



HESI Action Group webinar - Rankings, ratings, and assessments

09.30 – 10.45 AM (EDT), 9 February 2023, virtual

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) is an open partnership between several United Nations entities and the higher education community to highlight the critical role of higher education in achieving sustainable development. The HESI Community is made up of hundreds of university networks, student organizations, and higher education institutions. Any relevant higher education institution or network may [join HESI](#).

HESI includes four Action Groups¹ that tackle specific topics related to higher education for sustainable development. Action groups draw upon the full HESI community to carry out its work and is often composed of several organizations and contributors.

Rankings, ratings, and assessment (RRA) organizations have significant influence - and thus significant responsibility - to guide the academic sector. As we approach the threshold of irreversible climate change, many of these have recognized the need to change their criteria for assessment of the performance of higher education institutions to include contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Numerous initiatives aimed either at improving current standards or creating new ones have emerged.

The aim of the webinar is to present the work of the Action Group on “Rankings ratings and assessment”, including upcoming plans, recent results, and ways for the HESI community to engage with the group.

More information and registration available at: <https://sdgs.un.org/HESI>

Time (EST)	Agenda Item
09:30 AM - 09:40 AM	Welcome remarks by HESI Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ola Goransson, Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

¹ 1) HESI Partner Programme 2) Rankings, ratings, and assessments 3) Education for Green Jobs 4) SDG Publishers Compact

09:40 AM - 10:10 AM	Presentation of Action Group on Ratings, Rankings and Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms. Kathleen Ng, Co-Chair, HESI Ratings, Rankings and Assessments Action Group● Mr. Duncan Ross, Co-Chair, HESI Ratings, Rankings and Assessments Action Group, Chief Data Officer, Times Higher Education
10:10 AM - 10:40 AM	Q&A
10:40 AM - 10:45 AM	Closing remarks