

Activity Report submitted on the 15th of May 2023 for SDG 13: Climate Action, within the IAU HESD Cluster by the University of West Indies (UWI), Caribbean - Leader of SDG 13

University of West Indies

Some of the activities completed in 2022 by the University of West Indies were:

- The participation in the University of Bergen, One Ocean Expedition Seminar in Cape Town, South Africa. The UWI delivered a presentation on the University's work on, SDG 13, which was led by the UWI's Registrar Dr. Maurice Smith.
- The UWI Vice Chancellor continues to lead key initiatives across the region including the creation of the first International School for Development Justice. This is a new flagship programme that will form part of the UWI's Global Campus and offer post-graduate courses across all the SDGs.
- The UWI created and launched the first dedicated GIS-Project Platform across the university network that aims to focus on projects across all thematic SDGs areas.
- It also continued maintenance of the online platform universitiesforclimateaction.org to facilitate collaboration, knowledge sharing and public awareness of SDG 13 with members of the Global Consortium.
- Organisation of periodic meetings with members of the Global University Consortium (GUC).

University of Bergen

Some of the activities by the University of Bergen in 2022 were:

- [Ocean Stories exhibit](#) in collaboration with USP (April 14th - May 7th in Bergen):
"In the exhibition "Ocean Stories", artists from Greenland and Fiji tell the stories. The interaction between these two very different geographical locations is explored through artwork, lectures and conversations. What are the challenges and what are the opportunities in the face of climate change, now and in the future?"
- [Climate change in the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean: young voices](#) (18th of April, Bergen) - [Recording](#):
Panel debate with young voices from Fiji (USP students) and Jamaica (UWI) students on the impact of climate change and sea level on tropical island states. All participants were part of the ocean expedition onboard the sailing vessel Stratsraad Lehmkhul which visited Fiji and Jamaica during its journey with focus on SDG-13 and SD-14 and joint courses on the ocean.
- [One Ocean Future: open day for schools onboard Statsraad Lehmkhul](#) (19th of April in Bergen):
300 school children were hosted by the SGD-13 students from the OneOceanExpedition science field course in the Caribbean 2021 including students from UWI, UiB, USA and Canada. Onboard the ship, the school children were guided through a set of activity based science stations focused on climate and the oceans, including sustainability. (The UiB+UWI join course from 2021 is described here: <https://www.uib.no/en/course/SDG313>)

University of Costa Rica

Some of the activities by the University of Costa Rica in 2022 were:

- The participation in the Postgraduate Program of Integral Management of Tropical Coastal Areas with University of Bergen and the UWI.
- The participation in the seminar on teaching ocean science and SDGs in higher education: "Perspectives from IAU HESD Clusters and South-African Master program in Ocean Science" (SAMOS), coincided with the arrival of the One Ocean Expedition in Cape Town and Jamaica.
- Our professor and researcher Dr. Ingo Wehrtmann, participated in this activity and presented "The Research Center of Marine Science and Limnology (CIMAR) of the Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) and the SDGs."