

## Seminar

### **The world beyond 2015: is higher education ready?**

### **The role of higher education institutions for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

December 11th, 2014

9:00 – 14:00 hrs

Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona

#### Programme

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9:00 **Welcoming words**

**F. Xavier Grau**, Director, GUNi

**Sergi Farré**, Head of the Department of University and Scientific Cooperation, Spanish Development Agency (AECID)

**Joaquim Llimona**, Commissioner, International Relations and Cooperation, City of Barcelona

9:15 **Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

**Saul Weisleder** – Former Alternate Ambassador of Costa Rica to UN and Independent Consultant and Researcher

**Jordi Fexas**, Responsible Cooperation and Advocacy Department, Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation, Generalitat de Catalunya

9:45 **Round Table: Higher Education and the Post-2015 Agenda: how do we contribute as higher education institutions?**

**Patrice Ajai-Ajagbe**, Programme officer, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)

**Arjen Wals**, Professor Social Learning & Sustainability, Director Centre for Sustainable Development & Food Security, Unesco Chair, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

**Cristina Escrigas**, Project Development Advisor, GUNi (chair)

10:45 **Coffee break**

11:15 **Round Table: Are higher education institutions ready to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals? Experiences from China, Norway and Catalonia.**

**Wang Xin**, Vice-dean of the Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development (IESD), Tongji University, China

**Victoria Thoresen**, PERL Project Manager, Associate Professor of Education, Hedmark University College, Norway

**Jordi Prat**, Director of the Fundació Autònoma Solidària, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (chair)

12:00 **Working groups**

**Working group 1: How can higher education institutions position themselves strategically and act as change agents for a sustainable future?**

Chair: **Hilligje van't Land**, Director Membership and Programme Development, International Association of Universities (IAU)

**Working group 2: How can collaboration between universities and local communities be stimulated in order to achieve regional development?**

Chair: **Cristina Escrigas**, Project Development Advisor, GUNi

**Working group 3: How can we promote the participation of higher education institutions in international organisations and processes?**

Chair: **Kathrine Raleigh**, Head of Programmes and Contents, St. Pau Art Nouveau Site

13:30 **Conclusions and closure**

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