UNAI: Origins and Mission

- ➤ The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) initiative was launched by the former Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in 2010.

- ➤ In the words of Ban Ki-Moon, the initiative aims to promote "intellectual social responsibility" and commit to UN's principles and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through engaging higher education institutions.

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UNAI's Main Focus

- **Sustainability Integration**
  Guides higher education institutions in implementing sustainability principles into education, research, and campus operations.
- **Global Network**
  Fosters cooperation among higher education institutions worldwide and enhance their connections with the UN system.
- **Digital Engagement**
  Utilizes digital media to showcase UNAI members' best practices and research while keeping members informed of UN news, ongoing events, and resources relevant to academia.

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The 10 UNAI Principles

UN Charter

Sustainability

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Intercultural Dialogue

Human Rights

Higher Education
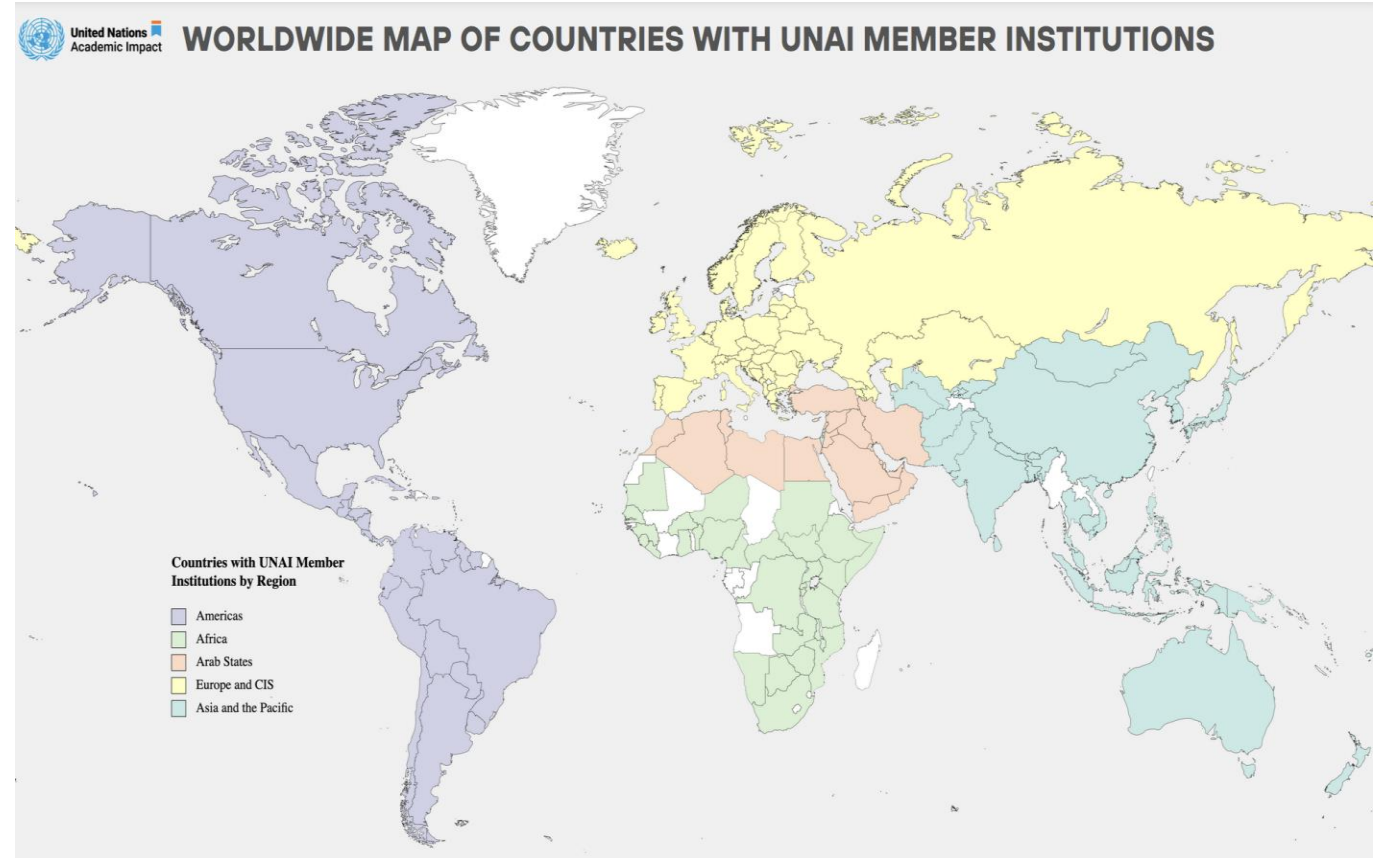

Global Citizenship

Education For All

Capacity-Building

Addressing Poverty

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UNAI Membership Institutions

A vibrant network of nearly **1,700** institutions, reaching **25 million** people across more than **150** countries.

WORLDWIDE MAP OF COUNTRIES WITH UNAI MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Countries with UNAI Member Institutions by Region

- Americas
- Africa
- Arab States
- Europe and CIS
- Asia and the Pacific

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UNAI Member Institutions' Activities
on SDGs and UNAI Principles

Research

Research projects, publications, Innovations and solutions

Education

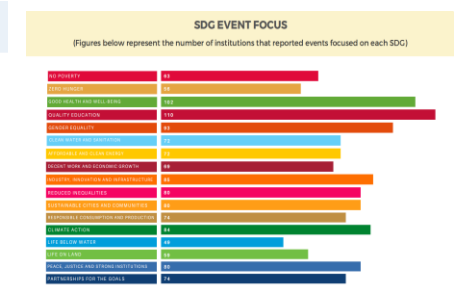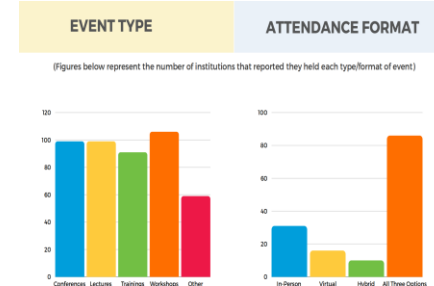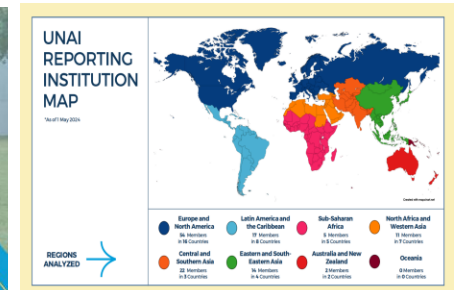Academic programs, currculums, mobilizing young people

Events

Conferences, lectures, training, workshops

External Partners

Public engagement, cross-sectoral dialogue and action

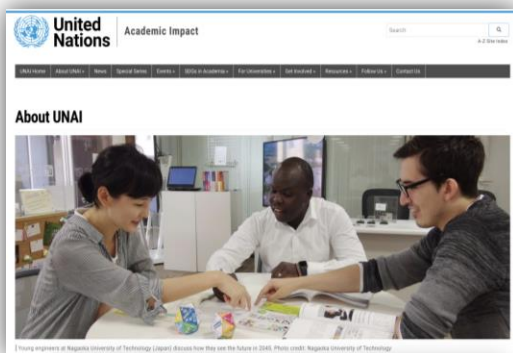**Submit the Yearly Activity Report to UNAI**

UNAI SDG Hub Initiative

➢ To advance the global goals with support from academic institutions.

➢ Through a network of 17 hubs, each promoting a specific SDG locally, regionally, and globally.

➢ By knowledge sharing, collaboration, and innovation.

UNAI SDG HUB 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

UNAI SDG HUB 15: LIFE ON LAND

UNAI SDG HUB 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

UNAI SDG HUB 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

UNAI SDG HUB 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

UNAI SDG HUB 10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES

UNAI SDG HUB 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

UNAI SDG HUB 7: AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

UNAI SDG HUB 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

UNAI SDG HUB 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

UNAI SDG HUB 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

UNAI SDG HUB 2: ZERO HUNGER

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UNAI Digital Platforms

UNAI Website

- un.org/academicimpact

- Multilingual website in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese

- Over 6,000 daily visits

Email Newsletter
Close to 10,000 subscribers

- Informs audience about the latest news and resources

- Promotes news and activities from member institutions

- Sent every Wednesday at 7am Eastern Time Zone

X (Twitter)
14,600 followers

LinkedIn
80,000 followers

- Engages with members and partners

- Promotes their contents through tagging and reposting

- Keeps the community updated on UN latest events and opportunities

Partnerships

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

➢ Mobilizes global expertise for SDG implementation.

➢ The partnership engages universities in teaching, research, and problem-solving on critical issues, while co-hosting events connecting UN entities with academia.

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Millennium Campus Network (MCN)

➢ Global student movement addressing humanity's greatest challenges.

➢ the **Millennium Fellowship**, a leadership development program that convenes, challenges, and celebrates student leadership for advancing SDGs and UNAI principles.

Millennium Fellows at Moi University, Kenya. Photo credit: MCN

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Interested in Joining UNAI?

Universities and colleges can join UNAI by submitting the UNAI Enrollment Form and expect 3-4 weeks of time for the team to review the application.

For more details, please find the Why Join Guide

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WHY JOIN UNAI?

BEING A MEMBER OF UNAI INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

VAST NETWORK
Access to a network of more than 1600 institutions in more than 150 countries

INVITATIONS TO UNAI EVENTS
Invitations to in-person and virtual events hosted or organized by UNAI, its Hubs and member institutions, and by the UN System

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
Updates on UN activities, reports, research and commemorative days with ideas for activities you can implement in your classrooms, on your campus or in your community

SCHOLARSHIP AND CONTEST INFORMATION
Information on scholarships, fellowships and contests for college students and symposia, conferences, workshops and calls for papers for researchers and academics

PROMOTION OF YOUR CAMPUS
Have your campus activities and research showcased on UNAI platforms, including social media and the weekly newsletter with nearly 10,000 subscribers

USE OF THE OFFICIAL UNAI MEMBER LOGO
Use of the official UNAI member logo to hold conferences, workshops and events under the UNAI banner

CONNECTION TO UN REGIONAL OFFICES
Connect to UN regional offices for events and speakers in your area and much more!

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