

# THE PORTO DECLARATION & EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

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## 1 THEME OF PROPOSAL, RATIONALE AND FORMAT OF CONTRIBUTION

- a) Track 2, Collaboration
- b) This topic links the underlying intention behind the 2016 Porto Declaration with a practical IACEE global initiative to highlight, support, encourage and connect initiatives in sustainability education, innovation and research from around the world.
- c) This is a hands-on interactive session to be facilitated by the authors on their own or in conjunction with members representing other aspects of IACEE (Research, Strategic Partnerships, Member Engagement & Communication and Products).

## 2 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

At the 2016 World Conference in Portugal, the IACEE outlined its commitment to developing **global initiatives** to address the 21st century challenges that threaten the sustainability and very survival of humanity.

Education can serve as a catalyst to best bring together research, industry, governments, philanthropy and individuals to shine the light on and help find and deliver real solutions to humanity's grand challenges.

This session dives into the IACEE global initiative on education and research in sustainability. Through this, members can participate to promote their organization's initiatives in sustainability, have visibility of and link to that of others and together continue to create a valuable, dynamic and collaborative resource for the world at large.

Participants in this session are invited to help further shape and influence this IACEE global initiative, which ties in with the United Nations 17 Sustainability Development Goals. Contributions around this can leverage into other strategic aspects of IACEE, being that of Research, Member Engagement & Communication, Strategic Partnerships and Products.

Outcomes from this session will assist in gathering momentum to map meaningful and practical paths forwards to the 2020 World Conference in Norway in keeping with the objectives of the Porto Declaration.