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### **IAU Sustainable Development Goal #12 Responsible/Sustainable Consumption and Production Cluster: Summary of Activities**

-The SDG #12 Cluster is composed of seven satellite partner universities. The Cluster has held six virtual meetings and one conference since it was established in October 2018.

-Dr. Petry attended the IAU *2018 International Conference* in Malaysia in late 2018, where the IAU officially launched the Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development (HESD) Clusters initiative.

-Dr. Petry attended the IAU SDG meeting in France in January 2019, where components of the draft IAU HESD Cluster strategy to 2030 and goals were discussed.

-The *Inaugural Conference for the International Association of Universities Cluster on Sustainable Development Goal 12* took place at Luther College, Regina, Canada, May 6-7, 2019. The conference was funded by the University of Regina Conference Fund, Office of the University of Regina Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Luther College, and registration fees. The conference included in-person and virtual participation from the IAU, SDG 12 satellite partner universities, and higher education and not-for-profit organizations from around Saskatchewan, Canada. The two-day conference hosted 35 participants, including students, staff, faculty, and board members, and over 20 organizations were represented.

-The *Inaugural Conference* website has the conference program, and both PDF and video recordings of all presentations where each SDG 12 satellite partner presented a summary of key SDG 12 activities of its university: (<https://www.luthercollege.edu/university/alumni-friends/events/iau-sustainable-development-goal-12-inaugural-conference> ).

-There were several additional outcomes from the conference:

- Conference rapporteur's report
- One article published in the University of Regina *Discourse* research magazine <https://www.uregina.ca/external/communications/feature-stories/current/2019/05-03.html>
- One article published in IAU *Horizons* Vol. 24 N°1 [https://www.iau-aiu.net/IMG/pdf/iau\\_horizons\\_vol.24.1\\_en\\_light.pdf](https://www.iau-aiu.net/IMG/pdf/iau_horizons_vol.24.1_en_light.pdf) University of Vechta Drs. Detlev Lindau-Bank and Margit Stein's article "Moving from Individual Actions to Structural Engagement " pp.31-33.
- Two articles published in IAU *Horizons* Vol. 24 N°2 [https://www.iau-aiu.net/IMG/pdf/iau\\_horizons\\_vol.24.2\\_light.pdf](https://www.iau-aiu.net/IMG/pdf/iau_horizons_vol.24.2_light.pdf)
  - i) University of Vechta Drs. Detlev Lindau-Bank and Margit Stein's article "Regional Youth Reporting, Societal Engagement, and the Role of Academic Research" pp.22-23.
  - ii) Luther College Dr. Roger Petry and Moi University Dr. Rose Ramkat's article "From Ivory Tower to Tree of Life: Leading the World through University Self-Transformation" pp.25-26.

-Team members continue to identify priority areas for collaboration and update each other on their activities. Recent updates include El Bosque University's sustainable procurement policies and their work with the One Planet Network hub for responsible consumption and production, University of Vechta's research on ruralistics, Moi University's initiatives in renewable energy and training high school students on using waste products to generate biomass, and Universiti Sains Malaysia's sustainability reporting and research and development on the circular economy.

-Dr. Petry made four presentations in the fall of 2019 on the SDGs in general and SDG 12 in particular directly resulted from the *Inaugural SDG 12 Conference* including one to the Environmental Engineering project design course at the University of Regina (ENEV 400), one to the 8<sup>th</sup> Regional Centers of Expertise Americas Meeting in Burlington, Vermont, one to the University Faculty Association Western Regional Conference at the University of Regina, and one to 3 schools of Saskatchewan Polytechnic at Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

-Dr. Detlev Lindau-Bank, University of Vechta, presented the SDG 12 Cluster at the European Meeting of Regional Centers of Expertise (RCE an UNU-network) in Crete, Greece. <https://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/european-rces-gather-greece-discuss-climate-change-sustainable-agriculture-and-government-engagement>

-University of Vechta represented the Cluster with a poster presented at the IAU 2019 International Conference which took place in Puebla, Mexico in November 2019.

-Dr. Petry and Ms. Crivea participated in the IAU virtual meeting of Cluster leads March 2020.

-The most recent virtual meeting was held in April 2020. The Cluster continues to discuss advocacy and aims to engage and mobilize their campuses and more people in the broader community in their work. Particular focus is given on the Whole Institution Approach, as the University of Regina has been going through strategic planning recently, as well as each institution's sustainable procurement policies (and how they might be measured), the development of fact sheets on different projects, more publications, as well as drafting Cluster documents for management and communication updates. SDG 12 has partnered with SDG 4 at York University to prepare a proposal to a national conference on SDGs in Canada. The Cluster will consider the implications of COVID-19 on sustainable/responsible consumption and production, in general and at universities, at its next meeting in May/June 2020.

-Moi University's Center of Excellence in Phytochemicals, Textiles and Renewable Energy is planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> *SDG 12 Conference* to be held in Eldoret, Kenya in August 2020.

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