

Keynote Speakers 2

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Topic: Addressing the Sustainability Agenda through Education

Abstract

Education at all levels can and must play a significant role in promoting sustainable development (SD). Recent global events have meant all educational institutions are doing a lot more thinking about what they do, how they will operate into the future and what their focus will be. That thinking includes how education institutions will integrate sustainability into their operations including their teaching and research. And it considers how to best help prepare the next generation of professionals, knowledge makers and solution-finders to address today's big global issues such as clean water and sanitation for all, sustainable cities and communities, affordable and clean energy, inequality, the environment and conservation. High-quality education is the means to achieving this goal because without a highly educated population and highly skilled workforce, it is unlikely that the UNs sustainable development goals can be realised.

Biography

Nita Temmerman (PhD; MEd (Hons); BEd; BMus T; ATCL; MACE) has held senior University positions including Pro Vice Chancellor Academic Quality, Pro Vice Chancellor International Partnerships and Executive Dean Faculty of Education in Australia. She is an international higher education consultant and invited professor to universities in Australia, the Pacific region, SE Asia and the Middle East and recent Academic Board Chair for 2 private higher education institutions. Nita is also an invited accreditation specialist with the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), and Project Leader, Research Foundry (UK, GCC area). Her past and current projects draw on expertise in organisational strategic planning, quality assurance, academic accreditation and reaccreditation, higher education policy development and review, teacher education and curriculum design and evaluation. Nita has published 14 books, over 70 scholarly papers, a further 58 professional articles, conducted numerous presentations including keynote addresses in SE Asia, Middle East, Pacific, UK and USA and remains an active contributor to several international education publications.