“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 behavioural change and civic engagement across sectors.

Moving forward, education and training must be geared towards how teaching and learning can facilitate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and how ESD can be integrated into existing, and national contexts. ProSPER.Net institutions stand at a position where they are able to draw on a diverse networks collective knowledge and experience to help with this 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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As of October 2019 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 seek the benefit of the network’s knowledge sharing through the network’s Secretariat (UNU-IAS) below.

ProSPER.Net: AN ACADEMIC NETWORK OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
ProSPER.Net is an alliance of leading universities in the Asia-Pacific region that are committed to integrating sustainable development (SD) into postgraduate courses, curricula, and research. The network was established in 2008, and since its inception, it has helped integrate SD into locations in the Asia-Pacific region, and beyond, through various initiatives.

Its main objectives are to:
- Foster a generation of leaders and practitioners that will help build a more sustainable and resilient future for the region.
- Develop innovative pedagogies for poverty reduction, environmental change and human development.
- Help integrate SD into postgraduate courses, curricula, and research.
- Develop SD-related knowledge and skills through multi-disciplinary collaboration.
- Foster a formal network for SD researchers and practitioners.

ProSPER.Net is developing a new generation of leaders who can effectively manage the complex transitions between different SD issues articulated within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This includes engaging with a variety of stakeholders to ensure that the majority of communities benefit from the world’s transition to sustainability.

The network promotes the idea that various issues related to sustainability can be best tackled through multi-disciplinary approaches and by involving a wide range of stakeholders. ProSPER.Net functions as a truly dedicated platform for multi- and interdisciplinary dialogue, enabling scientifically based efforts to cross-cutting problems that affect the region and its inhabitants, and formulating policies that can serve as models for other parts of the world.

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