

7th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2017

Life Science Universities Deliver Impact in Addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October 2017

to be held at

Louvain House, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

FORUM FOCUS

We will discuss how life science universities should respond to the global drivers for change exemplified by the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in agriculture, and the food and non food value chains through the development of the education programmes, and the application of science in a social context in support of governance in the region and globally.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

A White Paper will be developed listing important visions for life science universities acting locally, regionally and globally to deliver impact in addressing the challenge of the Sustainable Development Goals through education and the application of science – both the natural and the social sciences. Delegates will develop the list of important visions during the Forum's Roundtable Discussions with a final discussion in the closing session

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 18 October

16.30	Registration and Welcome coffee and tea
17.00	ICA General Assembly
19.30	Forum Reception

Thursday 19 October

9.00	Welcome Marek Szyndel, President of ICA and Warsaw University of Life Sciences, PL Dana Samson, Pro-rector Université catholique de Louvain, BE
9.15	Session 1: How should Life Science Universities address the challenge of the SDGs to support the provision of a healthy diet with enough food for everyone – the social, economic and environmental imperatives? Moderator: Philippe Choquet, Institut Polytechnique UniLaSalle, FR Keynotes: The Agenda 2030 – claims, challenges and imperatives Georg Gratzer , Professor, Department of Forest and Soil Sciences, University for Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, AT Sustainable Intensification: a great idea, what's stopping it? Allan Buckwell , Senior Research Fellow, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) Brussels and London, & Emeritus Professor, Imperial College London, UK.
10.15	Coffee break
10.45	Panel Members: Philippe Baret , Dean Faculty of Bioscience Engineering ,Université catholique de Louvain, BE Alex Evans , ICA Vice President & Dean of Agricultural Science & Head of UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin, IE Michal Lostak , Vice Rector, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, CZ Isabel Odriozola , Professor, University of Lleida, ES
11.30	Discussion Roundtable discussions
12.30	Report Back
13.00	Lunch

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14.00	<p>Session 2: What is the impact of the SDGs on the Life Science Universities' education programmes – reflection to meet the expectations of national, international students, and life long learners?</p> <p>Moderator: Astrid Ballesta Remy, Universitat de Lleida</p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Education for the Sustainable Development Goals Aaron Benavot, Professor Global Education Policy, Dept. of Educational Policy and Leadership, Albany-State University of New York (US) and former Director, Global Education Monitoring Reports (GEM), UNESCO, Paris (FR)</p> <p>Engendering sustainable values in our graduates Peter Högberg, Vice-Chancellor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, SE</p>
15.00	<p>Panel Members:</p> <p>Céline Feoux-Milan, IAAS</p> <p>Emmanuel Hanert, Vice-Dean Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Université catholique de Louvain, BE</p> <p>Barbara Hinterstoisser, Vice Rector for Teaching and International Affairs, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, AT</p> <p>Karen Keaveney, School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin, IE</p> <p>Frank Nevens, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Ghent University, BE</p>
15.45	Coffee Break
16.15	Roundtable discussions
17.15	Report back
18.00	Closure
	Walking Tour of Louvain-la-Neuve: from a university campus of 20th C to a modern pedestrian city of the 21st C.
19.00	Reception and Forum Dinner at the Restaurant Loungeatude

Friday 20 October

9.00	<p>Session 3: How should Life Science Universities provide leadership in the delivery of the SDGs through the governance of the university and engagement in policy development at national, regional and global levels?</p> <p>Moderator: Marek S Szyndel, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, PL</p> <p>Keynotes: The civic university: combining global, regional and local responsibilities' John Goddard, Emeritus Professor & Special Advisor to the Vice Chancellor and President, Centre for Urban & Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University, UK)</p> <p>Strategic action to develop a sustainable university – Case Study Wageningen University and Research Joris Fortuin, Deputy Director Facilities and Services, Wageningen University and Research, NL</p>
10.00	<p>Panel Members: Frederic Francis, Dean, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, University of Liege, BE Josef Glöckl, Vice Rector for Research and International Research Cooperation, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, AT Zoran Grgić, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb, HR Kurt Nielsen, Vice-Dean for Knowledge Exchange, Science and Technology, Aarhus University, DK</p>
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12.15	Report Back
12.45	<p>Closure 10 important visions for the life science university</p>
13.00	Lunch

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