

United Nations Academic Impact

General information

The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) is a United Nations initiative that connects universities and higher education institutions with the UN, aligning them with the organization's goals and principles by promoting human rights, access to education, sustainability, and peace and conflict resolution. UNAI fosters a culture of "intellectual social responsibility" by providing a platform for academics and students to engage with the UN and advance global understanding and development through education and research.

Ten Basic Principles: UNAI supports and promotes ten principles, including human rights, access to education, global citizenship, intercultural dialogue, sustainability, and the promotion of peace.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A key focus for UNAI is supporting the realization of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Intellectual Social Responsibility: The initiative aims to generate a global movement of minds committed to a new culture of social responsibility in the intellectual sphere.

Membership: Institutions of higher education and research can apply to become UNAI members.

Engagement: Participating institutions are encouraged to work toward one of the ten UNAI principles each year.

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