

SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS: WALKING THE TALK
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Background:

- A sustainable campus is one that develops process or management systems that help create a vibrant campus economy & high quality of life while respecting the need to sustain natural resources and protect the environment;
- Sustainability needs not be considered only from perspectives extrinsic to universities, but also from more intrinsic perspectives. These should motivate universities to adopt sustainable/green university strategies which should demonstrate sustainability principles;
- Sustainable campuses serve as a living model of sustainability, providing learning experiences that students, faculty and staff may develop, apply and practice at their campuses and in their extended communities.



Summary:

- Mariam Osman, UNEP Environmental Education and Training Unit, provided opening remarks and moderated the event;
- Jenny Forshufvud, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, gave a presentation on energy conservation model and upcoming hotspot of the sustainable university; Chalmers University of Technology;
- Malay Dave, University of New south Wales, Australia, presented the Greening Universities Toolkit Vol 2 (Advance Copy) and made a request for submission of new case studies for inclusion in the final copy of the toolkit;
- Eddi Omrcen, University of Gothenburg, Sweden gave a presentation on implementation of Environmental Management System (EMS) at Gothenburg University and the web based toolkit for teachers; and
- Gayatri Ragwa, Environment Agency, UAE, presented on Sustainable Campus Initiative; a project for the students that will foster responsibility of the ecological footprint in the UAE campuses.

Follow up:

- **The Eye on Earth Summit 2015:** The summit will take place in Abu Dhabi, UAE from the 6-10 October, 2015. EETU will organize a GUPES forum and launch the Greening University Toolkit Vol 2.