

# Early Career Researcher International Network Development Program\*

\* Defined as a researcher who is either in the final year of their PhD (or equivalent) program or is within five years of having been awarded the degree. The age of the researcher has no bearing on the definition, and career breaks within this period do not count against the total.

The [Worldwide Universities Network](#) (WUN) – of which your university is a member – in collaboration with the [United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#) (SDSN) and the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO), will hold a series of free virtual workshops, each thematically focused on a UN Sustainable Development Goal. The workshops will bring together early career researchers from all around the world interested in establishing connections to colleagues in their field.

Each workshop will be launched by an internationally distinguished speaker who will provide an overview of the major research opportunities and challenges in the broad topic domain.

Following the introductory speaker, participants will break up into virtual videoconference meeting rooms, which will be self-defined according to their particular area of research interest, so that they can develop their international networks and collaborations. To read the full program concept note, [click here](#).

## Objectives

- Fill a critical gap by providing ECRs with practical opportunities to build their international research networks.
- Introduce sustainable development as an opportunity area for ECRs to pursue collaboratively.
- Create thematic opportunities to network, establish joint projects, and create impact on a global scale.

## Inaugural event and information session

Our inaugural event, which will also serve as an information session on the workshop program, will be held on 28 October 2020 ([click here](#) to see your local time for this event).

The event will feature guest speaker [Professor Jeffrey Sachs](#), President of the UN SDSN, Chair of the Lancet COVID-19 Commission, economics professor and global leader in sustainable development.

**Event date: 28 October 2020**  
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**Register here**

Registration deadline:  
**27 October 2020** at 12.00 noon