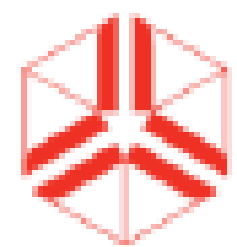


# United Nations University's Knowledge and Contribution

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# United Nations University

- Established by the UN General Assembly in 1972
- Only one UN organisation whose HQ is in Japan
- Contributes, through collaborative research and education, dissemination and advisory services, to efforts to resolve pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare
- Serves as a bridge between the United Nations and the international academic community
- Provides a platform for global and local dialogue and creative new ideas
- 13 institutes located in 12 countries on 4 continents





# UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)



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of Sustainability

- A research and teaching institute dedicated to realising a **sustainable future for people and our planet**, through **policy-oriented research**, education, and capacity development focused on **sustainability**
- Serves the international community, providing **evidence-based knowledge and solutions to inform policymaking** and address **priority issues for the UN system**
- Creates new value by **integrating expertise across disciplines**, in both academia and policymaking, to **mobilise knowledge for sustainability**
- **Only one international institute that offers master's and doctoral degrees**



**THE GLOBAL GOALS**  
For Sustainable Development

## Thematic Areas

**Governance for Sustainable  
Development**

**Biodiversity & Society**

**Water & Resource Management**

**Innovation & Education**





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# Postgraduate Degree Programmes

- **MSc in Sustainability** (2-year programme)
- **PhD in Sustainability Science** (3-year programme)
- **Students:** currently 38 (19 MSc, 19 PhD) from 19 countries, 76% from developing countries
- **Provides education in close collaboration with research programmes**
- **Partnerships:**
  - Credit exchange with three universities in Tokyo
  - Double degree with the University of Tokyo (UoT)
  - Joint diplomas with UoT and Sophia University





# Launch of the Postgraduate Degree Specialisation on the Paris Agreement



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- UNU-IAS announced the launch of the Postgraduate Degree Specialisation on the Paris Agreement in COP26. It will be the first of its kind to be offered by a UN organisation.

## Objective

- To develop future leaders of practitioners who will implement actions for decarbonization and adaptation to climate change in various positions of governments, private sector and other stakeholders

## Beneficiary students

- To be open to candidates from all member states, prioritizing developing countries
- To select from students with bachelor degree, government officials, professionals, etc.

## Structure

- To build on the existing Master of Science in Sustainability and PhD in Sustainability Science Programmes



- Will invite applications from students by the end of 2022 and launch the course in September 2023

# Advantages of the Postgraduate Degree Specialisation on the Paris Agreement



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## Specialisation for future leaders

Develops future leaders with knowledge and competencies to implement climate policies in each country through the UNU-IAS's postgraduate degree programme for a select few

## Synergy

Develops knowledge and problem-solving capacities to promote synergy between climate and SDGs by taking advantage of close collaboration between research and education programmes

## Network

By utilising UN organisations networks, collaborates with partners across the world to jointly conduct the curriculum including Practicum (participatory training courses)



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# Our contribution and expectation to the Synergy Conference

## □ Important agendas:

- Achieve social and economic transformation for carbon neutrality in a just and inclusive manner
- Take systemic approach effectively, instead of silo approach pursuing only individual areas, in order to promote synergy and minimise trade-offs



**We are looking forward to meeting with you at UNU on 20 and 21 July!**



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