University of Sofia (Технически университет - София)
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Derby
- Technical University of Cluj-Napoca (Universitatea Tehnică din Cluj)
- World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine
- Professors without Borders
- National Institute of Administration (Instituto Nacional de Administração, I. P.)
- Irish Economic Association
- Diplomats Without Borders



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