

# *UNIVERSITIES IN ACTION* **FOR THE UN 2030 AGENDA**

**The UN Decade of Action by higher education institutions**

*Dubai, Italy Pavilion, Amphitheatre*

Tuesday 18 January 2022

From 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. (Dubai time from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.)



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At the Italian Pavilion at EXPO 2020 Dubai, during the “Global Goals Week”, the Italian Network of Universities for Sustainable Development (RUS) in partnerships with the Conference of Italian Rectors (CRUI) and the Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASVIS) present The UN Decade of Action by higher education institutions, an International Forum which aims at accelerating actions towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The forum is linked to the high-level event named “A Shared Sustainable Recovery Based on the SDGS” organized by ASVIS on the same day at the Italian Pavilion.

The Forum Universities in Action for the Un 2030 Agenda will foster a culture and urgent actions for sustainability during the week dedicated to the promotion of the SDGs, with a focus on universities commitment and youth leadership. University students will show their visions and ideas for the future and university sustainability offices will present implementation of best practices for the 3 Ps of the Italian Strategy for Sustainable Development, People, Planet and Prosperity. Results from a number of hackathons and challenge-based exercises undertaken in the past months, in preparation of the Forum, will be illustrated by the winner students, highlighting creativity, innovation and commitments from younger generation and the Italian high education institutions toward the implementation of the UN Agenda.

# Agenda

## Chair and Moderator:

**Patrizia Lombardi**, *President of the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development, Vice-rector of Politecnico di Torino*

**4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

## OPENING SPEECH

**Maria Cristina Messa**, *Italian Minister for University and research [virtual]*

**Enrico Giovannini**, *Italian Minister for Sustainable Mobility & Infrastructures, former ASVIS Spokeperson [virtual]*

**Maurizio Tira**, *Delegate for International Affairs of the Conference of the Italian University Rectors, Rector of Università degli Studi di Brescia [virtual]*

**Alyssa Gilbert**, *Chair of COP26 Universities Network and Director of Policy and Translation, Grantham Institute Climate change and Environment, Imperial Collage London [virtual]*

**4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.**

## PEOPLE PILLAR

**Gabriella Calvano**, *co-coordinator of the RUS Education working group, Università degli Studi di Bari, will introduce the PEOPLE Pillar with the participation of students and university staff [videos] from: Middle East for the UN PRME Global Students Initiative, Università degli studi di Foggia, Alma Mater Studiorum Università degli Studi di Bologna, University College Dublin.*

*Presentation of the **io che\*** challenge-based project, organized by the Università Pontificia Salesiana – IUSVE.*

**4:50 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.**

## PLANET PILLAR

**Stefano Caserini**, *coordinator of the RUS Climate Change working group, Politecnico di Milano [virtual], will introduce the PLANET Pillar with the participation of students and university staff [videos] from: Middle East for the UN PRME Global Students Initiative, Politecnico di Torino, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Università degli studi di Camerino, Università Ca Foscari Venezia.*

*Presentation of the **Hack core** challenge-based project winner of HackForThePlanet, organised by Rotary Italia, Malta e San Marino*

**5:10 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

## PILLAR PROSPERITY

**Matteo Colleoni**, *coordinator of the RUS Mobility working group, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, will introduce the PROSPERITY Pillar with the participation of students and university staff [videos] from: Middle East for the UN PRME Global Students Initiative, Università degli Studi di Torino, Università degli Studi "G. D'annunzio" Chieti Pescara, Università per Stranieri di Perugia.*

*Presentation of the **SIEPE** challenge-based project winner of the RUS challenge for 2030 Agenda [virtual]*

**5:30 p.m.**

## CONFERENCE CLOSING