

# Sustainability! Tec signs global agreement to look after the planet



[Tec de Monterrey](#) and other leading **universities** from around the world have pledged to continue implementing programs and actions in favor of **sustainability**, which they demonstrated by signing the **Hamburg Declaration of 2021**.

This document was announced at the [Global University Leaders Council 2021 \(GUC Hamburg\)](#).

[David Garza](#), rector and executive president of **Tec de Monterrey**, was one of 46 leaders taking part in the event, at which the role of higher education institutions in community welfare was highlighted during one of the work sessions.

*“Thanks to the trust that society places in us, higher education institutions can **widen the scope** and impact of **sustainability** and **climate action** projects in education, research, and innovation, fostering the creation of a common agenda,”* he said during his participation.



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## Hamburg Declaration of 2021

During this **Global University Leaders Council**, rectors, presidents, and deans of higher education institutions such as the [Sorbonne in Paris](#), the [University of Los Andes](#), and the [University of Chicago](#) adopted the [Hamburg Declaration of 2021](#).

The declaration, entitled “***Facing the Grand Challenges of Climate Change and Sustainability***”, consists of actions that signatory universities agree to carry out, as well as promote to other educational institutions around the world. These include:

- Promoting interdisciplinary **research and teaching** on sustainable development and climate change.
- Incorporating **sustainability and its challenges** into the **curriculum**.
- Cooperating with **students** and acknowledging their concerns for **a more sustainable future**.
- Providing **incentives for faculty, staff, and students** to develop information and strategies for mitigating climate change and promoting sustainability.
- Making plans for reaching **carbon neutrality** on **campuses**.
- Seeking **sustainable options** for **ongoing management**.
- Constructing **linkages with communities** to foster sustainability.
- Engaging with **global networks focused on climate change and sustainability**.
- Strengthening **public communication** of knowledge and productive practices in **sustainable development**.



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## Forging connections to search for sustainable solutions

During his participation at the global conference, Garza highlighted that the Tec has **connections with the three levels of government**, as well as with **private sector organizations**, in order to search for joint solutions on **sustainable practices** and the **fight against climate change**.

He also shared that the Tec has unveiled its [\*\*Sustainability and Climate Change Plan\*\*](#) in recent months, which summarizes its sustainable commitments, in addition to formally stipulating its search for synergies on the subject.

**Cynthia Villarreal**, Director of Outreach and Social Impact at the Tec, pointed out in an interview with CONECTA that adopting this global declaration **reaffirms the Tec's commitment**.

*"This global commitment is closely aligned with the actions stipulated in our **Sustainability and Climate Change Plan for 2025**.*

*"It's about looking at these issues in a comprehensive manner: in education, in research, in mitigation through our operations, and forging connections with other stakeholders in society,"* emphasized Villarreal.

**The GUC Hamburg conference** was held virtually from June 2 to 4 and was organized by the [\*\*German Rectors' Conference\*\*](#), the [\*\*Körber Foundation\*\*](#), and the [\*\*University of Hamburg\*\*](#).

*“To have been invited to this council is **a reflection of the Tec’s degree of progress and commitment**, through different international partnerships, and the results produced in these areas, such as committing to being a **carbon neutral university**,”* highlighted Villarreal.

*“We understand and recognize that the Tec isn’t going to change things on its own, and that’s why **we’ve adopted international and local agendas in order to make progress on these issues**,”* she said.

Here is the [Hamburg Declaration of 2021](#) in full.

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<https://tec.mx/en/news/national/institution/tec-de-monterrey-presents-its-sustainability-and-climate-change-plan>

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