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THE CONCEPT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR «THE STRENGTHENING OF UNIVERSITY ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS»

Higher education institutions are an important stakeholder sharing the responsibility of the entire international community for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the 2030 Agenda.

Every year, the high-level political forum on Sustainable development presents voluntary reviews of progress made at the country level in order to improve the quality of decisions taken and develop more effective policies in the field of sustainable development. Kazakhstan has made long-term commitments to achieve carbon neutrality. In fact, our country was one of the first to ratify the Paris Agreement. Following this, we formulated an ambitious but thoughtful policy aimed at diversifying the economy and promoting renewable energy sources and sustainable technologies," President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said at the Summit on Sustainable Development in Abu Dhabi (January 2023).

For the timely implementation of the planned SDGs, Kazakhstan and other countries of the world need highly qualified specialists, managers and researchers in the field of advanced technologies, the high-quality training of which should be undertaken (provided) by Universities.

The purpose of the webinar is to assess the contribution of universities to the achievement of the SDGs, strengthen collaboration by bringing together the experience of practitioners in the field of SDGs, and promote new initiatives that drive change.

Naturally, higher education can contribute to the achievement of Goals 8 and 1 (Sustained Economic Growth and Poverty Eradication). But achieving the rest of the goals, from developing the agricultural sector and sustainable infrastructure to conserving nature and combating the devastating effects of climate change, is also impossible without the participation of scientists and highly qualified professionals, and without using the results of cutting-edge research in the process of finding solutions to the huge problems with which our planet collided. In addition, to achieve the SDGs, we need strong institutions responsible for developing and implementing policy decisions, and conscientious citizens who care about social and economic inclusiveness and environmental sustainability.

Research work ceased to be strictly narrowly disciplinary, and began to focus on solving specific problems; groups of scientists from different disciplines work together to solve complex problems, many of which affect the interests of all mankind, regardless of political boundaries. This process is well understood by the example of the global health problems of recent years, from the spread of SARS and the Middle East respiratory syndrome to the recent epidemic of coronavirus.

In the process of discussing the role of universities in the implementation of the SDGs, issues of cooperation will be considered in such areas as the inclusion of the SDGs in the pedagogical and scientific activities of teachers, the introduction of the SDGs into internal management, culture and university management in general, and the development of youth leadership potential in the implementation of the SDGs.



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Time	Event	Description
15.00-15.05	Connection.	Moderator: Tazhibayeva T.L. – Candidate of Biological Sciences, Associate Professor of UNESCO chair for sustainable development.
15.05-15.20	Welcome speech	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Uvalieva A.B. - Member of the Management Board - Vice-Rector for Operations of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University.2. Baisabaeva A.G. – Secretary General of the National Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan for UNESCO and ISESCO.3. Salnikov V.G. – Doctor of Geography Sciences, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Geography and Environmental Management.4. Bazarbayeva T.A. – Candidate of Geography Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of UNESCO chair for sustainable development.
Speeches		
15.20-15.35	Report: «Shifting paradigms to develop new curricula to achieve a Sustainable Development Goal»	Almo Farina - Doctor of natural sciences, Professor of the Carlo Bo University of Urbino (Urbino, Italy)



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15.35-15.50	Report: «The role of OsSU in the implementation of SD goals in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan»	Zhumabaeva T.T. – doctor of biological sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic, Vice-Rector of OhSU (Kyrgyzstan)
15.50-16.05	Report: «The role of Universities of the South in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals	Obrillant DAMUS - Professor-researcher at the State University of Haiti and at the Quisqueya University (Faculty of Education, Center for Research in Education) Associate Professor at the Centre d'Etudes du Religieux Contemporain of the University of Sherbrooke (CERC, Faculty of Law) State University of Haiti Unesco Chair in Education and Health Canada, Haiti, France Ajaegbu Florence Nneka - French lecturer in Gregory University Uturu Abia State, Nigeria
16.05-16.20	Report: «The role of universities in the implementation of the SDGs. Experience of US universities»	Smailova A.B. - candidate of Philological Sciences, MBA, Director of the Institute of Sustainable Development of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Visiting Scholar of Ohio University (USA)
16.20-16.35	Report: «The use of Interactive Ethnocards in the educational programs of the UNESCO Department of Sustainable Development»	Bazarbayeva T.A. – Candidate of Geography Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of UNESCO chair for sustainable development
16.35-16.50		
16.50-17.05	Report: «Implementation of the SDGs in the higher education system of Central Asia: the experience of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University»	Rysmagambetova A.A. – PhD, Acting Associate Professor of UNESCO chair for sustainable development, Deputy Dean on scientific-innovations work and international links affair of the Faculty of Geography and Environmental Management



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17.05-17.20	Report: «Prospects for the introduction of "Education for sustainable development».	Zhunusalieva E.Zh. - Lecturer of the Department of Zoology and Ecology of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Tourism and Agricultural Technologies of OhSU (Kyrgyzstan).
Completion of the event		
17.20-17.30	Resolution and end of the webinar	Tazhibayeva T.L. – Candidate of Biological Sciences, Associate Professor of UNESCO chair for sustainable development.