

For the planet! Tec signs commitment to combat climate change



Tec de Monterrey has become the first private university in Mexico to sign the **Higher Education Institution Declaration of Climate Emergency**.

A total of **243 universities worldwide** have signed this document.

The **letter it signed** was prepared by the Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education (EAUC), Second Nature, and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



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*“This signing is a **concrete manifestation of the Tec** doing its bit **against climate change**,”* said Miguel Ruiz Cabañas, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Initiative Director at the Tec.

Emphasizing that this is a **task for all of us**, he mentioned that the struggle against **climate change** is the issue that defines **this generation**.

*“It’s an effort to which all sectors of society are committed, but **it’s up to universities to set an example**,”* he added.

The document was prepared for the Climate Action Summit held on **September 23** at the **United Nations** headquarters in New York.



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“It’s a collective manifestation of the commitment by all higher education institutions to follow these goals,” emphasized Ruíz.

The three-point plan, signed by the Tec and another 243 universities, consists of:

- *A commitment to going **carbon neutral** by 2030 or 2050 at the very latest.*
- *Mobilizing more resources for action-oriented climate change **research** and skills creation.*
- *Increasing teaching and learning about **environmental and sustainability education** across curricula, campus and community outreach programs.*

As regards the commitments made in the declaration, Ruiz Cabañas says that **many of these goals have already been met at the Tec.**

*“**We have several research projects for mitigating or adapting to climate change** and many courses and teaching programs related to prevention aligned with the SDGs,”* he said.

He mentioned that a specific plan would have to be drawn up by the relevant areas of the Tec and approved by its authorities to achieve the commitment of going **carbon neutral** by 2030 or 2050 at the latest.

The **17 Sustainable Development Goals** were adopted in **2015** by United Nations (UN) member countries, together with the commitment to **achieve them by 2030.**

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