**GUNi mission:**
Strengthen the role of higher education in society

**Key concepts:**
- Public service
- Relevance
- Social responsibility
- Innovation

**Who we are?**
- UNESCO and ACUP
- 230 higher education institutions from 80 countries
Our flagship initiatives and activities

- International conferences
- Higher Education in the World Reports
- International projects
- Workshops and seminars
- Publications and knowledge exchange
The Higher Education in the World Reports
The 2030 Agenda: Pros & Cons

• Enormous adherence and hope
• A global shared roadmap through an ocean of doubts and crisis
• Holistic, global, partnership-based, global-local binomial

BUT...

• There is not any kind of binding legal coverage
• No capacity of coercion or international agreements
• No specific resources for its implementation
• Multilateralism challenged
• Institutions are slow vs. need for immediate action
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• SDGs calling for glocal action, but political reality based on the nation-state
Agenda 2030: knowledge, education & innovation as key factors

- The UN Agenda as an excellent opportunity
- Knowledge and talent as key actors for social, cultural and economic progress
- HEIs are spaces for neutrality, collaborative work and inter-institutional dialogue
- University tradition of a dually local and global mission
- Education and transmission of values and attitudes
- International training can make a global, critical and responsible population
GUNi and the 2030 Agenda

Strategic line: SDGs and higher education, research ad partnerships

- Studies and publications (all available on the GUNi website)
- International projects
- Group of Experts on SDGs and Higher Education
2nd International Conference
SDGs: Higher Education & Science
Take Action

- Goal: discuss, analyse, share from all over the world – world community on 2030 Agenda and higher education
- Around 80 speakers from all over the globe
- Around 250 students, academics, researchers, practitioners
- Strong focus on “ACTION”: projects, initiatives, ideas into practice
- How? Keynotes, debates, roundtables, panel sessions, poster sessions, speed-dating sessions…

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UNESCO World Conferences on Higher Education:

1st UNESCO Higher Education World Conference
(Paris, 5-9 October 1998)

2nd UNESCO Higher Education World Conference
(Paris, 5-8 July 2009)

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Thank you!

Have a nice and fruitful Conference!

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