# GUPES High Level Presidential Panel:
The Role of Universities in Sustainability
The Road to/from Rio+20

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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| 1.30 – 3.30PM | High Level Opening Ceremony  
Welcome statements:  
- Prof. Wang Guangtao, Chair, Env. Protection Committee, People's Congress of China  
- Prof. Pei Gang, President, Tongji University  
- Dr. Elizabeth Mrema, Deputy Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP  
**Video Messages**  
- Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director and UN Undersecretary General  
- Elizabeth Thompson, UNCTAD Rio+20 Executive Coordinator  
Keynote speeches:  
- Dr Bindu Lohani, Vice President, Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank  
- Prof. Klaus Toepfer, Founding Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies | Prof Wu Jiang – Chair, GUPES Interim Steering Committee and Vice President of Tongji University | Main Hall, Tongji University Siping Campus |
| 3.30-4.00PM | Tea/Coffee  
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- Dr. Min Bista, Programme Specialist - Education, UNESCO | Poster session |
| 4.00-5.30PM | International Student Conference Panel  
- Awarding of 2012 Klaus Toepfer Environmental Scholarships | Prof Li Fengting – Dy. Dean, IESD | Main Hall, Tongji University Siping Campus |
| 5.30-6.30 PM | WELCOME RECEPTION/NETWORKING DINNER  
Hosted by Tongji University and UNEP | Hosted by Magnolia Hotel |
| 7 – 9PM | World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities – Skype connection with Rio de Janiero | Days Inn Hotel |
## DAY 2 – Wednesday, 6 June, 2012

### 9.00–10 AM

**GUPES Work in Progress**
1. Higher Education Guidelines for Curriculum Review and Reorientation towards SD
2. Source Books on Green Economy and Ecosystems Management
3. Greening University Toolkit

Prof. Heila Lotz-Sisitka – Rhodes University, South Africa
Prof. Mark Curtis – McGill University, Canada
Prof. Deo Prasad - University of New South Wales, Australia

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### 10–10.30 AM

**Regional Presentations**

**Innovative Examples of Universities and Sustainability**

- **Africa**
  - Dr. Jeilu Oumer, Academic Vice President, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
  - Dr. Jewette Masinja, Representative of President, University of Zambia

Mahesh Pradhan – Chief, Environmental Education and Training Unit, UNEP

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### 10.30–11 AM

**Tea / Coffee**

### 11–12 noon

- **Asia-Pacific**
  - Dr. Bonifacio T. Doma, Jr., Vice President, Academic Office, Mapua Institute of Technology, Philippines
  - Dr. Masanori Kobayashi, Graduate School of Environment and Information Sciences, Yokohama National University, Japan
  - Prof. Ainisa Akmatova, Vice Rector, International Affairs, Osh State University, Kyrgyzstan

- **Europe**
  - Prof. John Homberg, Vice President, Chalmers University of Technology and UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development,
  - Prof. Sylvia Heuchemer, Vice President, University of Cologne
  - Dr. Rolf Baur, Director, CIPSEM, Dresden International University

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### 12–1.30 PM

**LUNCH BREAK**

### 1.30–2.30 PM

- **Latin America and the Caribbean**
  - Prof. Mario Sanchez, Andres Bello University, Chile
  - Dr. Marceline Collin-Figueroa, Senior Lecturer, University of West Indies, Jamaica

- **North America**
  - Prof. Yajie Song, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University
  - Prof. Peter Blaze Corcoran, Director of the Centre for Environmental and Sustainability Education, Florida Gulf Coast University

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### 2.30–3.00 PM

**GUPES Strategy and Implementation Plan**

- Education, Training and Networking
- HESI Rio+20

Mahesh Pradhan – Chief, Environmental Education and Training Unit, UNEP

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### 3.30–4.30 PM

**GUPES Modalities**

a) Regional and Sub-regional focal points for GUPES
b) GUPES Charter and By-laws
c) GUPES Steering Committee Members

Prof. Wu Jiang - Interim Chair of the GUPES steering committee, and Vice President, Tongji University, Shanghai

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### 4.30–5 PM

**CONCLUSIONS AND WAY FORWARD**

Chair, GUPES Steering Committee

### 5–6PM

**REFRESHMENTS**

### 7 – 8PM

**GUPES Steering Committee Meeting**

Chair, GUPES Steering Committee

Days Inn Hotel