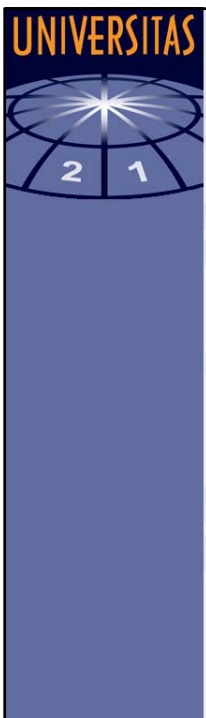


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U21 and MDG a tale of two acronyms

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Universitas 21

- Established 1997 as international network of research-intensive networks
- Currently 22 members (limit is 25)
- Activity is collaborative, co-operative and comprehensive
- Presidential leadership, but faculty driven



Involvement with MDGs

- 2007 Presidential symposium at McGill University on MDG
- 2008 Presidential symposium at University College Dublin *Strategic Partnerships with Developing World*



U21 Presidents' Resolution

- To endorse activities in support of the UN's MDG
- To form a working party under the chairmanship of Dr Hugh Brady, with membership from Presidents, Managers, and senior academics in the disciplines
- To take forward initiatives outlined at the McGill and Dublin symposia
- To develop a strategic plan of work to be presented at 2009 AGM

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Brady Working Group

- Mapping existing capacity (both teaching and research programmes in U21 universities) and existing developing world partners
- Mapping potential national and international funders
- Proposals re mainstreaming development consciousness into UG experience

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- Proposals re research projects where U21 universities have track record and where global collaboration would add value
- Key enablers (e.g. digital repositories and/or networks)
- Partnership model with developing world universities