



University of Natural Resources  
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# Life Science Universities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

GCUA - Global Challenges University Alliance

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Our planet faces severe challenges: extreme poverty, hunger, land degradation, water pollution, biodiversity losses, energy demand and climate change. Increasing inequality and conflicts threaten social cohesion and democracy. To address these challenges, the UN has framed its vision “Transforming our World” into 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Universities worldwide have a great responsibility to contribute with their research inputs and higher education to the process for sustainable transformation.

In this workshop international experts, from policy and science, will discuss, how “Life Science Universities can support the implementation of the SDGs.”



**Monday 16. April 2018**

**BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna**  
**Peter Jordan Strasse 82, 1190 Vienna, Exner Haus EH05**

15:00

Opening and Introduction

15:15

Keynote 1 **Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Video message: “**SDGs – the most ambitious pro-planet agenda ever adopted by the UN**”

15:30

Keynote 2 **Måns Nilsson**, Stockholm Environment Institute; KTH Royal Institute of Technology  
“**The SDGs and the role of interactions of goals and targets for implementing the Agenda**”

17:15

Welcome Address by BOKU Rector **Hubert Hasenauer**

*Panel Discussion “**Life Science Universities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals**”*

**Ylva Hillbur**, GCUA Chair and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the SLU-Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

**Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo**, Co-founder of the African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD)

**Franz Fischler**, former EU-Commissioner and President of the European Forum Alpbach

**Georg Gratzer**, BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

**Måns Nilsson**, Stockholm Environment Institute, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

**Arjen Wals**, UNESCO Chair of Social Learning and Sustainable Development, Wageningen University

19:00

Buffet

**Tuesday 17. April 2018**

09:00

Keynote 3 **Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo**, Co-founder of the African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD)  
“**Sustainable Development and Health – the potential role of the SDGs**”

10:00

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11:00

Keynote 4 **Arjen Wals** (UNESCO Chair of Social Learning and Sustainable Development, Wageningen University)  
“**The SDGs and the role of learning for transformation**”



Registration: <http://short.boku.ac.at/gcua-boku>

End of Registration: 8. April, 2018

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