



- Vancouver: site of the 2010 G8/G20  
University President's Summit
- Hosts: Universities of Alberta & British Columbia



*G8/G20 University President's Summit*

Focus: the role that Universities should play as a leading force in the development and dissemination of knowledge.

2008 Tokyo, Japan

2009 Turin, Italy

2010 Vancouver, Canada



Tokyo 2008 5 part action plan:

- Universities as a global force for sustainability with creation of **Networks of Networks** on science and public policy
- increase University partnerships to address sustainability challenges
- increase understanding of the scientific knowledge to implement goals such as a low-carbon society
- tackle climate change effectively implement scientifically appropriate countermeasures
- global crises (food, energy supplies etc) are interconnected exacerbated by climate change requires implementation of integrated solutions based on research knowledge.



Italy 2009 Summit focus Sustainability themes:

Economics  
Ethics  
Energy Policy  
Ecology

Communiqué recommendations were broadly in line with those of 2008 plus:

Responsible and ethical development

Partnerships with private and non-profit sectors to transfer knowledge.



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President's Summit**

*A Sustainable World:*  
Higher Education  
Clean Energy  
Health - Global  
eHealth  
Economics

**UN Millennium Development  
Goals**

1. Eradicate extreme poverty & hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. *Promote gender equality and empower women*
4. *Reduce child mortality*
5. *Improve maternal health*
6. *Combat hiv/aids, malaria and other diseases*
7. *Ensure environmental sustainability*
8. *Develop a global partnership for development*



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**Sustainable health addresses UN MDGs 4 - 6**

3 Sub-themes :

Global Health: universal health for men, *women and children*  
Rural Health : using *advanced IT solutions* with common best practices  
Economics of Health: workable solutions to affordable health for all nations.

**U21 UN MDG group:**

Awareness and adoption of UN MDGs in practice and education

Aspirations: create core curriculum for international,  
interprofessional collaboration,  
delivered by digital multimedia platforms



University President's G8/G20 Summit :

Countries Invited to participate:

Argentina	Australia	Brazil
Canada	China	France
Germany	India	Italy
Japan	Korea	Mexico
Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa
Turkey	UK	USA



*Opportunity:*

Formation of a Network of Networks bringing together U21, APRU and G8/G20 Universities around the UN MDGs?

*Common goals:*

implement and develop relevant curricula  
stimulate new relevant translational research  
enhance effective knowledge exchange

Demonstrable impact by 2015



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**Research is nothing but a state of mind:  
a friendly, welcoming attitude toward change.  
It is the problem-solving mind as contrasted with  
the let-well-enough-alone-mind.  
It is the composer mind instead of the fiddler  
mind.  
It is the “tomorrow” mind instead of the  
“yesterday” mind.**

Kettering, 1961

**Thank you & Questions?**