

Invitation to sign the Global Universities and Colleges Climate Letter

EAUC and UN Environment are inviting your institution to sign the Global Universities and Colleges Climate Letter (<https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>).

The Global Climate Letter is now the officially recognised route for universities and colleges to be part of the "Race to Zero". Led by the High-Level Climate Champions for Climate Action – Nigel Topping and Gonzalo Muñoz – Race To Zero mobilizes actors outside of national governments to join the Climate Ambition Alliance, which was launched at the UNSG's Climate Action Summit in 2019 by the President of Chile, Sebastián Piñera.

The objective is to build momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of COP26, where governments must strengthen their contributions to the Paris Agreement. This will send governments a resounding signal that businesses, cities, regions, investors and universities and colleges are united in meeting the Paris goals and creating a more inclusive and resilient economy.

As a signatory of the Global Universities and Colleges Climate Letter you will be showing your institution's leadership on a global level at COP26 in November 2021.

You can sign the Global Climate Letter to commit your institution to being net-zero now. If you are still working on your plan and reports you can add these at a later date.

By signing you are committing to collectively step up to the challenge by supporting a three-point plan, in line with the Race to Zero criteria, which includes:

1. Mobilizing more resources for action-oriented climate change research and skills creation;
2. Pledge to reach net-zero by 2030, or 2050 at the very latest;
3. Increasing the delivery of environmental and sustainability education across curriculum, campus and community outreach programmes.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment.

Kind Regards



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