“Education empowers people and transforms lives. It is the key to creating equitable, inclusive and prosperous societies and the building block of sustainable development and lasting peace.”

Ban Ki-moon, 2013
UN Secretary-General (2007—2016)

ESD has been found to be the core to societal change, through raising consciousness, inspiring innovation and promoting both behavioral change and civic engagement across sectors.

Moving forward, education and training must be geared towards achieving and inspiring change. Facilitate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through research, practical engagement and national contexts. The ESD project is aimed at a position where they are able to draw on diverse networks’ collective knowledge and experience to help with the implementation at home and abroad.

The ESD Project of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) was launched in 2003. The project focuses on research and capacity development to integrate ESD components into curricula at all levels of education and in all sectors of society.

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ProSPER.Net is one of the flagship initiatives of this project. Membership in ProSPER.Net is limited to higher education institutions in the Asia-Pacific region that offer post-graduate education in SD and in ESD-related fields. There is also an affiliate membership category for higher education institutes outside of Asia-Pacific that work for the benefit of the region. For more information, contact the network’s Secretariat (UNU-IAS) below.

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ProSPER.Net (Pro for sustainable development (ESD)) is an alliance of leading universities in the Asia-Pacific region that are committed to advancing sustainable development (SD) through postgraduate courses, curricula, and research. ProSPER.Net is developing a new generation of leaders who can best tackle global sustainability challenges, in the face of rapid environmental change and human development.

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ProSPER.Net invites its members to reflect upon these diverse issues as part of a multi-disciplinary dialogue, pursuing scientifically based options for cross-cutting problems that affect the region and its inhabitants, and formulating policies that can serve as adaptable models for other parts of the world.

Innovative Research Projects
Different collaborative projects between ProSPER.Net members have been established in areas such as engineering, business, biodiversity, energy, health and food, tourism, and sustainable consumption and production. Projects include academic research papers, and a wide array of case studies that are representative of the region’s advances in SD.

Youth Researchers’ School
Every year, ProSPER.Net organises the Young Researchers’ School. The theme and location changes every year, with participants learning from expert lectures, on-site field visits and group activities. The Young Researchers’ School is a unique programme that gives students the tools and skills needed to address the challenges of SD, and how to construct a manageable research proposal to investigate these challenges in SD. The theme and location change every year, with participants learning from expert lectures, on-site field visits and group activities.

Since its establishment as a formal network in 2008, ProSPER.Net members have helped integrate SD into their locations’ school and field environment curricula, trained educators and researchers in SD-related fields, developed innovative tools and cases on ESD and SD, helped integrate the concept of education and research programmes dedicated to SD-related fields. There are currently 46 ProSPER.Net members, each having strong ties to the region and its inhabitants, and problems that affect the region and its inhabitants. Here, ways are explored how partnerships between ProSPER.Net members can be fostered towards more sustainable practices across a variety of fields.

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Leadership Training
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This training will forge and consolidate a growing network of sustainability researchers and practitioners that will help build a more sustainable and resilient Asia-Pacific region.