



Promoting justice and the rule of law through education:

Launch of the E4J Grants Programme for Higher Education Institutions “Inspire.Change.Together”

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"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

Marian Wright Edelman

Higher education institutions have a crucial role to play in today's rapidly changing global system, which is increasingly driven by knowledge, information, innovation and ideas. However, as noted by several higher education leaders, it would be short-sighted to limit the scope of higher education's role to being important only for economic development and a source for innovative ideas to resolve today's problems. Instead, higher education institutions need to be supported and recognized as places where the next generation will be empowered to become the leaders that are needed for tomorrow. Leaders need to strengthen peace and justice around the world and prioritize the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Higher education is crucial for this as also highlighted by the Secretary-General of the International Association of Universities, Dr. Hilligje van't Land: "Without higher education, no sustainable development."

The important role academics and educators have in empowering the next generation and in supporting the advancing of the SDGs is not only acknowledged by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) but is also at the core of its Education for Justice (E4J) initiative. E4J, a component of the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, seeks to prevent crime and promote the rule of law through partnering with academia and educators to support the international community in its efforts to achieve the SDGs, also aiming at strengthening the cooperation with higher education institutions and academia.

E4J has therefore launched its first Grants Programme for Higher Education Institutions to support universities and other higher education institutions in their efforts to teach the next generation on issues related to the rule of law and SDG16. In line with the UN Secretary-General's Call for a Decade of Action stressing the importance to include all sectors of society to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, this undertaking aims to involve a broad range of stakeholders in supporting efforts to achieve the SDGs.



This virtual event presents a framework for discussing the role of higher education in promoting justice and the rule of law and for the winners of the E4J Grants Programme to share their thoughts on how higher education can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs through teaching and empowering the next generation.

Agenda

Opening & Welcome

- Mr. Marco Teixeira, Global Programme Manager, Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, UNODC
- H.E. Mr. Jose Antonio Marcondes de Carvalho, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations in Vienna
- Mr. David Nkosi, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations in Vienna

Perspectives from the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime on why higher education matters

- Ms. Zhuldyz Akisheva, Representative, Regional Office for Southern Africa, UNODC
- Ms. Elena Abbati, Representative, Liaison and Partnership Office in Brazil, UNODC

Introducing the Winners of the 1st E4J Grants Programme for Higher Education Institutions

- Ms. Bianca Kopp, Coordinator Higher Education Component, E4J, UNODC

Presentation by the winning institutions

- Prof. Hennie Van As, Department of Public Law, Director of the Centre for Law in Action and FishFORCE Fisheries Law Enforcement Academy, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
- Dr. habil. Ágoston Mohay, Associate Professor, Vice-dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pécs, Hungary
- Prof. Carolina Christoph Grillo, Fluminense University, Brazil
- Dr. Konstantinos Tsimonis, Lecturer in Chinese Society, MSc China and Globalisation Convenor, Lau China Institute, School of Global Affairs, King's College London, United Kingdom

Q&A

Concluding Remarks

- Mr. Marco Teixeira, Global Programme Manager, Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, UNODC

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